

Richard BODILLY

10/05/2020

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‘ BODILY ‘

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‘ BODELLY ‘

AKA ?

Late of Scone, NSW

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ???

Rank: Commenced Training on ???

Probationary Constable- appointed ???

Constable – appointed ???

Constable 1st Class – appointed ??

Chief Constable – appointed ???

Final Rank = Chief Constable

Stations: ?, Scone Police

Service: From ??? to 7 May 1854 = ? years Service

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1820 – '21? – Native of Penzance, Cornwall, England

Died on: Sunday 7 May 1854

Age: 33

Cause: Accidentally shot

Event location: near Scone, NSW

Event date: Sunday 7 May 1854

Funeral date: Monday 8 May 1854

Funeral location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Stonemason: Cobby

Inscription: Sacred to the memory of Richard **Bodily** (*Note there is only 1 'L' in the surname*)(*Gravestone has yet another spelling " Bodiley "*, A Native of Penzance in Cornwall, England. Chief Constable of Scone, who departed this life on the 7th May 1854 " from the effects of a Pistol Shot accidentally received in the discharge of his duty ".
Aged 33 years.

Buried at: St Luke's Church of England, in the **Churchyard**,
Scone, NSW

Grave location: 5th Row – starting from the fence

CEMETERY "St. Luke's" Church of England. Scone.....
NAME. Bodilly, Richard.....
DATE OF BIRTH.....AGE 33 yrs.....
DEATH. 7. May. 1854.....BURIAL.....
OTHER. Native of Penzance, Cornwall, England.....
Chief Constable of Scone. Accidentally shot on duty..

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (April 2020)



RICHARD is **NOT** mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance *
BUT SHOULD BE

FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ABOUT THIS PERSON, THEIR LIFE,

THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION TO Cal

May they forever Rest In Peace

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The chief constable was accidentally shot while escorting two prisoners to the Scone Police Station. As Chief Constable Bodilly and another constable were en route with their prisoners a pistol discharged, wounding the chief constable in the knee. Although he was conveyed to Scone for treatment, he succumbed to his wound and passed away on **7 May, 1854**.

The coroner's verdict following an inquest at Scone on **8 May, 1854** indicates that death was caused by the "accidental explosion of a pistol". It appears he was succeeded at Scone by **Chief Constable Hugh Brien Murray**. The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River Advertiser of **10 May, 1854** reported the incident.

"ACCIDENT – A few days since one of the Muswell Brook constables was sent to the neighbourhood of Scone in search of two men, for whose apprehension warrants were issued. The chief and another constable of Scone also went in search, and apprehended the men, and whilst escorting them to the lockup, by some means or other the chief constable's pistol went off, and the ball lodged in his knee and fractured the bones. He was conveyed to Scone, and attended by two doctors, who endeavoured to extract the ball, but could not do so."

At the time of his death the chief constable was aged 33 years and was stationed at Scone.

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

Source: **Beyond Courage** – 7 May 2020

BODILLY, Richard, -1854

St. Luke's
C. of E.,
Scone.

NAME: Richard BODILLY
of Scone Age: 34
Occupation: chief constable
Died: 7.5.1854 Buried: 8.5.1854
OFFICIAL: Coles Child
REMARKS IN REGISTER:

Richard BODILLY

BODILLY, Mary Anne
Of Scone
See also under
husband's name: MURPHY, Charles Day

Mary Anne BODILLY

The Widow, Mary Anne BODELLY (Spelt with an 'E' instead of 'I', married Charles Day MURPHY ON 30 August 1855 at Scone, NSW.

Sydney Quarter Sessions

Monday 12 August 1850 page 2

Before the Chairman and Mr. David Allan, J.P.

The Crown Prosecutor conducted the following cases on behalf of the Crown.

John Day and Philip Kedley were indicted for assaulting **Richard Bodilly**, a **constable**, while engaged in the execution of his duty.

The Jury found the defendants guilty, with a recommendation to mercy, and they were sentenced to be each imprisoned and kept to hard labour in Sydney Gaol for the term of three calendar months.

12 Aug 1850 – SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS. – Trove

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

Wednesday 10 August 1853, page 4

Government Gazette.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 1853.

NOTICE – SCONE.

Notice is hereby given, that the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the police district of Scone, in Petty Sessions assembled, have this day (**July 29th**) appointed **Mr. Richard Bodilly, chief constable**, to be Inspector of Weights and Measures for the police district of Scone.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/671067>

Account of sums received by the Colonial Treasurer, gratuity on leaving the Police Force.

Mary Ann Bodilly, widow of Chief Constable Bodilly, Police,
Scone

105 pound

18 pound, 7 shillings, 3 pence paid on 26 June 1854 of the Estate of deceased – Richard Bodilly.

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Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser

(NSW : 1843 – 1893),

Saturday 17 June 1854, page 3

STATEMENT of all Sums of Money received in aid of the Funds of the **SCONE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION**, from the 9th June, 1853, to 9th June, 1854.

1853. £. s. d.

June 10.

Joseph Docker, Esq , J.P. 1. 0

W. Dangar, Esq., J.P 1 0

Mr. T. Dangar. 1 0

Mr. James Evans. 0 5

Mr. **R. Bodilly.** 0 **10s**

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Mr. M. Collins. 0 5

Mr. J. Ashford . 0 5

Mr. R. Bell. 0 5

Mr. Israel Cottle. 0 5

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