

# Nicholas SOBYE

21/03/2024

## Nicholas SOBYE

AKA ?

\* Nickname: ?

Late of " Tregone ", Bobbin Head Rd, Pymble, NSW

### Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': **Charles SOBYE** – NSWPF 'Q' **2783** who was a Probationary Constable on 7 August 1876 ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Belmore Barracks **Class # ? ? ?**

New South Wales Police Force

**Regd. # 'Q' 2714**

*For the purposes of this website 'Q' represents those Police joining between 1 March 1862 ( commencement of NSWPF ) – 23 February 1915 ( Commencement of NSWPF current numbering system )*

**Rank:** Was a Constable in the Cornish, ( England ), Police ( ?  
– 1875 ) at the age of ?? before immigrating to Australia

Commenced Training at ? Police Academy on Monday ? ? ?

Probationary Constable- appointed 1 April 1876 ( aged roughly  
22 )

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? ( N/A )

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? ( N/A )

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ? ( N/A )

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Sergeant – appointed ? ? ?

Acting Sub-Inspector 2nd Class – appointed 1 April 1905

Sub-Inspector 2nd Class – appointed 1 September 1905

Sub-Inspector 1st Class – appointed 1 August 1909

**Final Rank:** = Inspector

**Stations:** ?, Cootamundra ( June 1879 )( Cst ), Urana ( April

1880 )( Cst ), Temora ( April 1881 )( Cst ), ?, Balmain ( July  
1885 / Oct 1885 ), Sydney Police ( 1887 )( SenCon ), ?,  
Waverley (10 Division )( 1905 )( Acting Sub-Inspector ),  
Clarence St – Sydney ( 1 Division )( Sub-Inspector )(  
Metropolitan Police Division ), ?

Time employed ( Paid ) with NSW Police: From: 1 April 1876  
to ?? 1914 = 38 years,

Service ( From Training Date ) period: From 1 April 1876  
to ?? 1914 = 38+- years Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = ?

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system

Born: ?? 1854 – England

Died on: Friday 18 May 1923

Age: 69 years,

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: ?

Event location: at home

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: Saturday 19 May 1923

Funeral location: Church of England portion of the Northern  
Suburbs General Cemetery, Delhi Rd, North Ryde, NSW

LIVE STREAM ? N/A

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this  
time ( [March 2024](#) )

NICHOLAS is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance \*  
NOT JOB RELATED

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**FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ABOUT THIS PERSON, THEIR LIFE,  
THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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**May they forever Rest In Peace**

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**Australian Police YouTube Channel**

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Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

**Tuesday 22 May 1923, page 7**

**EX-POLICE INSPECTOR SOBYE.**

The funeral of the late **ex-police Inspector Nicholas Soby**, of Bobbin Head-road, Pymble, took place on Saturday last, in the Church of England portion of the Northern Suburbs General Cemetery.

**Inspector Soby**, joined the New South Wales police on **April 1, 1876**, and during his **38 years'** service had many exciting experiences, chiefly in the northern districts of the State.

Before **retiring**, in **1914**, he had charge of a **metropolitan**

**division**, and was held in very high esteem by departmental officers and public alike.

Amongst those present at the interment were ex-Superintendents Walker and John **Evans** and Inspector Fowler, of the Police Department. Numerous wreaths were sent. Including one from Superintendent Childs, of Newcastle.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/16069853>

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Richmond River Express and Casino Kyogle Advertiser (NSW :  
1904 – 1929),

**Friday 15 March 1912, page 8**

**Forty Years in the Police Force.**

**SUPERINTENDENT EVANS' CAREER.**

On Saturday last ( *9 March 1912* ) there retired from the police force of New South Wales **Superintendent John Evans**, who on Sunday reached the age of 60 years. For some time prior to his retirement **Superintendent Evans** was stationed at **Tamworth**, in charge of the **North-Western district**, but there are still many living in this district who will remember him when, back in the 80's ( *1880s* ), he was stationed on the Richmond, at **Ballina and Casino**, and some years later at **Lismore**. The **retiring Superintendent** has just concluded a long and honorable service of **70 years** in the cause of law and order. His police experience was not wholly gained in Australia. He has to thank the **Cornish constabulary** for a good initial grounding. At the age of 20, full of life and energy, he joined the force in **Cornwall in 1872**, remaining in the service **three years**. He had great admiration for his old chief and when the call of Australia came to him, his superior officer remarked : " What, going to Australia to shoot kangaroos ? "

Evidently the colonies were not then associated with anything much more than kangaroos, and no doubt with blacks and bush rangers. Perhaps the spirit of adventure was deeply developed in the young officer, who, by the way, had gained the distinction of being one of the best wrestlers of the corps. The members of the constabulary gave their late comrade a hearty send-off on his voyage to distant shores.

A bosom friend of **Constable Evans** in the **Cornish constabulary** was **Constable Soby**, now **Sub-Inspector Soby**, of **No. 1 Station, Clarence street, Sydney**. They resigned at the same time, and journeyed to Australia together.

**Superintendent Evans** landed at **Melbourne**, where he had relatives, and after spending a few months in **Victoria**, made his way to **Sydney**, and in **March, 1876**, was accepted as a member of the N.S. Wales police force, being sent in the usual course to the depot. He did not remain long there, however. The authorities saw that he already possessed the training of a **constable**, and so, a fortnight after joining, he was sent to **Armidale** for duty. In 18 months' time he was promoted to **first-class constable**, and placed in charge of **Armidale stables**, becoming **senior mounted man**. In another six months' time – the latter end of **1878** – he was transferred to **Inverell**, where he took up the duties of **Sergeant Farnsworth (retired)** under **Sub-Inspector Harrison**. Both these officers are now dead.

Shortly after **Constable Evans** went to **Inverell**, robberies from drunken men were of almost nightly occurrence. The officer determined to end them. Two or three men were suspected, but they managed to escape the clutches of the law till the wily officer arranged a trap. He himself lay down near a man he discovered drunk in the gutter, and by-and-bye two men came along. The night was light enough for the officer to distinguish their features, and when they commenced operating on the drunken man the disguised officer suddenly sprang up. The robbers were not mild characters, and they immediately

started an assault on the constable. They gave him a bad time, but the officer, too, gave them a rough handling in attempting their arrest. The odds were too great against him, however, and they got away, but were speedily captured by other police, and subsequently received the reward for their misdeeds. The injuries sustained by **Evans** on this occasion were so severe that he was taken to the hospital in an **unconscious state**, remaining a **patient for six weeks**. While in the station he received notice of his promotion to the position of **Senior Constable**.

Gambling was rife at **Tingha**, some miles distant. Periodically, raids were made by the **Inverell, Tingha, and other police**. One night was particularly eventful. Thirty or forty Chinese had been arrested, and were on their way to **Tingha lockup**, when **Senior-constable Evans** was informed of the whereabouts of the " **keeper**, " who had made his escape by bursting through a window on detecting the approach of the police. The officer and the informer proceeded to the place, and found their man all right. They also found about 300 yelling, infuriated Chinamen. The presence of an informer and an officer of the law roused them to a great pitch of excitement, and they rushed the two, brandishing all kinds of weapons. It was an unenviable position for the officer and his companion. The constable fought for his life, and knocked the Chinese down like nine-pins, using both baton and fist. Still the Celestials came on, but many were felled to the ground. One particularly daring fellow he caught by the 'pigtail,' and held him, at the same time fighting the others with his right hand.

A Chinaman, wild with rage, here rushed at the officer with a cleaver. With a yell he raised the weapon, but a white man who had appeared on the scene, struck the blow aside. It was just in the nick of time, and the constable's life was saved. Other whites hurried up, and the police, who had gone on to the lock-up with the prisoners, having heard of the occurrence,

came galloping back. The Chinese were soon got under control, and more of their number, including the 'keeper,' kept company with their compatriots in the cells.

Mr. **G. H. Parker**, who still lives at **Tingha**, was one of those who went to **Constable Evans'** assistance. If ever there was a time the policeman was tempted to draw the revolver it was on this occasion, but he refrained.

**Senior-Constable Evans** remained at **Inverell** until **1884**, when he was transferred to **Ballina**, being stationed at that place for three years. His next shift was to **Casino**, having been selected to come here in consequence of his success in stock-stealing cases, by the **late Inspector General of Police, Mr. Garvin**, who at the time was **superintendent in charge of the northern districts**. A good deal of stock stealing had been going on in the **Casino district**, and it was **Superintendent Garvin's** opinion that the then **Senior-constable Evans** was the man to stamp it out. And he did. He came to **Casino** with the **rank of sergeant**, and soon got on the tracks of the offenders. Two of them, after their release from gaol, said good-bye to New South Wales, and crossed into Queensland, one being subsequently executed in the northern State on a charge of murder.

The **Casino district** was thoroughly cleared of crime in the shape of thefts of stock, and in **1894 Sergeant Evans** was sent back to **Armidale** as **senior-sergeant**. **Six years later** he was promoted to the position of **sub-inspector** in charge of **Inverell sub-district**. In **1904** he was transferred to a similar position at **Lismore**.

During his career **Superintendent Evans** dealt with many serious cases. One of considerable interest occurred during his stay at **Lismore**. Two Hindoos were concerned, and after a lapse of five years the conscience of one troubled him, and he informed the police that his companion had committed murder, and concealed the body. The spot was pointed out, and sure enough

the remains of a human being were brought to light. The Hindoo who committed the crime was sentenced to imprisonment for life.

**Three years ago, Inspector Evans** was sent to **Tamworth**, as **superintendent** of the **north-western district**, and he has administered the division with tact, resourcefulness, and ability, gaining at the same time the respect of the people. Shortly after his arrival at Tamworth he attended the annual meeting of the Prisoners' Aid Association, and the opportunity was taken advantage of to give him a welcome. At that meeting a leading Sydney barrister described Superintendent Evans as "a terror to evil doers."

**Superintendent Evans** is a splendid horseman. In his prime days he has often been in the saddle for a couple of days at a time, in the chase for desperadoes. He took part in the pursuit of the **Breelong blacksmith** who spent many a day and night in the bush in search of a robber, ? **'the hairy man,'** whose name was ? Burns. **Superintendent Evans** did not know how he came to be called the hairy man, for he was ? means possessed of a sup? dance of hair ; but he knows he committed many robberies in the **Bundarra district**, and had a habit of sticking up the mail coach. The **'hairy man'** was captured by a **constable named Byrne**, who came across him seated on a log, with two revolvers alongside him.

When **Superintendent Evans** had more direct charge of the constables – when, for instance, he was sergeant – it was his practice ( says the author of this sketch of his career ) to call a new man into his office, and give him a few words of advice. The first thing he impressed upon the recruit was to be truthful, pointing out that the liberties and lives of people often rested in the hands of constables. " Don't make a statement unless you are absolutely sure it is true," was the officer's warning.

**Superintendent Evans**, with Mrs. Evans and his daughter, will

leave **Sydney on March 27 by the Otranto**, on a **trip to England**, where he hopes to renew old associations.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/124212761>

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New South Wales Police Gazette and Weekly Record of Crime  
(Sydney : 1860 – 1930),

**Wednesday 11 August 1909** (No.32), page 279

[Extract from the Government Gazette.]

PROMOTION.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the promotion of

**Sub-Inspector 2nd Class Nicholas Soby**, of the **Metropolitan Police**, to the rank of **Sub-Inspector of Police, 1st Class**, – to take effect from the 1st August, 1909.

W. H. WOOD.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/251648411>

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Evening News (Sydney, NSW : 1869 – 1931),

**Thursday 30 July 1885**, page 6

**Senior constable Nicholas SOBYE**, of **Balmain**, who had a bad attack of **typhoid fever**, is now well, and has resumed his duties.

\* Story behind any Nickname:

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Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about this person at the time of publication and further information and photos would be appreciated.

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20 March 2024

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**William Carter LYNCH**

21/03/2024

# William Carter LYNCH

## New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 'P' 0035

For the purposes of this website 'P' = represents those Police joining Pre 1862 when NSWPF "officially" commenced

Rank: Inspector -18

Licencing Inspector – for Newcastle District – appointed 22 March 1893

Honourable Superintendent – appointed 10 July 1903??

Inspector – retired

Rank / Stations: Ireland as a Constable in the 1800's for 2 years ( with his father ),

4 January 1860 – joined NSW Police in Sydney,

11 March 1860 – won a ' clerkship ' with rank of acting Sergeant in the office of Captain McLerie, Inspector-General of Police of NSW,

1862 The Police Regulations Act is Passed. Lynch is involved in that framework.

October 1862 he is promoted to Sergeant & transferred to Goulburn as Clerk to Superintendent Zouch.

1862 – promoted to Senior Sergeant.

October 1862 – January 1883 ( 21 years ) he was connected with Supt. Zouch and had entire charge during Zouch's absence. 2 months at a time on occasions.

1883 – promoted to sub-Inspector & transferred to Temora gold field district where he stayed until June 1884.

Newcastle ( from 1 June 1884 – 1 June 1903 = 19 yrs)

Around 1887 was promoted to First Class sub-Inspector

March 1893 was promoted to Inspector & appointed O.I.C. of Newcastle Division which included 28 police stations, 100 men of all ranks & a population of 92,000 people

June 1888 Fire Insurance Companies – they presented him a valuable plate.

January 1894 – appointed by Sir George Dibbs to the Commission of the Peace

Service: From 4 January 1860 to ? July 1903 = 43+ years Service

Awards: ? – **Imperial Service Order – granted 12 April 1912**

Born: ? ? 1839 ,Tipperary, Ireland

Died on: Saturday 30 June 1923

Cause: Syncope

Age: 85

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Kenmore Cemetery, Goulburn, NSW

Memorial at: Newcastle Regional Museum received a donation, some time ago from the family via the NSW Police Museum, of a coffee / tea set that was given to William as recognition of fine service in 1888. See additional notes at the base of

this page ( when I get time to update it. As of 25 May 2016 I have yet to update it )



**WILLIAM** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance \*  
**NOT JOB RELATED**

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This amazing man was **William Carter LYNCH**, he was a member of the **police constabulary** in **Ireland** in the **1800's** and he **immigrated** with his wife **Bridget** to **Australia** where he

became a **NSW police officer** in **Goulburn**. He served in **Goulburn** as an **Inspector General** for **twenty years** and then as an **Inspector at Cooma** and **Temora** and then a **Superintendent** at **Newcastle** and **retired** in **1902** (don't quote me on exact dates) when he **retired**.

He **passed away** at the age of **84** years on the **30th June 1923** and was buried in Goulburn. His wife **Bridget** and **two of his brothers** share his **family plot** in the cemetery at Goulburn.

Bridget died on 13 March 1903? aged 68.

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The Sydney Morning Herald

Tuesday 3 July 1923

p 6

#### **EX-SUPERINTENDENT LYNCH.**

**GOULBURN, Monday. ( 2 July )**

The death occurred on Saturday night, at the age of 85 years, of **ex-Police Superintendent William Carter Lynch**. The late Mr. Lynch was **one of the veteran police officers** of the New South Wales force, having joined in the early 'sixties ( **1860's** ). He was stationed at **Goulburn** for **about twenty years**, and in the 'eighties ( **1880's** ) was promoted to the rank of **sub-inspector**, and was transferred to **Cooma** and then to **Temora**. Later, he assumed charge of **Newcastle**, where he remained until his **retirement as superintendent 22 years ago**. The deceased officer was awarded the decoration of the **Imperial Service Order** in recognition of his services shortly **after** his retirement. He is survived by **six sons** and **three daughters**, **Misses Birdie** and **Julia Lynch**, of **Goulburn**, **Mrs. Theo Sheehy**, of **Young**, and **Messrs. Richard** (Customs Department), **James**, and **William** (Newcastle), **Chris**. (Mandurama), **Maurice** (Summer Hill), and **Joe** (secretary of the Pastures Protection Board, Goulburn).



**NEWCASTLE POLICE COURT. FRIDAY, APRIL 12th, 1889.**

**( Before Mr. Jas. Mair, P.M.)**

**THE LAKE ROAD " PUSH. " Brutal Assault.**

**William Smith and John Cunningham** were summoned for assaulting **Henry Fieldhouse**,. at Newcastle, on the 7th inst:.

**Mr. Gorrick** appeared for the complainant, and **Mr. Readett** for the defendants.

Complainant deposed that on the day in question he met both of the defendants in Darby-street. Smith asked him when he was going to pay some money he owed him, and then struck him and knocked him down. He became insensible. He gave Smith no provocation. He could not say whether Cunningham struck him.

**Miss McGlinchy** deposed that she saw Smith strike complainant, and he fell down.

**Sub-inspector William Carter Lynch** deposed that he was walking along Darby-street on the day in question, when he saw two men strike at each other, and then fall down. They got up again and recommenced fighting, but fell to the ground. A third man stood over them, and either struck one or the two of them in a most cowardly manner. Smith was covered in mud, and the complainant was very much knocked about. He looked upon the scene as a most disgraceful one on a Sunday evening. He could only recognise Smith.

For the defence, **John Cunningham** deposed that he did not strike or kick Fieldhouse. Complainant said to Smith, " I suppose your father is going away, and you are going to live on him. " Smith replied, " If I do I can go out of the colony. " Complainant then struck him, and Smith, in self-defence, retaliated. They struggled together. They fought three rounds after that in Darby-street. The third round Fieldhouse caught Smith by the throat, and witness pulled him off.

By **Mr. Gorrick**: Witness never said " Let us fit the old --- , and give it to him. " No one struck complainant whilst he and Smith were on the ground. There were only three present altogether.

**William Smith** deposed that the complainant struck him first, and they had a fight. Complainant caught hold of him by the throat, and Cunningham dragged him off. Witness thought complainant received the marks through falling on the kerbstone. No one but Cunningham stood over the complainant.

**Thomas Reece** deposed that he saw complainant strike Smith first with his fist.

**George Forsyth** also gave corroborative evidence.

**Mary Jane Doolan** deposed that she saw Smith striking the complainant whilst he was lying on the ground, and remarked that it was a great shame to hit an old man. She did not see Cunningham do anything.

This was all the evidence, and after Messrs. Readett and Gorrick had addressed the Bench at some length.

**Mr. Mair** said that as **Sub-inspector Lynch** was a considerable distance away, it was possible he was mistaken as to the striking, and that if he was not mistaken, at that stage of the encounter Smith might have been in danger of being choked. The evidence against Cunningham was not satisfactory, and he was discharged. He found Smith guilty, although he thought it likely that Fieldhouse himself was to blame a good deal.

Smith was ordered to pay a fine of 40s, 6s 6d costs of court., 21s professional expenses, and 10s for witnesses, in default 21 days imprisonment.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/138836068>

## LICENSING

**SUB-INSPECTOR.** The Lieutenant-Governor has appointed **Sub-inspector John Saunders** to be a **district sub-inspector**, under the Licensing Acts, 1882 – 1883, for the **Licensing District of Newcastle**, vice **Lynch**, promoted – to take effect from the 1st instant.

**LICENSING INSPECTOR.** The Lieutenant-Governor has appointed **Inspector William Carter Lynch** to be **district inspector**, under the Licensing Acts, 1882 – 1883, for the **Licensing District of Newcastle**, vice **Brennan**, transferred – to take effect from the **22nd March last**.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/136400888>

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## INSPECTOR LYNCH. An HONOURABLE CAREER,

The retirement of **Mr. W. C. Lynch**, **inspector of Police in Newcastle**, which was foreshadowed a week or so ago, took practical effect yesterday, when he began a **months' leave**, at the expiration of which he will retire on a superannuation allowance, and will reside at **Goulburn**, where he did many years service. Mr. Lynch took his leave with nothing but the best wishes of the members of the force. This, it is said, will be exemplified in tangible form later on, for it is the

intention of the men to show him practical proof of the esteem in which he has been held by them. A requisition is also being signed asking the Mayor of Newcastle to convene a meeting, so that the citizens might have an opportunity of marking their esteem for his good qualities as a responsible officer, and for his worth as a citizen for the past 19 years. It so happened that yesterday was the nineteenth anniversary of Mr. Lynch's arrival – in Newcastle to take up the duties of sub-inspector.

He leaves the force without having been subjected to **even a reprimand**, after a service of **43½ years**, His duties were formally handed over to **Sub-Inspector McVane**, who has a thorough knowledge of the district and its surroundings.

There are only **two Officers** in the **police force** who have had **longer service than Inspector Lynch**. One is **Superintendent Granger, of Goulburn**, who is **retiring this month**, and the other is **Superintendent Brennan**, in charge of the **Eastern District at the Police Depot**, and who was **formerly in Newcastle**. The latter has had fifteen days more service, having joined in December, 1859.

Mr. Lynch Joined the Irish Constabulary at a very early age. His father being an officer in that Constabulary, no objection was raised to his age, as he had reached the required height. He remained two years in the service in Ireland, and then came to this country. He joined the police force in Sydney on 4th January, 1860. In March 11th of that year, in competition with the entire Sydney police, he gained a clerkship, with the rank of acting-sergeant, In the office of **Captain McLerie**, the late Inspector-General of Police in New South Wales. At the beginning of 1862, during the passing of the Police Regulation Act, Mr. Lynch was engaged in the preparation of the first regulations framed under that Act. In October 1862, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and transferred from **Captain McLerie's** office to Goulburn as clerk to **Superintendent Henry Zouch**. In December. 1862, he was promoted to the rank of

senior-sergeant. From October, 1862, to January, 1883, he was connected with **Superintendent Zouch's** office, which he managed, and in the absence of the superintendent he had entire charge – on some occasions for two months at a time.

During this long time, which embraced the period when such notorious criminals as Hall, Gilbert, Dunn, Burke, Vane, Clarke, and others terrorised the south and western districts, he rendered most valuable service and in 1865 he received a special reward from the Government for the capture of armed offenders and for the recovery of the proceeds of several robberies. In the year 1864, when the late Chief Justice, Sir James Martin was a member of the Government, he offered Mr. Lynch an appointment as clerk of petty sessions at Yass, a position then worth from £700 to £800 per annum. At that time there was no superannuation in the Civil service and, preferring the active work of a police officer, Mr. Lynch did not accept the offer. In 1883 he was promoted to the grade of sub-Inspector, and transferred to the Temora goldfield district, where he remained until June 1884. This was the year he was removed to Newcastle, exactly 19 years ago yesterday. A few years later he was promoted to the grade of first-class sub-Inspector, In March 1893, he was advanced to the rank of inspector and appointed the charge of the important division which includes the city of Newcastle, with supervision over twenty eight stations and 100 men of all rank, and a population of 92,000 people. He has held this position 'ever' since with credit to himself and with the goodwill of the men under.

During the nineteen years Inspector Lynch has been in the Newcastle district he has had to deal with conditions arising out of some great labour troubles; and whilst always being firm he never was officious, the result being that he succeeded well. In June, 1888, the fire insurance companies so highly appreciated his services in having successfully brought to justice offenders' charged with arson ( four cases ), that

they made him a valuable presentation of plate. In January, 1894, he was appointed by **Sir George Dibbs** to the commission of the peace. Mr. Lynch has now reached the age of 63 years. He was born at Mungret, near the city of Limerick; but his father having been removed to Kerry whilst he was an infant, he has always claimed Kerry as his native country.

His first start in life was at the age of 15 years, when, in a competition, he gained an appointment as assistant teacher in one of the Irish National Schools. This was a probationary appointment, which was confirmed a few months later, and at the time he joined the Irish Constabulary he had obtained two stages of promotion and was under orders for the training school in Dublin. But he followed in his father's footsteps, and took to police work in preference to the hum-drum life of a teacher.

In the early part of 1857 he formed the acquaintance of a young lady. ( now his wife ) who was leaving for New South Wales, This young lady some two years after paid his passage to this country. They married, and Mrs. Lynch is still his companion in life and the mother of a large family. In the early sixties Mr. Lynch was appointed gold receiver at Goulburn, and he held this position during the whole time he was there. When the fields were in full work his Iron safes were frequently unable to hold all the gold placed in his keeping, and it happened at times that he had boxes of gold, aggregating in value £10,000 stowed away under his bed, and this in an old wooden police station.

<b>Coffee pot</b>	
<b>Type</b>	Museum Collection

<b>Registration Number</b>	2005/184	
<b>Creator</b>	R. Broadhead & Company	<i>Silverware Manufacturer</i>
<b>Date Created</b>	1888	
<b>Place of Creation</b>	United Kingdom	
<b>City</b>	Sheffield	
<b>Physical Description</b>	Tall coffee pot, possibly Britannia ware/Plated silver. Hinged oval lid at top with ivory oval lid handle. Engraved borders and decorations with engraved dedication at bottom front. Handle and spot attached separately. Makers stamp at base	
<b>Subject Classification</b>	BEVERAGE LAW	

William Carter Lynch 1839 – 1923, Born in Limerick Ireland, son of a school teacher. Joined Irish constabulary and in 1859 migrated to Australia. After moving to Goulburn from Sydney, William became a clerk in the Mounted Police during the gold rush. He was described in police records as being 5'8" tall, blue eyes, brown hair, and a fresh complexion. His general appearance was described as smart & active. Constable 1860, Senior Constable March 1862, Sergeant November 1862, Senior Sergeant 1863, retired as Superintendent in 1902. Father of 10 children (see object file)

Makers info: Broadhead Rogers, silver plated ware, &c. manufacturer, (Broadhead and Atkin;)

house: West bank, Glossop road. From A

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#### Notes

Britannia Ware Sometimes called Grade A Pewter. It consists of tin, antimony and copper. Widely used in the mid-part of the 19th century for ornate hollowware, it is now used as a base metal in the modern plated hollowware industry.

Death certificate cause of death: Syncope (SIN'ko-pe) is temporary loss of consciousness and posture, described as "fainting" or "passing out." It's usually related to temporary insufficient blood flow to the brain. It's a common problem, accounting for 3 percent of emergency room visits and 6 percent of hospital admissions. It most often occurs when the blood pressure is too low (hypotension) and the heart doesn't pump a normal supply of oxygen to the brain.

**Inscription**

Presented to Police Inspector William C. Lynch, Fire  
Insurance Companies  
Newcastle, N. S. Wales  
In recognition of Meritorious Public Services  
June 7th 1888



<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/138314604?searchTerm=%22inspector%20lynch%20%20an%20honourable%20career%22&searchLimits=#>

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**POLICE PROMOTIONS.**

In Friday's " **Government Gazette,**" the promotion of **Police-Inspector William Carter Lynch** to the rank of **hon. superintendent**, and of **Senior Detective William Blackburn** to the rank of **Acting Sub-inspector** are announced. **Superintendent Lynch** is retiring from the control of the **Newcastle division**, while **Sub-inspector Blackburn** is proceeding to **Narrabri** to take charge of the division of which that town is the official centre.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/115856684>

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**MAUD-STREET FIRE.****OPEN VERDICT.**

The inquiry into the Maud-street fire was resumed on Monday morning before. **Mr H. O'Brien, J.P.**

**Mr. A. M. Betts** appeared for **Mr. S. Pritzler** ; **Mr. Thomas** for **Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington.**

**Catherine Pritzler**, recalled, deposed that at the time the alarm was given she said to her mother, " Perhaps I did it; " witness had also said something about matches, referring to having been in the house ; witness did not think she threw a match down ; she had not been hysterical that day ; witness saw the little girl bring the parcel to her father's house ; witness never mentioned about the matches to **Sergeant Avery** or any one else.

**Nellie Pritzler**, neice of the previous witness, said that the

parcel delivered to the house by the girl contained keys ; witness identified the tag as that attached to the keys when returned ; witness thought there had been bad blood between Mrs. Hetherington and Mr. Pritzler ; witness remembered her aunt saying to her grandfather on the night of the fire, " I must have done it and dropped a lighted match; " witness's aunt was then hysterical.

**Kathleen Kidd** deposed that the writing on one of the letters was Mrs. Hetherington's.

**Simon Pritzler**, recalled, said he was for **33 years in the police force** and 12 years in the British army ; his father was born in Germany ; witness never heard any conversation such as sworn to by Mrs. Hetherington as to Germans ; witness had not previously heard of the matches alluded to ; he was a friend of Mr. Lynch, the handwriting expert.

**William Carter Lynch, retired police-superintendent**, said that he had made a **study of handwriting** ; he would say that the writing on the key-tag was not Pritzler's. ( Witness described the differences in detail between the writing on the various exhibits. )

**Albert Joseph Evans**, who shared the house in Sydney Road occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington, stated that Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington were at home on the night of the fire ; witness passed their bedroom window at 11 p.m. and saw them in bed.

**Sgt. Avery** gave details respecting his discovery of the fire ; the flames first appeared on the eastern side ; witness gave the alarm, and on asking young Pritzler whether the fire started outside or inside, was told that it started on the right-hand side ; later witness made a careful examination of the wall-plate; witness described the condition of the timbering, and said that the wall-plate was burnt through in one spot ; in witness's opinion the fire started there ;

witness walked round the building when he first arrived, and could see nothing to lead one to suspect that the fire was lit from the outside ; witness found that Miss Pritzler had been at the place with a candle and matches ; in witness's opinion the skirting where the fire started would have taken two or three hours to burn through ; when witness knocked at Pritzler's door Miss Pritzler was crying ; the side of the hose where the fire was said to have started was next to Pritzler's place.

To **Mr. Thomas**: There would be the same facilities for an incendiary on the other side and no fear of detection.

This concluded the evidence.

The Coroner returned an open verdict.

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Goulburn Evening Penny Post

Wednesday 5 July 1939

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### **MR. J. LYNCH Public Figure Passes**

Mr. **Joseph Michael Lynch**, one of Goulburn's best known citizens and for many years secretary of the **Pastures Protection Board**, died at the **Goulburn District Hospital** at 8 o'clock this morning. He was **62** years of age.

For the past 12 months Mr. Lynch had been in failing health and, after undergoing medical treatment in Sydney, returned to Goulburn and on April 29 entered the District Hospital, where he remained until the time of his death.

Although it was known for some time that he was seriously ill, the news of his death this morning came as a great shock to his relatives and many friends in this city. A native of

**Goulburn, Mr. Lynch was born at his home, "Summer Hill."**

His father, the **late Senior Sergeant William Carter Lynch**, came to Goulburn **during the sixties ( 1860's )**, and later founded the home now occupied by the surviving members of his family. In **1884**, when Mr. Lynch was still a boy, his father was transferred to the **Newcastle police district**, where he ultimately attained the **rank of inspector**, and **finally superintendent**.

Mr. **Joseph Lynch** was educated at the Sacred Heart, College, Maitland, where he matriculated. He later joined the service of a banking company, and **on the retirement of his father from the Police Force**, he returned to Goulburn to make his home.

He was best known in Goulburn and District for his work in connection with the Pastures Protection Board, of which he was secretary. On January 10, 1917, a meeting of the directors of the board was held, and it was decided to appoint Mr. Lynch to the secretaryship in succession to Mr. J. J. Roberts, who had retired. Prior to that Mr. Lynch had held the position of assistant secretary.

At that time the offices of the Board were situated in Montague Street and Mr. Lynch had retained his associations with the body since his appointment. He attended his first meeting in the capacity of secretary on June 20, 1917. Mr. Lynch proved a very popular official and his genial nature made him well liked and respected by the district graziers who came in contact with him during his term of office.

Throughout his life he maintained a keen interest in public affairs and was associated with several bodies up till the time of his death. Soon after his return from Newcastle he became associated with the Goulburn Liedertafel, and up to the last he acted as treasurer of the Trust. On Friday last he performed one of his last duties by signing a cheque for the committee. He was also one of the society's trustees.

His association with the society extended over the past 20 years, and in the early days he was responsible for the 3d a week fund, which provided £100 to enable the society to build the present Lieder Hall. He also took an active part in some of the early stage productions and concerts. Together with the late Charles Holloway and Lee Hunt, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Wm. Bladwell formed the trustee committee, of which. Mr. Bladwell is now the only surviving original member.

### **WORK FOR FOOTBALL**

By the death of Mr. Lynch the Goulburn Rugby Football League has lost one of its oldest and most enthusiastic supporters. When the League code was introduced in Goulburn more than 20 years ago he became the first patron, and had held that office ever since, while some years ago he was created a life member in recognition of his long and loyal service. A foundation member of Group 8, he was patron of that body and also a life member.

In the days of the old Christian Brothers' Club, one of the leading clubs of that time, Mr. Lynch held office, and in that capacity did much to further Christian Brothers' interests. At the same time he had always manifested a keen interest in the Christian Brothers' primary school team.

Until his health began to fail he devoted himself wholeheartedly to football, regularly attending meetings of the G.R.F.L. committee and rarely missing a match in which the representative team participated. He had a sound knowledge of the Rugby League constitution and frequently assisted both the Group and League in surmounting knotty problems. One of the prime movers in the G.R.F.L. securing its own ground, he worked assiduously towards this and the assistance that he was able to give contributed materially to Rugby League Park becoming an established fact. He was a trustee of League Park.

He was keenly interested in most other branches of sport,

trotting attracting a good deal of his attention. As a member of the Goulburn Trotting Club he acted as honorary auditor for many years and in his younger days bred several trotters. Among other activities, Mr. Lynch also found time to become associated with the Goulburn A., P. and H Society, and had been a member of that body for many years. In spite of his varied public duties, Mr. Lynch always interested himself in anything relating to the social work of the Catholic Church in Goulburn, and up till the time of his last illness was an active member of the congregation.

Mr. Lynch, who was unmarried, is survived by three brothers, William and James (Newcastle) and Christopher (Sydney), and three sisters, Mrs. Sheehy (Sydney) and Misses Bridget and Julia Lynch (Goulburn). A solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul's Cathedral at 7 o'clock tomorrow and the funeral will leave the Cathedral for the Kenmore Cemetery at 3 p.m.

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# Louis Godfrey PETHER

21/03/2024

## Louis Godfrey PETHER

Late of ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 'Q' 6909

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 – appointed 16 December 1895

Detective

Sergeant 2nd Class

**Final Rank** = Detective Sergeant 2nd Class

**Stations**: ?, North Sydney ( 23 years ), Sydney CIB ( from 1919 – death ) – Death

**Service**: From 16 December 1895 to 21 August 1923 = 27+ years Service

**Awards**: No find on It's An Honour

**Born:** ? ? post 21 Aug 1867 in Victoria

**Died on:** Monday 20 August 1923

**Age:** 55

**Cause:** Suicide – Firearm – “possible”  
Service weapon

**Event location:** Toilet, Police  
Headquarters, Sydney

**Event date:** Monday 20 August 1923

**Funeral date:** Wednesday 22 August 1923

**Funeral location:** ?

**Wake location:** ?

**Funeral Parlour:** ?

**Buried at:** Rookwood Cemetery, Rookwood

Zone C, Section 07, Row ?, Grave 883

Interred in the same grave:

Olivia May PETHER, aged 58, Interred on  
23 Sept 1927

**Memorial located at: ?**



Grave of Detective Sergeant 2nd Class Louis Godfrey PETHER & wife – Olivia May PETHER

LOUIS GODFREY

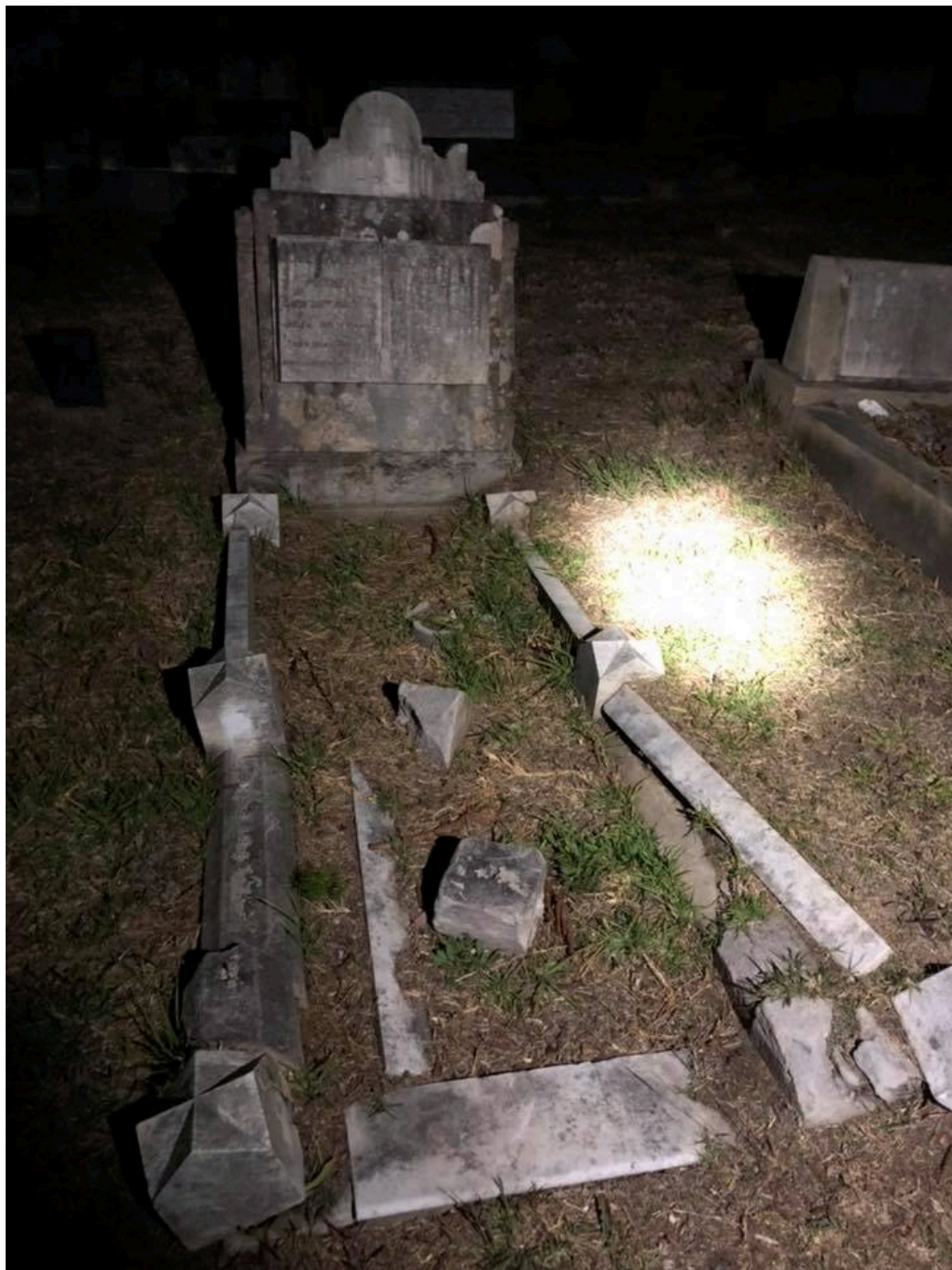
PETHER

DIED 20<sup>TH</sup> AUG 1923

AGED 55 YEARS

THEY MISS HIM MOST

WHO LOVED HIM BEST



[alert\_yellow]**LOUIS** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance[/alert\_yellow] \*NEED MORE INFO – BUT MOST PROBABLY SHOULD BE

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**Grave location: TBA**

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**FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ABOUT THIS PERSON, THEIR LIFE,  
THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION TO Cal

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**May they forever Rest In Peace**

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*The Examiner* newspaper dated 21 August, 1923 reported the following account of the death of Detective Sergeant Pether.

***Detective Found Dead, Sydney, Monday.***

***Detective Sergeant Louis Godfrey Pether*** was found dead to-day in a lavatory at the police headquarters, Sydney. He had a bullet wound in his head, and an automatic revolver was lying by his side. He was aged 56 years, and had been in the New South Wales Police Force since 1895.

**The Sun** of 23 August, 1923 shed a little more light on the tragedy.

## **“DRIVING ME MAD” – Detective Pether’s Suicide**

**Detective-Sergeant Louis Godfrey Pether** committed **suicide** at Police Headquarters last Monday while suffering from **mental aberration**. This was the verdict recorded to-day by the City Coroner (Mr. Jamieson).

**Pether** contracted **influenza** two years ago and never recovered. Chest trouble developed, and he suffered from **defective memory**. Early last Monday morning Pether remarked to **Detective Bowie** that his illness was **driving him mad**. A few seconds afterwards a revolver shot was heard, and **Pether** was found unconscious in the basement and bleeding from a wound behind the ear.

Pether died before he reached Sydney Hospital.”

The sergeant was born about 1867 and joined the New South Wales Police Force about 1895. At the time of his death he was attached to the Sydney Criminal Investigation Bureau, and had previously been stationed at North Sydney.

(Beyond Courage)

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Up to the time Pether was compelled to take special leave, owing to sickness, he did special work for the Crown Law Department.

He was also a brother of Harry PETHER of Talbingo Hotel.

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Maitland Weekly Mercury (NSW : 1894 – 1931), **Saturday 25  
August 1923**, page 14

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**FOUND SHOT.**

**DEATH OF DETECTIVE PETHER.**

**Detective Sergeant Louis Pether** was found dead with a bullet wound in his head in the lavatory at police headquarters, Sydney. He had been indisposed for some time, and had been away from duty for several

months. He visited the office this morning to make application for work at a country station. For the last five years, deceased had been attached to the criminal investigation department.

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Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954), **Tuesday 21 August  
1923**, page 9

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## FOUND SHOT.

### DETECTIVE-SERGEANT PETHER.

Early yesterday morning Detective-Sergeant Louis Godfrey Pether was found lying in the lavatory, at the police headquarters, at the corner of Hunter and Phillip streets, with a bullet wound in his head. An automatic revolver was lying at his side. The Civil Ambulance conveyed him to the Sydney Hospital, where Dr. Taylor pronounced life extinct.

Detective-Sergeant Pether, "who was 56 years of age, joined the police force in 1895, and for 23 years was stationed at North Sydney. In 1919 he was attached to the Criminal Investigation Branch. For several months past he had been in bad health, and had intended going to the country for a holiday. He was regarded as a capable and conscientious officer.

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Evening News (Sydney, NSW : 1869 – 1931), **Thursday 23 August 1923**, page 1

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## FAREWELL MESSAGE

### DETECTIVE'S DEATH "LOSING MY REASON"

**Suicide while temporarily insane** was the Coroners verdict after his inquiry into the death of **Detective Pether** who was

found shot in a lavatory at Police Headquarters on Monday.

**Detective Bowie** said that he saw Pether near the lavatory, and inquired how he was. Pether replied: "I am bad – bad – bad: it is driving me mad!" witness advised him not to give way and asked him to wait a minute, and they would go together to see the doctor. He returned in a couple of minutes, and could not see Pether. There was a report of a shot in the lavatory, and when the door was forced open, Pether was found with a bullet wound in the head.

Pether was taken to Sydney Hospital, but was dead on arrival.

Subsequently witness discovered some pencilled words in Pether's hand writing on the wall of the lavatory.

The message was:-

*" I could not have been treated with more consideration by the doctor and my officers: but I feel that I am losing my reason, having already lost my memory. "* Underneath were the Initials 'G.P'

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