

David Peter THOMSON

21/06/2016

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New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Constable 1st Class

Stations: ?, Coonabarabran Mounted
Police – Death

Service: From 10 January 1873 to 20
June 1880 = 7+ years Service

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1846 or 1848

Date of Event: 24 May 1880 (Queen's
Birthday)

Location of Event: Binnaway Racecourse

Died on: 20 June 1880 at Coonabarabran

Cause: Fractured Skull – Dashed against
a tree by his horse

Age: 32 – 34 – 35

Funeral date: ? June 1880

Funeral location: ?

**Buried at: Coonabarabran General
Cemetery, NSW**

Memorial at: ?



Coonabarabran Cemetery



[alert_red]**DAVID** 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

On **24th May, 1880** Constable Thomson was on duty at the Binnaway Racecourse when his horse ran him into a tree,

causing severe head injuries. He passed away about four weeks after the accident.

The Australian Town and Country Journal of 10 July, 1880 reported that "David Peter Thomson, who was first class constable in the mounted police, breathed his last at Coonabarabran last week, after a month of severe and trying illness, says the Mudgee INDEPENDENT, June 30. Constable Thompson met with a terrible accident on the Binnaway racecourse on Queen's Birthday, his horse dashing him against a tree, and partially fracturing his skull. Deceased's brother, Mr. John Thompson, railway stationmaster at Parramatta, was in constant attendance upon the sufferer during the last fortnight of his illness. The funeral was very largely attended, the Grand United Order of Oddfellows walking in procession."

The constable was born in 1846 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 10 January, 1873. At the time of his death he was stationed at Coonabarabran. He is not listed in the official New South Wales Police Honour Roll.

NSW State Records:

Service No.: 2237 David THOMSON DOB: 1846, Native of
NSW. Reel 3043, Item [8/ 3251]

Australian Cemeteries Index:

<http://austcemindex.com/m/other-sources?id=6920959>

<http://austcemindex.com/m/inscription?id=6920959>

Family Search: (*Not confirmed as the same person as above*)

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XTHJ-KVW>

The Sydney Mail & NSW Advertiser

Saturday 10 July 1880

p 53

DEATHS

THOMSON. – June 20, at Courthouse, Coonabarabran, **mounted constable David Peter Thomson**, from fractured skull, received by being run against the limb of a tree **whilst on duty at Binnaway** 24th May last, aged 32 years.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/161913978>

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NSW Government Gazette (Sydney)

Tuesday 20 July 1880

P3790

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION.

In the goods of **David Peter Thomson**, late of Coonabarabran, in the Colony of New South Wales, mounted constable, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, that at the expiration of fourteen days from the publication of this notice, application will be made to the Supreme Court of New South Wales, for letters of administration of the goods, chattels, credits, estate, and effects of the abovenamed deceased to be granted to **John Robertson Thomson**, of **Parramatta**, in the said Colony, **railway station master**, a **brother and next of kin** of the said deceased. – Dated this 19th day of July, a.d. 1880.

JOHN EBENEZER BOWDEN,

Proctor for the said John Robertson Thomson,

132, Elizabeth-street, Sydney

4428 6s. 6d.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/223773233>

James RUSH

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New South Wales Police Force

Regd. #

Rank: Sub Inspector

Stations: Forbes (1862 – 1866), Orange
(1866 – 1875), Sydney (No. 2 Division
1875 – 20 May 1880)

London Police Force: From 1852 to 1855

Service: From 1855 to 20 May 1880

Awards:

Born: 1830

Died on: Thursday 20 May 1880

Location: Residence at No. 2 Division

Cause: Arrest Injuries – Erysipela an
infection of the skin caused by bacteria

Age: about 44

Funeral date:

Funeral location:

Buried at:



Sub Inspector James Rush

The circumstances of the death of Sub Inspector Rush are yet

to be established conclusively. Rush Family tradition suggests that he died of the effects of making an arrest during a raid on a Chinese gambling house in Goulburn Street, Sydney. This is yet to be confirmed. His death was reported in local newspapers as being " sudden and unexpected "□.

" *The Sleeping City – The Story of Rookwood Necropolis* " indicates that James Rush was born in 1830, joined the London Police Force in 1852 and was one of a contingent of 100 police recruited from England in 1855, in which year he became a police officer in Sydney. After serving in Forbes (1862 to 1866) and Orange (1866 to 1875) he returned to Sydney and was promoted to sub-inspector. Five years later, he organised a police raid against a notorious gambling house. In carrying out the raid he was fatally injured and died on 20 May, 1880. He was given a full police funeral which was attended by the Inspector General of Police (Mr Edmund Fosberry). Contemporary newspaper accounts of the police raid and the death of the inspector fail to mention any connection between the two.

The cause of death appears to have been erysipelas – an infection of the skin caused by bacteria.

The Australian Town and Country Journal of Saturday 22 May, 1880 reported the following.

"SUB-INSPECTOR RUSH.

One of the oldest members of the police force of New South Wales, Sub-inspector Rush, died on Thursday at his residence, adjoining No. 2 police station. For the past week Mr. Rush had been suffering from erysipelas, and on Wednesday afternoon became delirious and remained so until about 12 o'clock on Thursday, when he passed away. Mr. Rush came to this colony 25 years ago with other members of the police force under agreement to the Government of N.S.W. in the Ship "**Exodus**". Shortly after his arrival he was appointed acting sub-

Inspector, and retained that position until he was, under the now Act of 1862, sent to Orange. About five years ago he was again given duty in the metropolis at **No. 2 station**, which office he had held with credit and efficiency ever since. He leaves a wife and a large family, numbering, we believe, eight children, who will feel the loss of an affectionate parent. Mr. Rush was about 44 years of age [sic], and was attended in his last illness by Dr. Egan who had the assistance of Drs. Day and Halket, when the illness assumed a serious form.”

The inspector was born in England in 1830 and joined the Sydney Police Force in 1855. In 1862 he became a member of the newly-formed New South Wales Police Force. At the time of his death he was stationed in Sydney.

One account of his injuries indicate that he suffered a head injury sustained while in the course of duty (raid on an opium den)

<http://boards.ancestry.com.au/localities.britisles.england.gls.general/2455.2622.2.2.2.2/mb.ashx>
