

# Henry ZOUCH

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New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # **????**

Captain until the Police Act of 1862.

Superintendent 1862 –

Stations: Goulburn District 1862 –

Service: From ? to 28 October 1883

Awards: ?

Born: 18 August 1811 IN Quebec, Canada

Died: 28 October 1883

Cause: ?

Age: 72 old

Funeral Tuesday 30 October 1883 at 4pm

Buried: St Saviours Cemetery

Cemetery Rd, Goulburn, directly opposite Goulburn Gaol

GPS of grave: -34.74135, 149.74273

**Further links:**

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## CAPTAIN HENRY ZOUCH

This officer served in the 4th Regiment (The King's Own), and arrived as an ensign in the colony in 1831 on the convict ship "Asia" acting as a military guard. He was then engaged in garrison duty, and promoted to lieutenant. <sup>1</sup> On October 1 1834 he assumed the command of the First Division of Mounted Police at Bathurst. <sup>2</sup>

When Allen Cunningham the well known botanist disappeared on the Bogan from Sir Thomas Mitchell's expedition party, Zouch was sent out from Bathurst with a small party to find his remains. On December 7 1834 Zouch wrote out a report to the Colonial Secretary's Office on how Cunningham had died, <sup>3</sup> the Cunningham report being reproduced in a newspaper. <sup>4</sup> In mid 1834 Captain Richard Chetwode was the commandant of the settlement of Bathurst. Under his command was Lieutenant R H Money Penny, three sergeants and twenty four rank-and-file, all from His Majesty's 4th Foot Regiment, headquartered at Parramatta.

In addition there were eleven mounted police, consisting of one sergeant, nine troopers and two dismounted troopers, under the command of Lieutenant Henry Zouch. Bathurst had a singular and not very inviting appearance at that time. Groups of small houses and a few large ones scattered rather thickly over two or three miles of a bare country, which was divided into numerous fields by lines of wooden rails. <sup>5</sup> On December 29 1836 Lieutenant Zouch was married to Miss Maria Brooks at Holy Trinity Church, Kelso, by the Rev John Espy Keane.

Maria was the sixth or youngest daughter of ship captain, Richard Brooks of Denham Court, Liverpool, New South Wales. At the time of marriage, Maria's parents were both deceased, but due to the strong personal friendship that had existed between her late father and Captain John Piper, the latter gentleman gave the newlyweds a wedding reception at his residence Alloway Bank. In 1837 Zouch's regiment was ordered to proceed to India, but Zouch sold



his commission and resigned from the army. The following year he purchased land on the Bell River near Wellington where he resided for a short period.

He then removed in the early 1840s to the Bungendore district near Lake George, where he bred racing horses for the police and military. <sup>6</sup> In 1843 Zouch was still described as being a settler in the Bathurst district along with his brother Arthur. <sup>7</sup> The gold rush of the early 1850s was to change Zouch's pastoral lifestyle and once again place him back into public service. Zouch was successfully appointed as assistant commissioner of Crown Lands for the gold districts based on the Lower Turon in 1851, under the command of gold Commissioner J R Hardy. Upon his arrival on the Turon, Zouch set up his calico tent office and other accommodation just outside where the present village of Sofala now stands, on a site not far from where the Oakey Creek runs into the Turon River.

Some years later Macarthur's stamper battery occupied the site of Zouch's old headquarters, that was surrounded by a few hotels and a number of huts and cottages, but all are gone today (1997). <sup>8</sup> In 1852 Assistant Commissioner Zouch left the Turon goldfields to take charge of the Abercrombie diggings, at Tuena, where his quarters were to be located. <sup>9</sup> In March 1853 he was described as the late police magistrate of Sofala, taking a promotion to the superintendence of the mounted police of the southern roads. <sup>10</sup> Zouch and his party chased Morgan the bushranger on September 9 1864. The rifle that the bushranger tossed away during the chase proved to be the one that Sergeant McGinnity had when he was shot by Morgan. <sup>11</sup> In 1865 Zouch was appointed to sub-inspector of police at Goulburn. <sup>12</sup>

On July 7 1879 the death occurred of an Australian Aboriginal named George Suttor, aged about 60 years. He was the very last of the original numerous tribe that once inhabited the Bathurst Plains. In his early days Georgie Suttor had been employed under Captain Zouch. <sup>13</sup> At the time of his death at Goulburn on October 28 1883, aged 72 years, Zouch was one of the oldest of the superintendents, and still held that appointment at the time of his death, and was some time previously appointed deputy inspector-general of police. As such he several times, during the absence of Mr Fosbery fulfilled the duties of inspector-general. <sup>14</sup> Zouch was succeeded in his position by Superintendent Edric Norfolk Vaux Morisset, who's late father was Lieutenant-Colonel, James Thomas Morisset, police magistrate of Bathurst for many years. <sup>15</sup>



Grave of Henry Zouch in St Saviour's Pioneer Cemetery, Goulburn. Story and photographs by the editor.

1-WA 26.9.1990-35. 2-SMH 13.10.1834. 3-Zouch Family History. 4-WA 26.9.1990-35. 5-SMH 14.7.1834. Diary of Charles Darwin 1836. 6-Zouch Family History. 7-Brabazon's New South Wales Directory 1843. 8-Zouch Family History. 9-BFP 19.5.1852. 10-BFP 2.4.1853. 11-SMH 23.9.1864-4. 12-SMH 5.8.1865-4. 13-BT 9.7.1879. 14-SMH 1.11.1883-11. 15-17.5.1989-20.

Captain R. Zouch, Superintendent of Police in the Goulburn district, is dangerously ill.

The Gundagai Times

Tuesday 23 October

1883

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### DEATH OF CAPTAIN ZOUCH.

THE people of Goulburn heard with sad surprise on Monday morning that death had claimed for his own one of the oldest residents of the city – Captain Henry Zouch. For some two or three weeks the deceased gentleman had been ill ; but as it was circulated that his condition was improving fears for him were allayed, and his recovery was generally looked for. This being so, the news of his death came with a greater shock. It was on Saturday morning that the deceased gentleman became worse, and throughout the day he remained in a dangerous state, being hardly conscious. Sunday saw no improvement, but on the contrary he became lower, and was unconscious the greater part of the day ; and in the evening at 6 o'clock he breathed his last. His illness was brought on by exposure to the sun, which he experienced last Friday fortnight whilst tending to his garden, of which occupation the Captain was very fond. To the effects of that exposure, and to decay of the system, his death is attributed. The Captain was in his 73rd year, and has resided in New South Wales for about 50 years.

The following, which is taken from Mr. J. Henniker Heaton's "Australian Dictionary of Dates, and Men of the Time," gives an outline of his career :

Zouch, Captain Henry, son of Colonel Zouch, commander of a British regiment during the last American war of 1812-14, was born in Quebec, where his father was for some time commandant.

When a young man, Mr. Henry Zouch repaired to England, and received his education in the military college at Sandhurst. In 1826 he obtained a commission as Ensign in the fourth or "King's Own Regiment." After serving in several garrison towns in England, he came out to the colony of New South Wales with his regiment. In those days every convict ship was conducted and guarded hither by a detachment of troops. Captain Zouch was appointed in 1834 to the first division of the military mounted police, stationed at Bathurst. There were then three divisions, one at Bathurst, one at Goulburn, and one at Maitland. He was despatched to the Bogan to find the remains of Richard Cunningham, the botanist, and succeeded in doing so, and a tablet was erected on the spot. On the fourth regiment proceeding to India Captain Zouch sold out. He was for some years engaged in pastoral pursuits at Ashly, Lake George. On the discovery of gold at Ophir, and the consequent rush thither, he received the appointment as Gold Commissioner at the town, where he remained until 1853, in which year he accepted the post of Superintendent of Mounted Patrol for Main Roads. This position he retained until the mounted patrol was amalgamated with the general police under Police Act of 1862. Since then Captain Zouch has remained in charge as General Superintendent of Police for the Southern Districts. He has the excellent qualification of always obtaining the confidence and esteem of the men under his control. During the bushranging era and on many other occasions Captain Zouch was distinguished for his courage, foresight, and ability. He has at various times during the absence of Mr. Fosbery fulfilled the duties of Inspector-General of Police.

The captain was a man universally respected and liked. Actuated partly perhaps by disinclination for it, and prevented maybe by pressure of official duties, he never figured prominently as a public man. For some years he occupied the honorable position of president of the Goulburn Hospital, and he was also for a great length of time a warden of St. Nicholas' Church. With all classes of the community he

has always been a favorite, rendered so by his gentlemanly demeanour and his quiet mode of life ; for, meddling not with things which did not concern him, he was one of those of whom it might be said –

[blockquote]Along the cool sequester'd vale of life He kept the noiseless tenor of his way. [/blockquote]

He was of a most benevolent disposition, and was full of a charity that loves to exercise itself in unostentatious acts of benevolence. To the appeal of suffering he never turned a deaf ear, but was ever ready to relieve those who came to him in genuine distress. To that no doubt is to be attributed his great popularity amongst the poorer classes, who lose in him a friend they will find it hard to replace.

As an officer the captain was one of the most efficient in the public service. His career was one of honor, and he has never had one of his decisions questioned. To the men under him he was at once just and considerate; and in their great respect for him is one of the strongest proofs of his worth as a man and a superior.

Captain Zouch's near surviving relatives are a widow, four sons, and three daughters.

Before opening the business of the Police Court yesterday, the Police Magistrate said he regretted to learn last night the death of Captain Zouch, a late member of the Goulburn bench of justices, and an officer of the crown for 50 years in this colony. It was usual, he believed, to show respect to the memory of deceased gentlemen in such cases, by adjourning courts with which they had been connected, but on the present occasion this custom could not be well adhered to, as it would prove detrimental to the public business. He could only therefore express the regret of the bench to learn of the deceased's death.

The funeral takes place this afternoon at four o'clock.



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ARTHUR ZOUCH  
COLONEL ZOUCH

HENRY ZOUCH  
FOR MANY YEARS SUPERINTENDENT  
OF PRISONS IN CHARGE OF THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICTS  
OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
DIED IN ENGLAND  
28<sup>th</sup> OCT 1863  
AGED 36 YEARS

MAYNARD THRUSBY  
SON OF  
ARTHUR ZOUCH

MAYNARD THRUSBY  
SON OF ARTHUR ZOUCH  
DIED IN ENGLAND 1899  
AGED 15 MONTHS



ARTHUR ZOUCHE,  
SECOND SON OF  
COLONEL ZOUCHE,  
BY FAITH HE STANDS.

J. TURNER  
COULBURN



**HENRY ZOUCH**  
FOR MANY YEARS SUPERINTENDENT  
OF POLICE IN CHARGE OF THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICTS  
OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
DIED AT COULBURN.  
28<sup>TH</sup> OCT<sup>R</sup> 1883.  
AGED 72 YEARS.

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RECHNARD  
SECOND SON OF THE LATE  
HENRY ZOUCH  
BORN 1871  
DIED 1896  
AGED 25 YEARS

ALSO OF  
MAYNARD THROSBY,  
THIRD SON OF  
ESSINGTON ZOUCH,  
DIED 24TH APRIL, 1896,  
AGED 13 MONTHS.



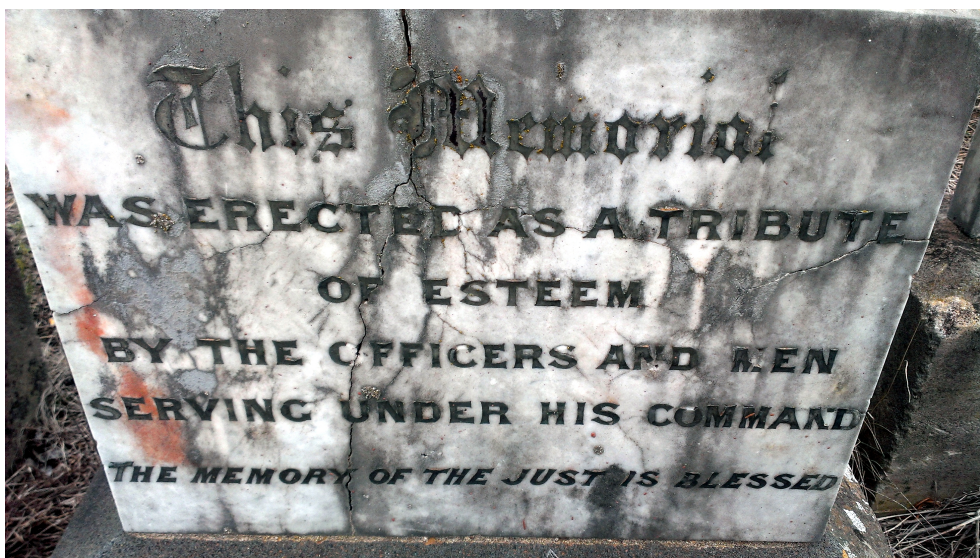
HENRY ZOUCHE  
FOR MANY YEARS SUPERINTENDENT  
OF POLICE IN CHARGE OF THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICTS OF THE  
OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
DIED 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC 1891  
AGED 72 YEARS

WIFE OF  
HENRY ZOUCHE  
DIED 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC 1891  
AGED 72 YEARS

REGINALD  
SECOND SON OF THE  
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**APPOINTMENTS UNDER THE NEW POLICE  
REGULATION ACT.**

A supplement to the *Government Gazette*, issued on Saturday last, contains the following appointments in the police, under the New Police Regulation Act of 1862. The police districts are not yet, we believe, defined, but the superintendents will be stationed in the places mentioned, being the centres of their respective district.

**INSPECTOR-GENERAL.**

**John M'Lerie, Esq.**

**SUPERINTENDENTS.**

**Mr. Henry Zouch (Goulburn).**

Laurence Hartshorne Scott (Armidale).

William Chatfield (Campbelltown).

John Aitcheson M'Lerie (Maitland).

George Markham (Cooma).

Thomas Broughton Carne (Deniliquin).

Edric Norfolk Vaux Morrisset (Bathurst).

James Garland (Tamworth).

**INSPECTORS.**

**Sir Frederick William Pottinger, Bart., (the  
Lachlan).**

**Mr. Critchett Walker (Braidwood).**

Frederick Robertson Wilshire (Scone).

Edward Marlay (Albury).

Edward Montague Battye (Lambing Flat).

**SUB-INSPECTORS.**

**Mr. William Benson.**

Francis Augustus Blake.

John Henry Hector Bruyeers.

Arthur Harlington Abbott.

Thomas Andrew Moore White.

John Guarda Hussey.

John Devenish Meares.

James Singleton.

George Read.

James Augustus Black.

William O'Neill.

Thomas Hogg.

**SUB-INSPECTOR OF DETECTIVES.**

**Mr. Charles Edward Harrison.**

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