

James COADY

08/09/2017

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Late of ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ' Q ' 1801

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

Rank: Constable – Trooper

Stations: ?, Cooma (about 2 years), Braidwood from 11 April 1870 – Death

Service: From 21 June 1867 to 10 June 1870 = 3 years Service

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1842 in Ireland

Died on: Saturday 11 June 1870 @ 3am

Age: 32

Cause: Horse riding accident – Fell and crushed under horse. Coronial Inquest found that the deceased “was accidentally killed by a fall from his horse while in the execution of his duty”

Event location: 3 miles from Braidwood – between Jembaicumbene (Bell’s Paddock) & Braidwood

Event date: Thursday 9 June 1870 just before 5pm

Funeral date: Sunday 12 June 1870 – during the afternoon

Funeral location: Roman Catholic Cemetery, Braidwood Cemetery

Buried at: Braidwood Cemetery in unmarked grave. Wallace & Cowper St’s, Braidwood

He was buried “close to the graves of the special constable who were murdered at Jinden”

Memorial located at: ?

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NSWBDM DEATH: 1870/3052

Coady, James (Trooper) 1870

The Sydney Morning Herald **Saturday 11th June, 1870** –
Braidwood, Friday – **Trooper Coady**, yesterday met with an
accident, which, it is feared, will prove fatal. When
returning from **Bell's paddock, on duty**, his horse **fell and
rolled over him**, seriously injuring his spine. He is now lying
in hospital. Coady is a single man.

Evening News **Monday 13th June, 1870** – Braidwood, Saturday – **Constable Coady**, died last night from the effects of injuries sustained by his horse falling and rolling over him. *Herald*

The Goulburn Herald and Chronicle **Wednesday 17th June, 1870** – Dreadful Accident – A very serious and distressing accident occurred to **Constable James Coady**, stationed at **Braidwood**, who was riding home from **Jembaicumbene** on Thursday last with **Senior Constable Walsh**, when his horse fell with him to the ground and rolled over him. It is supposed that the animal put his foot in a hole. Coady was so severely injured as to be left utterly insensible.

Senior Constable Walsh caught Coady's horse and rode into town (a distance of about three miles), when **Senior Constable Duffy** sent out a horse and cart, and **Coady** was brought into town about eight o'clock in the evening.

DR Gentle was immediately called to attend upon him, but has very little hope of his recovery; his spine being broken in several places. Coady has not been long in Braidwood – about three months. He was formerly stationed at Cooma for about two years. The only relative he has in the colony is a brother stationed at **Grafton**, we are informed. On Friday the unfortunate young man showed no signs of improvement, and his recovery is considered almost impossible – *Braidwood Despatch*

(A telegram to SM Herald, dated Saturday, says: Constable Coady died last night from the effects of injuries sustained by his horse falling and rolling over him.)

NSW BDM – 1870/3052 – *James Cody, aged 32 years, Died Braidwood, NSW; buried in unmarked grave Braidwood Cemetery.*

State Records – Registers of Police – Regd # 1801 – James Coady, Date of birth 1842, Ireland, Appointed 21st June, 1867

Manaro Mercury, and Cooma and Bombala Advertiser (NSW : 1862 – 1931), **Saturday 25 June 1870**, page 3

DEATH OF CONSTABLE COADY.

The accident reported in our (Braidwood Dispatch) last issue as having happened to **constable Coady** on **Thursday last**, terminated **fatally on Saturday morning**. The poor young man **expired at about 3 o'clock that morning**, he having been in a sinking state from the time he was brought home. As we said before, he has only been **about three months** stationed in **Braidwood**, having previously been stationed at **Cooma for two years**. He has no relations in the **colony** but **one brother**, who is also in the **police force** and **stationed** in the **Clarence district (Grafton)**. Deceased during his short sojourn in Braidwood was much respected by the other members of the police force and other persons with whom he had become acquainted. His **remains** were **buried** in the **Roman Catholic Cemetery** on **Sunday afternoon**, the funeral being attended by the members of the force and a considerable number of the townspeople. His body was **interred close to the graves of the special constables who were murdered at Jinden**.

An **inquest** was held upon the body at the **Police Station** on **Saturday afternoon**, before the **Coroner** and a jury of twelve, when the following evidence was taken :-

Francis Duffy deposed :- I am **senior- sergeant** of police Stationed at **Braidwood**. I knew the deceased, **James Coady**. He was a **foot constable**, stationed here since the **11th April last**. On the **8th instant** I directed him, with **senior constable Walsh**, to proceed the following morning in the execution of

warrants. I told him he could either ride my horse or that of **constable Bragg**, as we would both be engaged at the Police Court next day. **Constable Bragg**, who was present, said, " Yes, Coady, you can take my horse if you wish. " **Coady** replied, " I will take the sergeant's. "

On the morning of the **9th senior constable Walsh** and deceased left here about **9 o'clock**. Both were mounted. The deceased was riding my horse. A little after 5 p.m. **senior constable Walsh** returned to the station and informed me that **constable Coady's** horse ran away with him, fell, and rolled over him, and that he was lying by the side of the road between here and **Jembaicumbene**. I at once proceeded on foot, and found deceased lying a little way off the road, **about four miles** from here on the road to **Bellevue**. Deceased was lying on his back. He was moaning very much. There appeared to be some vomited matter about his head and face, and he smelt very strongly of spirits. At first I thought he was lying in a very drunken fit. On raising him to a sitting posture, he moaned and said, " Oh, my back " I spoke to him. He knew me and mentioned my name. His face was cut and bleeding, and I then knew that he was seriously hurt.

Before leaving Braidwood I had given directions for the police dray to follow me. It arrived while I was there, and we had deceased conveyed to the **Police Station** without delay, where **Dr. Gentle** attended him the same evening, I believe about 4 o'clock.

James O'Brien deposed :- I am a **storekeeper**, residing at **Bellevue**. I saw deceased, **James Coady**, on Thursday last, about 3 p.m. I saw him first at my store, and we went across the road to **Mrs. McManus' public-house**, which is directly opposite. **Mrs. McManus** is a connection of mine, and I act for her when she is away. On this occasion I went behind the bar and shouted for deceased. He had a nobbler of whiskey. He stopped some little time talking, and then went away. He appeared to me to be sober when he came and seemed sober when

he went away. **Senior constable Walsh** was with him. He could have had some grog before he came over to my store. He came there to get change of a cheque, I think it was a £10 cheque. He wanted me to change it, and take out of it the price of some refreshments he and **constable Walsh** had had previous to coming over to me. He had nothing after he had the whiskey. The day was a very cold one. The deceased was **dressed** in the **ordinary police uniform**, and had no over coat. He left at a canter.

Constable Walsh was about one hundred and fifty yards before deceased, whose horse was very restive while he was mounting. He did not seem a first class rider, and **Walsh's** horse having gone on made his horse restive. He had a revolver in his belt when he went away. It was about ten minutes after I treated the constables that they started.

By the Jury:- They both tried to mount at the same time, but **Walsh** mounted and rode off quicker than the other. I did not see the constables arrive.

William Walsh deposed :- I am a **senior constable** of police stationed at **Braidwood**. I went out to execute some warrants on **Thursday, 9th instant**. We went to the Chinese Camp, at **Jombaicumbene**, and arrived there about 10 a.m. We remained at the Camp about five minutes, and then proceeded to a locality known as **Moreing's Flat**, where the Chinamen we were in search of were supposed to be. When we got there they had left. We searched the claims and the hut, as I was informed they had been there a short time previous. We then went back to **Bell's Paddock**, to a Chinamen's camp there. I waited there while a Chinaman went to look for those we were in search of. He could not find them. I then wrote a note to **Senior constable Stapylton**, informing him that there were warrants out for these men, and that they were supposed to be at **Major's Creek**. After that, hearing that the men were back in the house we first searched; we went back, but could not find them, as they were not there. We then went towards **Braidwood**.

We stopped at **Mrs. McManus's public-house** at **Bellevue**, as **constable Coady** wished to see **Mr. O'Brien**. **Mrs. O'Brien** asked us if we would have some dinner. We had some bread and cheese and a glass of ale each. We then went across the street to the store. **Constable Coady** had some conversation there. I was then going away when **Mr. O'Brien** asked us to have a drink before we went, as it was very cold. We each had a glass of whiskey, and started for **Braidwood**.

About a mile and a half this side of **Mr. O'Brien's**, **constable Coady's** horse went into a gallop. I pulled up, and he pulled in in three or four hundred yards. About three miles and a half this side of **Mr. O'Brien's** we went to have a trot. I was trotting, and he was cantering. He kept on the old road, and I went down a new track. The roads are about forty or fifty yards apart. I looked across and saw the horse rising up and **Constable Coady** on the ground in the middle of the road. I followed and caught the horse and brought him back. I asked the deceased if he was hurt. He did not speak. I bathed his head with water which was close by. I again asked him if he was hurt. He said 'Yes.' I asked him where; he said his back. I lifted him on his feet and found he could not stand. He did not try to stand. I laid him down, and kept bathing him. With the assistance of some teamsters who came up I put him on the horse, but he said he could not ride, that his back was broken. I took him down, and carried him about thirty yards off the road to a small ridge. I rode into **Braidwood** as quickly as possible for assistance, and he was brought in in the **police dray**.

Cross-examined by the jury :- We had had a glass of grog about five hours before we went to **O'Brien's**. It was at **Miller's**, close to the **Chinese Camp** to which we first went. There was no appearance on the deceased as if he was at all affected by grog before we began to trot. He was a very poor rider. The horse did not appear as if it had bolted with him at the time he was thrown. It had bolted with him the previous time. He

had trotted with me in the morning when we first went out. All we drank at **McManus's** was a glass of ale and a glass of whiskey each. The road was very rough where the horse appeared to have fallen on deceased. I came to the conclusion that the horse must have rolled over deceased when I saw the saddle marked with the earth. The bar of the bit was bent on the near side, as if the horse had fallen with his head on the ground. There was earth on the bit. The bit produced is the one I speak of. It is bent on the off side. There was some red earth on the horse's head, on both sides, when I caught him, as if he had rolled over. There were some men breaking stones about a mile or a mile and a half from where the accident occurred. I saw no men nearer. I was not riding with deceased when we passed the men breaking stones. As we passed the men the horse bolted a second time. Deceased appeared to be trying to pull him in. I pulled up, and called to deceased to do the same. The horse galloped pretty smartly when he bolted, but was not at full gallop. He rode with a double-bridle, but I think he used the check rein. When the horse bolted in the morning I was in front. This was before we called at **Miller's**. He did not fall off any of these times, although the horse was galloping quick. I do not think he was rider enough to manage that horse. He waited for me when he pulled up after passing the stone breakers. We went a mile before we again commenced to canter. I was abreast of deceased when his horse fell. I only saw deceased have one glass at **Miller's**; he could have had another glass without me seeing him. I only saw deceased take one glass of ale and one glass of whiskey at **McManus's**. I now recollect that Mrs. O'Brien served him with a glass of brandy or something else before the ale. I saw not the slightest effect of grog upon him after we left **McManus's**. Deceased said that his horse was so lively that he almost jumped from under him. I consider the horse a quiet one. When I went with deceased I told him to bring his revolver and handcuffs with him. When I searched about deceased I found the handcuffs and ammunition pouch, but not the revolver. Deceased told me yesterday morning that he must have dropped the

revolver where he fell. I found two belts on deceased when I searched him, but no revolver.

Dr. Gentle deposed that he believed the **cause of death** was the **fracture of the spine**. He had no hope of the recovery of the deceased from the time he first saw him. A fall from a horse would cause such a fracture, which might make man vomit.

The jury returned a **verdict** that deceased was **accidentally killed by a fall from his horse while in the execution of his duty**.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/113961112>

Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW : 1843 – 1893), **Thursday 1 July 1869**, page 2

MANNING RIVER.

(From the Manning River News, June 26.)

ACCIDENT AT TAREE:- A rumour has been current for some days past that ***Senior Constable John Coady** was thrown suddenly to the ground a few nights since by coming in contact with a clothes-line stretched across the Court-yard. He was much bruised by the fall, but is again in the discharge of his ordinary duties.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/18738035>

**It is probable, that SenCon COADY (in this article) is the brother of Constable James COADY*

Illawarra Mercury (Wollongong, NSW : 1856 – 1950), **Friday 4
September 1868**, page 2

Telegraphic Intelligence.

Thursday evening.

A DEPLORABLE PICTURE OF A FAMILY IN THE BUSH.

The fearful results of drunkenness are shown in the following paragraph, taken from the 'Monaro Mercury ' of Friday last : – 'We never witnessed in **Cooma** so painful a spectacle or so deplorable an instance of the effects of drunkenness as that brought before the Police Magistrate on Tuesday last. A woman, named **Rudd**, aged about 30 years, and apparently a strong able person, appeared before the Bench, as an idle and disorderly character.

From the evidence given in support of the charge it would seem that the woman was arrested by **sergeant Lenthall**, assisted by **Constable Coady**, in the **Market square**, on Monday, she then being in a state of intoxication, her daughter, Catharine, sitting near to her.

Both mother and daughter were conveyed to the lock-up, and the police, being aware there were other members of the family, proceeded to where the woman had been in the habit of camping, a short distance from Cooma; Here the officers found a

miserably constructed shelter composed of rags and boughs, seated outside of which was the oldest girl, **Eliza Rudd**, comfortably enjoying a pipe of tobacco, a child about three years of age, in a shocking state of filth, lying on the ground close by; within the hut, if it could be so called, they discovered the boy, **James Rudd**, and to judge from his appearance, soap and water or any cleansing process was an utter stranger to him, and had been so far a considerable time past. The children, together with what few articles of clothing that could be seen, were taken to the lookup.

The case of the children formed the first committal in Cooma under the Industrial Schools Act.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/135808271>

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Regd. # ' Q ' 2722

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Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 13 April 1876

Sergeant – OIC of Taree

Stations: ?, West Maitland (Senior Constable), Taree (22 October 1897 – 14 May 1899)

Service: From 13 April 1876 to 14 May 1899 = 22+ years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? 1847? in Canada

Event location: Nabiac Sawmill, Bullock Wharf, Wallamba River, Taree (19 miles from Taree)

Event date: Wednesday 10 May 1899 about 4.30pm

Died on: Sunday 14 May 1899 about 11am

Age: 52

Cause: Thrown from Police Horse Regd. # 801 whilst On Duty

Funeral date: Monday 15 May 1899

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Dawson River Cemetery, Taree. Portion: RC
Row: F/53

Taree's Dawson River Cemetery is approximately 6km from the CBD. Take the Manning River Drive towards Cundletown and, at the airport, turn left onto Lansdowne Road. From here it is 0.6km to the cemetery lane and a further 0.5 km to the cemetery.

Memorial at: ?



Alfred is NOT mentioned on the Police Memorial * BUT SHOULD BE

This incident came to light in November 2016 and to date (June 2018) his name has still not be included on the Wall of Remembrance

All members are advised that the death of Sergeant 2nd Class Alfred Francis Stone at Nabiac on 14 May 1899 has been endorsed as occurring in the execution of duties.

Sergeant 2nd Class Stone will be added the NSW Police Force Roll of Honour and associated memorials.

Sergeant 2nd Class Stone will be commemorated during the 2025 National Police Remembrance Day service.

Funeral location: ?

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Manning River Times and Advocate for the Northern Coast Districts of New South Wales (Taree, NSW : 1898 – 1954),

Saturday 10 February 1900, page 4

Memorial to Sergeant Stone.

It will be remembered when the **late Sergeant Stone** was buried at the **Dawson Cemetery**, in May last, a movement was made in the police force to erect a **memorial headstone and iron railing**. This has now been accomplished – the railing being set on brick in cement. The stone is a white marble cross, standing on a brick and cement base, the **lettering being in**

Lead, as follows :- ‘ *Erected by the N.S.W. Police to the memory of Sergeant Alfred Stone. Died 14th May, 1899 ; aged, 52 years.*”

The expenses have been borne by the police in the north-eastern district— and their memento is a credit to their kindness of heart and forethought.

The work was executed by Mr. David Mudford, of Cundletown.

Constable Stein acted as Secretary and Treasurer to the movement, and very great credit is due to him for the successful manner in which he carried it out. Mr. Mudford, we understand, did not charge for his labor in erecting the memorial stone and railing, and the late sergeant’s comrades feel greatly indebted to him for his kindness.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article171624144.txt>

Manning River Times and Advocate for the Northern Coast
Districts of New South Wales (Taree, NSW : 1898 – 1954),

Saturday 20 May 1899, page 5

Magisterial Inquiry.

THE LATE FATAL ACCIDENT.

On Wednesday morning last, at 11 o’clock, the District Coroner (Mr. T. B. Boyce, J.P.), held a, Magisterial inquiry at the residence of **Mr. G. C. Hickson, Bullock Wharf, Wallamba River**, touching the death of **Alfred Francis Stone, Sergeant of Police**. The inquiry lasted about two hours, and was then adjourned to Taree for the purpose of taking **Dr. Gormley’s** evidence. **Inspector Baker** was present at the inquiry, and

examined the witnesses.

The following was the evidence adduced : –

John Joseph Walsh deposed : I am an engineer in the employ of Mr. Hickson, at the **Bullock Wharf Sawmills, Nabiac**. I remember the afternoon of Wednesday, 10th instant. **About 4 o'clock** I saw **Sergeant Stone** ride up to the mill, which was then in full work – the engine and saws making the usual noise. I afterwards saw him in the mill, and bid him " *Good-day,* " and saw **his horse** tied up to a post of the mill. The **Sergeant was in his uniform**, and was thoroughly sober. About **half-past 4** I saw the Sergeant come round to the front of the lathe-room, in which I was working. He was then leading his horse, and was about three or four yards from where the horse had been hanging up. He stopped the horse, and put **the bridle over its head, put his foot in the stirrup, and mounted the horse**, with his **left foot in the stirrup**, but **before he was able** to get his **right foot in the stirrup, and become properly seated**, the **horse bolted at full gallop** for about **10 yards**, when he **began to buck**. The horse gave **about two bucks**, which took him about twelve yards further, when the **Sergeant was thrown off, falling sideways on to his head on a log**. I **heard the fall, and his head strike the log**. I ran up to him, only being about fifteen yards from him when he fell, as I feared he would come off when I saw the horse bucking. He was lying on his back, with his eyes wide open. I picked him up– that is, lifted his head up and found a **large cut on the left side of his head**, at the back, about **two and a half inches long**, with **blood pouring from it**. I had deceased's head on my knees. Several other of the mill hands came, and we bandaged his head up. He was **unconscious**. We then carried him to Mrs. Greenaway's. Subsequently he spoke, but in a rambling manner. Before he was removed to Mrs. Greenaway's a messenger was sent for **Dr. Gormley**, who arrived about **nine o'clock in the evening**. During the evening he muttered " *Oh, my head* " – but was quite delirious. I helped to lift him into a wagon the **next**

afternoon, to be conveyed to Taree. Whilst doing so he said " Don't hurt me. " He still seemed to be delirious.

Noel Eller Gorton deposed : I am a middle man at the Bullock Wharf Sawmills. I remember seeing Sergeant Stone ride up to the mill on the afternoon of Wednesday, 10th instant. He hung his horse up to the mill, walked in, and stood by the boards for a little time. He passed through then to the other end of the mill. When he was coming back we had just finished cutting the piece of timber we were at, and I met him and was speaking to him. I asked him if the affairs of the late Mr. Thomas Cocking, on whom an inquest had been held, were settled, as there was some money due to me in connection with the funeral. The Sergeant replied that he had been speaking to Mr. Flett about the matter, but it was not quite settled. The Sergeant was perfectly sober. I then went back to work, and deceased went to his horse. I saw him take the bridle off the post. The next I saw was the **horse bucking** over the skids, with the saddle and bridle on. Walsh, the previous witness, then called " The man has got a fall," and I went out to where he was. The Sergeant was **laying on the ground unconscious**, bleeding from a **bad cut in the back of the head**. He was bandaged up, and then removed to Mrs. Greenaway's. I had known Sergeant Stone for about ten years.

Daniel Underwood Greenaway deposed : I am a bench hand at the **Nabiac Sawmills at Bullock Wharf**. I remember Wednesday afternoon, 10th instant. I saw **Sergeant Stone** leading his horse near the mill, and afterwards hang it up at the mill. The horse seemed to be fidgetty after being hung up, evidently from the noise of the mill. The sergeant after hanging his horse up walked through the mill. When coming back he talked to Mr. Gorton, the previous witness. He then went to his horse, and **took it away**, leading it **from the mill**. I saw no more of him, until I saw the **horse in the air**, and the **Sergeant falling off**. He came down on his **head and shoulder** on a log. I went to him shortly after, and saw Mr. Walsh holding

his head up. There was a cut on the back of his head, which was bleeding freely, and he was unconscious. He was removed to my mother's place, but did not appear to get any better – being about the same all through., Dr. Gormley arrived about half-past 8 o'clock, and attended to him, and saw him again early the next morning. He was removed the next afternoon – Thursday, the 11th instant– to Taree, **never having regained consciousness**. I did not consider the horse a dangerous one to ride. I saw the Sergeant riding it up towards the mill, and it was then going quietly. It was also ridden away after the accident, and after making a bit of a jump went quietly.

Frederick Ernest Stein deposed : I am a **police constable** stationed at **Cundletown**. I knew the police horse that **Sergeant Stone** was riding up to the time of his death. Its number was **801**. The **Sergeant** had been riding the horse since the **20th February last**, when it arrived at **Taree from Maitland**. I have seen him riding it, and ridden along side of him – being all day with him on the **7th April** – and have seen him mount and dismount the horse without any trouble. I never saw the horse near any sawmill, or other going machinery. **Sergeant Stone** told me when we were riding together, that the horse was a bit too good for him, as he was inclined to buck. He also said “ *I am getting old.*” This was said casually, whilst talking about the horse, after I had remarked that it appeared to be a good one. **Sergeant Stone** was **twenty-two years** in the force, and had been stationed at **Taree since the 22nd October, 1897**, He was **52 years** of age. He was a **native of Canada**, and has left a **widow – his second wife** – and a family of **four sons and two daughters** by his **first wife**. His life was insured – the total value of his policy now being £242, in the **National Mutual Life Association**. Bullock Wharf is **19 miles from Taree**– and **Sergeant Stone** was in the habit of making frequent patrols here. I have seen the entry in the **Duty Book** at the **Taree Police Station** of Wednesday, the 10th May, instant, showing that **Sergeant Stone** left the station that morning at **10 o'clock** ; on **patrol to Nabiac**. Deceased's full name was **Alfred**

Francis Stone.

The inquiry at this stage was adjourned to Taree, where it was resumed at 8 p.m., when

John William Gormley deposed ; I am a duly **registered medical practitioner** and **Government Medical Officer**, residing at Taree. On Wednesday evening, the 10th instant, I received a telegram asking me to go to Nahiack to attend **Sergeant Stone**, who had met with an accident. I went out and saw him at **Mrs. Greenaway's** house, close by the Bullock Wharf Sawmill. I found him in a **semi-conscious** condition, but unable to give any account of how his accident occurred. He was suffering from injury to the head, and had a scalp wound at the back of his head. I remained at Nahiack for the night, and in the morning he seemed if anything a **little better**. I then returned to Taree and had a conveyance sent to bring him in. He remained in the **same condition until Friday morning**, when he became **more unconscious**, in which state **he remained until Sunday morning**, dying **about 11 'o'clock**. The **immediate cause** of death was **pressure on the base of the brain**. A fall from a horse would cause such an injury – especially if he fall on his head. There was no evidence of the skull being fractured.

FINDING

The presiding magistrate recorded the following finding: – “ *I am of opinion that the deceased, **Alfred Francis Stone**, came to his death at **Taree**, on Sunday, the **14th. May, 1899**, through **pressure on the base of the brain**, caused by **deceased having been thrown from his horse at Bullock Wharf, Wallamba River, whilst in the execution of of his duty as a police officer**, on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 10th instant, and that the occurrence was purely accidental. ”*

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article171618993.txt>

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

Thursday 18 May 1899, page 8

Senior-constable Patrick Hogan, of **Branxton**, has been promoted to the rank of **sergeant**, at **Taree**, vice **Sergeant Alfred Stone**, deceased.

Sergeant Hogan has been associated with the police of the district for a number of years, and has proved himself to be a capable and intelligent officer, popular with his comrades, and respected by his superior officers. .He will be succeeded by **Constable McCurley**, of **Denman**.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article142186786.txt>

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

Tuesday 16 May 1899, page 8

News of the death of **Sergeant Alfred Stone**, of **Taree**, was received in the Maitland district with regret.

The deceased officer was for a number of years one of the senior-constables on the West Maitland police station, and was respected by his superiors and comrades as well as by the general public

He leaves a widow and a family of sons and daughters.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article142187851.txt>

Updated 31 October 2024 with details of now being considered a Work Related Injury and now being Honoured on the Police Wall of Remembrance.

William Norman St. John MAULE

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New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 'Q' 3939

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Rank: Mounted Constable

Service: From 6 June 1881 to 8 December 1881 = 6 months Service

Stations: Goulburn (only six weeks)

Born: 23 October 1853 in England

Died: Thursday 8 December 1881

Age: 28 old

Cause: Accident – Thrown from horse – On Duty

Funeral: Saturday 10 December 1881

Buried: at St Saviour's Cemetery,
Cemetery St, Goulburn (opposite the gaol)

GPS of grave: -34.74095, 149.74291

The Pointer on the below map is the exact point of the grave

[codepeople-post-map]

NSW Deaths Registration # 4783/1881

On Thursday 8 December 1881, the Mounted Constable who had only been stationed at **Goulburn** for about six weeks after leaving the Police Depot (Redfern Police Academy), was riding his Police Mount with **Mounted Constable Pritzler** to **Mummel** (an area nth west of Goulburn) to fetch a person suspected to be of unsound mind.

Maule was riding ahead and **Pritzler** was behind, when **Maule's**

horse shied and plunged forward over a log, causing **Maule** (an inexperienced rider) to lose one of his stirrups. The horse jumped a second log and **Maule** lost his second stirrup iron and was unseated and fell with his head violently against a tree.

Maule, unconscious and bleeding from the nose, was later loaded into a buggy, with the assistance of the messenger and the prisoner, and taken into **Goulburn Hospital** – arriving there about **5.30pm**.

Maule died from his injuries about **10.30pm** as a result of his injuries, including a smashed lower jaw, a split lip, broken nose and severe cut over the temple & concussion of the brain.

Maule was not married.

An **Inquest** was held on Friday **9 December 1881** with a verdict that **Maule** was killed by being **thrown from his horse accidentally**, and added as a rider that they think that ***more discretion might be exercised in the Sydney depot*** as to the ***horsemanship of the men they send out for duty in the country.***

Maule joined the **New South Wales Police Force** in **June 1881**. He left **England** and came to **Australia**, though it appears his siblings remained in **England**. We don't know why he chose to come to Australia and join the **NSW Police Force**. Two of his brothers served in the military, as did his father, and one of his brothers was a solicitor. His grandfather was a chaplain and his great-grandfather – mayor, alderman and burgess of Huntingdon.

~~[alert_red]WILLIAM is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of~~

Remembrance ~~* BUT SHOULD BE~~

(*This incident was discovered, by accident, in September 2014, by Cal, whilst searching Trove. This Constable is **NOT** mentioned in any documentation or recognised as having been killed " on duty " by the NSW Police Force, at this time, or mentioned on any official Wall of Remembrance. Shortly, this matter will be brought to the attention of those who have the ability to have this Constable officially recognised as being killed " on duty ".)*

Upon checking npm.org.au on 2 May 2018 – William is NOW mentioned on the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra

[alert_green]WILLIAM IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance[/alert_green]

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Frightful Accident.

Yesterday constable Mall, accompanied by constable Pritzler, left town in search of a lunatic. They were both on horseback, and when about twelve miles out (at Mummell), Mall's horse bolted, and whilst giving a sharp turn threw the rider off. In the fall he was pitched violently against a tree, and reduced to a state of unconsciousness. Constable Pritzler procured a buggy and had the poor fellow conveyed to the Goulburn hospital. Dr. Davidson who with Dr. Gentle was in immediate attendance, report the case as a very serious one. There is a severe scalp wound over the left temple, broken jaw, and broken nose. From the appearance of the eyes there is evident compression of the brain, probably arising from a clot of blood. At present it is impossible to anticipate the result. Maule is 23 years of age, and unmarried. Going to press he was still unconscious.

FATAL ACCIDENT. — A sad accident, which terminated fatally, occurred on Thursday last near Mummell. Mounted-constables Maule and Pritzler had been sent out to fetch in a person suspected to be of unsound mind. Maule was riding ahead, and Pritzler was behind, when Maule's horse shied, whether at a snake or some other object is not certain, and plunged forward over a log, causing his rider to lose one of his stirrups. The horse jumping over a second log, the deceased lost his second stirrup iron and was unseated, and fell with his head violently against a tree. Pritzler immediately went to his assistance and found him much injured lying on the ground, bleeding from both nostrils, and in a state of unconsciousness. At this time the man they had been sent for came up, and Pritzler obtaining a buggy, with the assistance of the messenger brought him and his wounded comrade into Goulburn, taking the latter to the hospital, and leaving the former at the lock-up. It was about half-past five in the evening when the patient was brought to the hospital, and he was attended to immediately by Drs. Gentle and Davidson; but the case was a hopeless one. He died at half-past ten. The lower jaw was smashed, the lip split, the nose broken, and there was a severe cut over the temple, with concussion of the brain. Death ensued in about five hours from the time of admission. Deceased, whose full name is William Norman St. John Maule was about twenty-eight years of age, came from the depôt. Sydney, was well connected, and had not been long in the force. He had been in Goulburn only six weeks, and it is to be feared was not a very good rider. He was unmarried. An inquest was held at the hospital yesterday evening before Mr. Betts, coroner, and the jury after deliberating for a few minutes brought in a verdict that they found deceased was killed by being thrown from his horse accidentally, and added as a rider that they think that more discretion might be exercised in the Sydney depôt as to the horsemanship of the men they send out for duty in the country.

GOULBURN POLICE COURT.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Before Messrs. Voss and Meyer J.s.P.

UNSOUND MIND.

James Gallagher was charged with being a lunatic at large.

Constable Pritzler deposed that he had been going to Mummell on the previous day having heard that the accused was running about the bush insane. The witness had met with an accident and was returning to town for a doctor when Gallagher had conveyed to him and told him he was the man he wanted. He had first crossed the river and was wet all over. He said there was a man after him with a loaded revolver. He (witness) gave him a seat in the buggy, but he still continued on the way into town to conduct himself in a strange manner. He was certainly not under the influence of liquor.

Remanded for 7 days for medical treatment.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/102061>

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Late Fatal Accident.

In our issue of yesterday we gave full particulars of the frightful accident which had occurred to mounted constable Maule at Mummel, the previous evening. We regret to say that about half-past 10 o'clock on Thursday evening, or two hours and a half after his admission into the Goulburn Hospital, the unfortunate man breathed his last. From the terrible nature of his injuries, it was only the slightest possible chance which existed of his recovery, and the worst fears were but too speedily realized. Owing to concussion of the brain, he never recovered consciousness. An inquest was held on the body of the deceased last evening, a report of which will be found elsewhere.

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Inquest.

An inquest was held last evening at the Goulburn Hospital by the **coroner, Mr. Betts**, on the body of **William Norman St. George Maule**, who had died from the effects of injuries received on the previous day. The jury having been sworn and the body viewed, the following evidence was taken: – **Simon Pritzler**, a mounted policeman stationed at Goulburn, deposed: The body just viewed was that of **constable Maule**, of the N.S.W. police ; he had been in the force since last June; the deceased was single and 28 years of age ; on Thursday afternoon last he and witness were going to Mummel and got along all right for about 13 miles, when the deceased's horse shied to the right of a tree and Maule had pulled him to the left; then he had lost one of his stirrup-irons, when the horse bolted, and about 20 yards away witness saw the horse jump a log, when the deceased lost his other stirrup-iron ; witness then saw the deceased lying on the horse's neck ; the horse took another bound and the deceased fell off; witness, on galloping up, found him lying on the ground insensible; the deceased's face was all knocked in ; he sent for assistance and fetched him into Goulburn Hospital in a buggy ; he never

recovered consciousness and died five hours after the accident occurred ; witness thought deceased must have been dashed against a tree by the horse just after falling off as it rushed on. Deceased was not a good horseman, having no control over his reins.

Dr. Gentle deposed that he had been asked to see the deceased on the previous evening and found him in a comatose condition with nose broken also lower jaw. He found in addition a wound over left eye about 2 inches in length exposing the bone; blood flowed from his right ear. He believed concussion of the brain to be the cause of death. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased met his death by being accidentally thrown from his horse and they would like to add a rider to the effect that they think more discretion might be exercised in the Sydney depot as to the horsemanship of the men sent out for duty service in the country.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

A MOUNTED-CONSTABLE named William Norman St. John Maule met with a fatal accident on Thursday last while in company with mounted-constable Pritzler in search of a lunatic. It appears that when about 13 miles from town, on the Mummel road, Maule's horse bolted and threw the rider, and in rushing past him knocked deceased with great violence against a tree, rendering him unconscious. Pritzler at once procured a buggy, in which he conveyed the poor fellow to the hospital, when Drs Davidson and Gentle immediately attended him and found him still in an unconscious state, and suffering from a severe scalp wound, broken jaw, and injured nose, besides several injuries to his body. The sufferer remained unconscious for five hours, when he expired.

An inquest held yesterday afternoon at the Hospital before the coroner (A. M. Betts Esq.) when the following evidence was taken:—

Simon Pritzler deposed: I am a mounted policeman stationed at Goulburn; the body just viewed by the coroner is that of mounted constable William Norman St. John Maule; he had been at Goulburn about 6 weeks, and had only been in the force since June last; he was 28 years of age and unmarried; yesterday afternoon he came to me, and we both went to Mummell, about 14 miles from Goulburn, when we got about 13 miles from Goulburn deceased's horse shied at a tree, and threw one of his feet out of the stirrup-iron, which he lost; the horse went about 20 yards when it jumped a log, and the deceased then lost the other stirrup-iron; I afterwards saw him some distance away; he was leaning on the horse's neck: the horse gave another bound, and deceased fell off on to his feet; I then galloped up and found him lying on the ground insensible; I saw that his face was smashed in; I sent for some assistance, when I saw that he was seriously injured; Mrs. Storey brought some water, and after bathing him he appeared to get better; I then had him placed in a buggy, and brought in to the hospital, when Drs. Gentle and Davidson attended him; he never recovered consciousness, and died in about five hours after the accident; at the time deceased's horse shied he was about 30 yards in front of me, and was walking his horse; from the place where the horse first shied to where deceased was thrown was about 300 yards; the horse was going at a rapid pace at the time; after deceased fell from the horse he was knocked against a tree; the deceased was not a good rider, and the horse was a rather spirited one.

Dr. Peter Hume Gentle deposed: I was asked to see deceased last night at nine p.m., and saw him in a comatose condition, with nose broken and the lower jaw broken; I also found a wound over the eye about two inches in length, exposing the bone; blood flowed from his right ear; the pupil of the right eye was dilated, and that of the left contracted; I believe compression of the brain to have been the cause of death.

The jury after a brief consultation, returned a verdict that deceased died from injuries received by being accidentally thrown from his horse, and the jury would like to add that more discretion might be exercised at the Sydney Depot as to the horsemanship of men sent for duty in the country.

[http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/
article/102820476](http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/102820476)
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THE funeral of the late Mounted constable Maule took place this morning, when nearly the entire police force of the town followed his remains to their last resting place.

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Grave location

*(On Tuesday 7 October 2014, I attended the **Mortis Street General Cemetery**, Goulburn, in an attempt to locate the grave of this Constable. Unfortunately, this historic cemetery is in an extremely poor state with most of the head stones having fallen and most of the graves heavily overgrown with weeds.*

There are hundreds of graves at this location, dating back to the early – mid 1800's. I had to attend the local library where I obtained the attached ' plan ' of the cemetery in order to find plat CE79 – the recorded location of the

Constables grave.

I returned to the cemetery but, at this stage, could not find CE79 at the location as there are many unmarked graves and fallen head stones in this, Goulburns second oldest cemetery which was established in the late 1830's.)

Some records have him buried at Goulburn Anglican Cemetery, Cemetery St, Goulburn (near the gaol) plot CE79 but his grave is located at the St Saviour's Cemetery, Cemetery Rd, Goulburn, OPPOSITE the Goulburn Gaol & **NOT** in the Mortis St Cemetery.

Mortis St General Cemetery – Goulburn

Mortis St General Cemetery 2 – Goulburn

On Tuesday **24 April 2018** I attended the **St Saviour's Cemetery, Cemetery Rd, Goulburn**, opposite the Goulburn Gaol where I located the grave of **MAULE**.

The below images are what it presented like on that date.

GPS of grave: -34.74095, 149.74291



The grave has been cleaned up and headstone cleaned also. The cleaning has made the inscription, especially the dates, a lot harder to read.



NORMAN S. JOHN MAJEE



On Tuesday **21 October 2014** I attended the **St Saviour's Cemetery, Cemetery Rd, Goulburn**, opposite the Goulburn Gaol where I located the grave of **MAULE**.

The below images are what it presented like on that date.

GPS of grave: -34.74091, 149.74289



William Norman St. John MAULE



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W. NORMAN ST. JOHN MAULE
BORN 23-Oct-1856
DIED 13-Dec-1911

William Norman St. John MAULE

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note:

Email sent:

G'day Bundy,

During my research for my website, I have come across another NSW Mounted Constable who was killed ' on duty ' at Goulburn on Thursday 8 December 1853 as result of horse accident.

See the link for further details and photos of the grave:
<https://www.australianpolice.com.au/william-norman-st-john-maule/>

This man is NOT mentioned on any official documentation in relation to the Wall of Remembrance and, according to the paper's, was ' on duty ' at the time of the horse accident which resulted in his death.

Can you forward this information so that he may be officially recognised to be included in the Wall of Remembrance.

Cheers mate

Greg ' Cal ' Callander www.AustralianPolice.com.au 23 October 2014

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Henry Stanley LEES

08/09/2017

Constable Henry Stanley LEES

New South Wales Police Force

Horse Accident

Jerry's Plains

22 August, 1941

In 1941 Constable Lees was the Officer-in-Charge of Jerry's Plains Police Station. On the day of his death he was patrolling the district on horseback, calling in at local properties. Later in the day the constable's riderless horse was found by a farmer near Hobden's Hill. He searched the area and eventually located the body of the constable lying in a roadside ditch beside the Jerry's Plains, Singleton Road. It appeared that the roadway had collapsed underneath Constable Lees' horse, causing the animal to stumble and fall into the ditch, crushing the rider.

The constable was born in 1914 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 11 January, 1937. At the time of his death he was stationed at Jerry's Plains.

William Cochrane ADIE

08/09/2017

William Cochrane ADIE

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Probationary Constable – Mounted
Constable

Stations: ?, Stuart Town

Service: From 17 December, 1907 to 11
October 1908 = 9+ months Service

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1883

Event date: Saturday 10 October 1908

Died on: Sunday 11 October 1908

Cause: Horse accident

Event location: Stuart Town, NSW

Age: 25

**Funeral date: Monday afternoon 12
October 1908**

Funeral location: ?

**Buried at: Stuart Town Cemetery,
Wallaroi Rd,**

Protestant section ' A '

[alert_green]**William** IS mentioned on the Police Wall of
Remembrance[/alert_green]

On **Saturday 10 October, 1908** **Mounted Constable Adie** set out on a patrol of the town and surrounds. By the following day he had not returned as expected and **Senior Constable McConville** set out to find him. After being informed that an unattended **troop horse** had been seen in the bush **Senior Constable McConville** investigated and found the unfortunate **Constable Adie** seriously injured. It appeared that the young constable had been thrown from his horse the previous day and had lain seriously injured throughout the night. He died while being taken back to **Stuart Town** for medical attention. The constable's horse was described in the *Melbourne Argus* of 14 October, 1908 as being "a particularly savage animal"□.

In addition to this, the *Sydney Morning Herald* of **26 October, 1908** reported the following.

DANGEROUS POLICE HORSES – A SERIOUS ALLEGATION.

*WELLINGTON, Saturday – The recent death of **Constable Adie**, of **Stuart Town**, who was killed by being thrown from his horse, is causing considerable discussion in the district in regard to the dangerous character of some of the horses supplied to police officers. The animal which killed **Constable Adie** is well known for its vicious propensities. It nearly killed **Constable Cameron** when he was at Stuart Town, and last Christmas it threw **Senior Constable McConville's brother**, and nearly killed him. There are several other police horses in the district which the constables only ride at the risk of their lives, and every time they go out into lonely bush tracks they are exposed to the terrible fate of the late **Constable Adie**, who was not found until the day after he had been thrown and seriously injured.*

The constable was born in **1883** and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 17 December, 1907. At the time of his death he was stationed at Stuart Town.

MOUNTED CONSTABLE'S DEATH.

THROWN FROM A HORSE.

FOUND IN THE BUSH.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

Constable **Adie**, of Stuart Town, went out on patrol duty on Saturday, and as he did not return that night or Sunday morning, some anxiety was felt as to what had become of him. Constable M'Conville rode out to make inquiries after the missing man, and learnt from two men that his horse had been seen grazing in the neighbourhood. The horse was found quietly feeding at the spot indicated, and not far away Constable **Adie** was discovered lying unconscious. He was conveyed to Stuart Town, but died on the way. From the marks on the ground, it is thought that the constable's horse, a particularly savage brute, commenced bucking, and threw its rider, who remained where he fell all Saturday night and the greater part of Sunday. The deceased was only 27 years of age, and was greatly liked throughout the district.

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Wagga Wagga Express Thu. 15 Oct. 1908 p4 of 4

Constable Adie, of Stuart Town, was thrown from his horse on Saturday last, and died on Sunday afternoon. He went out on Saturday morning and did not return. Two men saw his horse saddled and bridled on Saturday morning grazing in the bush, but no notice was taken of the matter.

On Sunday morning Constable McConville found Adie lying in a creek unconscious. He died 20 minutes later, without medical aid.

Deceased was 27 years of age, **unmarried**, and had been for 12 months in the force.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/145407114>

IS IT MANSLAUGHTER ?

The terrible accident which resulted in the death of Constable Adie at Stuart Town, directs attention to a matter that requires the serious attention of the police authorities. The animal which the unfortunate constable was riding when he met his death was well known in the district as being a dangerous one for any man to ride, and it has been rather good luck than other wise that it has not been responsible for a fatality long ago. This is not the only case in the district in which constables are compelled to ride horses that are a constant source of danger to them, and when a man is killed in consequence, are not those responsible for supplying such horses morally guilty of his death ?

Of course the men who have these horses do not care to object, for the reason that it would look as if they lacked courage, and prejudice them in the eyes of their officers, but surely there should be some care taken to see that a horse is fit to ride before it is handed to a constable.

The mounted men in the police force have to make many journeys on lonely tracks, and if they meet with an accident days may elapse before they are found. Under these circumstances it is only reasonable to expect that they would be supplied with reliable horses and not with outlaws that it would take the skill of an expert rider like Billy Waite to handle. To virtually compel a constable to ride a horse about the bush that is a menace to his life, is positively criminal, and the untimely death of Constable Adie should lead to an alteration in the system which, in his case, has had such a deplorable result.

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CONSTABLE ADIE'S DEATH.

THE INQUEST.

The death of Constable Adie, who was killed by being thrown from his horse, was the subject of an inquiry held by the **Coroner (Mr. R. Read)** at Stuart Town on Monday. **Senior-Constable McConville** gave evidence that at about **10 a.m.** on **Saturday** last the deceased left the police station on **bush patrol**. He was instructed to patrol the **Mookerawa** as far as the **Enterprise dredge**, and return **that evening** or the **following morning**.

On Sunday morning, as the constable had not returned, he went out and met a man named **Patrick Quiley**, who, in reply to questions, stated that he had not seen **Constable Adie** anywhere, and that the constable did not stay at **Marning's** the previous night. Questioned further **Quiley** stated that he had heard that the constable's horse was seen near **Hop Wah's** place on **Saturday evening** feeding, with a **saddle and bridle on**. Witness then went to the **Mookerawa** and saw **William Cohen**, who said that he had not seen **Constable Adie**, but that the **children** had seen his horse feeding near **Hop Wah's**. He asked **Cohen** to try and find the constable, and then rode on to **Hop Wah's**, where he found the horse feeding with the saddle and bridle on. The bridle was tied to the breastplate. He carefully examined the saddle and found a **spur mark** from the near right side right **across the seat**. From the mark on the

saddle **his opinion** was that the **constable had fallen** from the **off side**. He secured the horse and started to make a search by the river.

When returning with several others, who were assisting in the search, he met **Harry Boehme**, who told him that **Constable Adie** had been found **in the Mookerawa Creek**. He hurried to the spot and saw the constable, who was **alive but unconscious**, and was **breathing heavily**. There was a **piece of skin off the right temple**, and the **skull appeared to be dented in**.

When he saw the constable the latter had been moved about **15yds** from where he was found. Witness carefully examined the place where the constable was picked up for bloodstains, but could find none.

The deceased wore **elastic side boots**, and there was **no chance** of his being **hung up** in the stirrup. The spur was **still on**, but the other **one was missing**.

From the horse's tracks he **thought** that something had **startled** the animal causing him to buck. The horse was a **dangerous one** and would **always buck** if anything went wrong. Otherwise he was quiet enough.

Deceased **was not** a good horseman, but he was a **careful, steady rider**. The creek was **dry** where the constable was found, and his head apparently struck a stone where he fell. A stone that was sticking out looked as if it had been shifted.

A man named **Edwards** told him that **he had tied** the bridle to the breastplate on **Sunday morning**, as he saw the horse feeding with the **bridle trailing** on the ground.

William Cohen, miner, residing at **Mookerawa**, deposed to finding the constable **about two or three yards** from the track, which was considered a short cut.

John Marning, grazier, gave evidence that at about **4 o'clock**

on Saturday afternoon he was mustering cattle about a quarter of a mile from his place when he met **Constable Adie**. They rode along together for about a mile and a half, and on parting shook hands.

They parted about **5½ miles** from Stuart Town. Deceased's horse was then going quietly. He did not see deceased again until called upon to drive him to Stuart Town the following day.

The Coroner found that death was caused by injuries **accidentally received** in a fall from a horse.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/141594487>

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(From a Correspondent.)

The funeral of the late Constable Adie, whose death was reported last issue, took place on Monday afternoon. A great number of people from both town and district attended the funeral, which was a long one considering that Mr. Adie has only been in our midst for a short time. It is believed that he had not a relative in the State.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/141594488>

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Constable Adie Killed. – Constable Adie, who has been stationed here for the last five or six months, had occasion to go to **Lower Mookerawa** on Saturday last, and not returning by Sunday morning, Constable McConville went in search of him, and finding his horse, with the saddle and bridle on, feeding about the road, near **Hop War's store**, at **Mookerawa**, a search was made, and he was found lying in the **Mookerawa Creek**, where he had been thrown from his horse, striking a large stone with his head. He lay there all night until found next day **in the water**, which was only **very shallow**, otherwise he would have been drowned.

He was conveyed into town, but expired shortly after. The funeral took place on **Monday**. An inquest was held on **Monday** before Mr. **Robt. Read**, coroner, when a verdict of **accidentally killed through falling from his horse** was returned.<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/141594489>

Wellington Times (NSW) Mon. 19 Oct. 1908 p3 of 4

I will make reference to the horse that was the cause of Constable Adie's death, in Thursday's issue of the Times.

A special memorial is to be preached to-night (Sunday) in the Church of England by Mr. Champion in memory of Constable Adie, who was killed last week, by being thrown from his horse.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/141600341>

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We were all deeply grieved when we heard of poor Constable Adie's death. He was a very promising young officer, and the general feeling here was one of deepest regret. Some very just strictures were passed anent the inquest. Why was no doctor present ? When one doctor could not be obtained, why was not another sent for ? No medical man saw Constable Adie after he started out on his last ride. Everything points to the manner of his death, but a man discharging his duties as he did makes enemies. Where a policeman meets his death like that, the most searching inquiry should be ordered. Then all in the district knew what kind of a horse he rode, and it was almost criminal to require him to use it. Your remarks on the same matter last week were just, and to the point.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/141603267>

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As I said, I will refer to the horse that killed Constable Adie in this issue of the Times. I have known the horse, also Constable McConville's, which were purchased for police mounts at the same time from Katella. Both were colts at the time,

and very wild and vicious at that.

They had to be taken to **Orange** or **Wellington** to be shod, the local **shoeing smiths** could not manage them until they were shod several times. When the police had occasion to use them after a few days spell, they could be seen racing them around the paddock for some time with saddles and bridles on, but whether it was to put life into them or take it out of them, I am not sure ; but I think it was the latter.

Constable McConville is a very good horseman, otherwise perhaps he would have met with an accident ere this.

During Constable Cameron's sojourn here he got a spill from the horse which accounted for Constable Adie's death, and which very nearly sent him to glory.

Then, during last Christmas holidays Constable McConville's brother, who was on a visit, got a spill from the same horse, which also could have had a fatal ending, as he was rendered unconscious for some time.

So you can see that he can buck when he likes, and it is only a first class rider that should have the handling of such a brute. It is not the class of horse fit for a new-chum trooper – such as was poor Adie – to ride. It is only a pastime for this horse to buck, and seems an easy matter for it to get rid of its burden at will.

It is hoped that the next man sent to fill the gap made by such a brute is able to take out of this horse what the other troopers could not.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/141603256>

Mudgee Guardian & North-Western Representative (NSW) **Thu.**
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A special memorial service was preached in the Stuart Town Church of England, in memory of Constable Adie, who was killed by being thrown from a horse.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/157670013>

Wellington Times (NSW) **Thu. 3 Dec. 1908** p5 of 8

WILLIAM COCHRANE ADIE, late of Stuart Town, Constable of Police, deceased.

All persons having claims against the above estate are requested to forward the same, verified by affidavit, to the undersigned, on or before the thirty-first day of December, 1908.

T. W. GARRETT,

Curator of the above estate.

Chancery Square, Sydney, 1st Dec., 1908.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/141511275>









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AT STUART TOWN
DEC. 11, 1908,
AGED 25 YEARS.

ERECTED
BY HIS COMRADES

McMURTRIE BROS.
GRANITE.



Memorial
STONE
CONSTITUTIONAL
W. C. F. RIE
BORN MAY 10, 1870
APRIL 10, 1908
AGE 37 YEARS
DEPARTED
BY HIS DEARER



In
Memoriam

OF

CONSTABLE
W. C. A. PIE

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED
AT STUART TOWN
DEC. 11, 1908,
AGED 25 YEARS.

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Probationary Constable William Cochrane ADIE
Touch Plate at the National Police Wall of
Remembrance, Canberra

William JUSTIN

08/09/2017

Constable 1st Class William JUSTIN

New South Wales Police Force

Horse Accident

Thuddungra

8 March, 1905

On the day of his death Constable Justin was patrolling about ten miles from Thuddungra (Young district) when his horse became skittish and began to buck. The constable was driven into a wire fence by the animal, where he sustained severe injuries to his face and hands. He was found some three hours after the incident by some girls going home from school, and was quickly taken to the home of a Mr Webb. He was taken to Young Hospital the next day however he unfortunately passed away.

The constable was born in 1859 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 19 November, 1881. At the time of his death he was stationed at Young.



Ken Medway

Today, Missy and I paid a visit to William JUSTIN at Young.

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As you can see from these and previous photos of this grave, there is a bloody huge gum tree growing right on top of him. There is a remembrance day ribbon pinned to the tree and the flowers and trinkets have obviously been placed in recent years.

The GPS co-ordinated are 34 19 37S/148 17 17E.

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Eucser Haze added 3 new photos.

14 hrs · 8 March 2017

Please take the time to read a little about NSWPF history, or at least just have a look at the state of a grave that belongs to an officer killed in the line of duty, Cst 1/c William Justin. Yes- that is a large tree growing through the centre of the grave.

I'm at a loss to understand how the grave of a Police officer, who died in the service of this state, can be allowed to reach this condition. I seriously wonder what his family and colleagues would think of us.

Remembered...

Constable 1st Class William JUSTIN
Young Police

Horse Accident – 8 March, 1905

Resting Place – Young General Cemetery, Young

In early March, 1905 Constable Justin was patrolling about ten miles from Thuddungra (Young district) when his horse became skittish and began to buck. The constable was driven into a wire fence by the animal, where he sustained severe injuries to his face and hands. He was found some three hours after the incident by some girls going home from school, and was quickly taken to the home of a Mr Webb. He was taken to Young Hospital the next day however he unfortunately passed away. The Shoalhaven Telegraph dated 29 March, 1905 reported the following some weeks later.

“DEMISE OF FIRST-CLASS CONSTABLE JUSTIN.

[Written by Daniel McMillan, an old and sympathetic Friend.]

A great gloom was cast over this neighbourhood and surrounding district on Monday week last, when the sad news became known that First-class Constable Justin had succumbed to injuries which he received through being thrown from his horse whilst on duty the Wednesday previous, some 20 miles from Young, at which place he has been stationed for a considerable time. It would appear from the evidence adduced that while Mr Justin was in the act of shutting a gate, which was a complicated one, his horse, being a spirited animal, started to buck, and ran away, causing the rider to lose his balance and fall to the ground. The unfortunate man, being dragged a considerable distance by the stirrup, was brought into contact with a barb-wire fence, thence with a tree. It is also surmised that the horse kicked him on the head. He was found in an unconscious state some hours, it is supposed, after the accident occurred. At the time of the accident Constable Justin was over 20 miles away from his home. He was found by a Mr Webb, a farmer residing some distance away from the scene of the untoward incident, who took him to his home, and did all that he could to relieve the sufferer until medical aid was obtained, From the first but little hope was entertained of his recovery. He

only regained consciousness for a few minutes before his death, which sad event took place on the Saturday evening following, at 8 o'clock. Mr Justin, who was, it may be said, in the prime of life, being only 45 years of age at the time of his death, was the eldest son of the late Mr W. Justin, so long and favourably known in connection with the Harbors and Rivers Department; he was born in Sydney, and whilst only a child removed with his parents to Shoalhaven, where his aged mother still resides, with several other members of the family. The deceased, at the early age of 21, joined the police force, with which he had been associated ever since, and during his 24 years' service he had been stationed at many places in New South Wales, including Goulburn, Braidwood, Myrna, Queanbeyan, Frogmore, Young, and other stations. In referring to the deceased gentleman, an up-country paper says: 'He was the popular constable, who was loved and respected by all, and will be greatly missed.' The same can be said by everybody at every place where he has been. Besides a wife and 5 children, the deceased leaves a mother, 2 brothers, and 4 sisters, together with a large circle of friends and acquaintances, to mourn their loss. The funeral, which took place at Young on Sunday week, was largely attended..."

The constable was born in 1859 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 19 November, 1881. At the time of his death he was stationed at Young. He is listed in the official New South Wales Police Honour Roll.



<https://www.australianpolice.com.au/william-justin/>



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Sergeant John McGUFFIE

08/09/2017

Sergeant John McGUFFIE

New South Wales Police

Horse Accident

Adelong

30 January, 1897

The sergeant died on 30 January, 1897 as a result of being thrown from his horse on 2 January, 1897. It is not known whether this incident was an on-duty death or not. The *Bathurst Free Press and Mining Journal* of 1 February, 1897 briefly described the incident.

A POLICE SERGEANT KILLED. " A wire from Adelong says: Sergeant M'Guffie, who had been in charge of the police station here for the past twelve months, died early on Saturday morning from the effects of being thrown from his horse whilst returning from the racecourse on the 2nd instant.

At the time of his death the sergeant was stationed at Adelong, where he had been for some years. In 1896 he had replaced Sergeant Thomas Cassin (who had passed away) as the Officer-in-Charge and Gold Receiver.

Ken Medway ☐ – Beyond Courage Facebook page: 18 Feb 2014

Yesterday I dropped in on Sergeant John McGuffie at Adelong. Anyone who has missed his grave could be excused because the headstone has been collapsed for some time face down on the grave. To say I was a bit cranky was an understatement at the state of this grave.

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Anyway, I have turned the headstone over and lets hope that the LAC will now jump in and carry out some repairs. Here are

some photos and the
GPS co-ordinates are 35 18 45S/148 03 08E

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Bernard Joseph John DOWLING

08/09/2017

Bernard Joseph John DOWLING

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 1883

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."

Joseph LEES

08/09/2017

Trooper Joseph LEES

New South Wales Police Force

Drowned

Grafton

7 January, 1867

On 7 January, 1867 the trooper was on duty collecting the electoral roll and agricultural returns near Grafton. Shortly after 1pm on that day he was attempting to cross First Falls on the Upper Clarence River when his horse reared, throwing him into the water, where he drowned. Trooper Lees was a married man with two children and a wife then expecting their third child.

The *Maitland Mercury* dated 15 January, 1867 contained the following brief notice, indicating that "We regret to learn that Trooper Leece [sic] of the Grafton Police Force, in attempting to cross the First Falls, at the Upper Clarence, yesterday, shortly after noon, in the execution of his duty, was carried down by the current and drowned. Information of the sad event reached Grafton last evening when the police boat was immediately dispatched with grapnels to drag for the body, which had not been recovered up to the time our informant left."

At the time of his death the trooper was stationed at Grafton.