

# Peter James MARTIN

16/10/2024

## Peter James MARTIN

AKA ?

\* Nickname: ?

Late of Kelso ( Bathurst ), NSW ?

Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 081**

NSW Police **Cadet # 1440**

New South Wales Police Force

**Regd. # 9528**

**Rank:** Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy as a Police Cadet on Monday 19 May 1958 ( aged 17 years, 5 months,

26 days )

Probationary Constable – appointed Monday 23 November 1959 ( aged 19 years, 0 months, 0 days )

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed 23 November 1965

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed 23 November 1969

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

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Appears in the 1979 Stud Book but not the 1984 issue

Final Rank: = Senior Constable ?

Stations: ?, South District ( 1965 ), ?

Time employed ( Paid ) with NSW Police: From: Monday 19 May 1958 to ? ? ?c1980 = 22+? years,

Service ( From Training Date ) period: From Monday 19 May 1958 to ? ? ? = ? years, Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = ?

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

Awards: National Medal – granted 15 September 1980 ( SenCon )



Born: Saturday 23 November 1940

Died on: Friday 31 December 1993

Age: 53 years, 1 month, 8 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: ?

Event location: ?, Canberra, ACT

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: Wednesday 6 January 1994

Funeral location: ?

**LIVE STREAM** ?

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Big Hill Uniting Church graveyard, Arthursleigh  
Rd, Big Hill, NSW

Grave Location: Section: Row: 05 Plot: 07

Grave GPS: -34.562461, 150.010382



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Arthursleigh Rd, Big Hill, NSW

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Plot: 07

Grave GPS: -34.562461, 150.010382

Although the grave stone indicates that he is " At Rest  
Middlingbank, Eucumbene, NSW "

Middlingbank is located about the intersection of the  
Middlingbank Rd and Slacks Creek Rd – about 2 kms from  
Buccanderra Caravan Park on Lake Eucumbene, NSW.

It is 'assumed' & most probable ( that Selina is his mother because of the age difference ),

his Mother – Selina May MARTIN ( nee THOMPSON )( Born 1913 – Died 1988 ) is located in the grave at the head of his Marker at Big Hill, that Peter was Cremated and his Ashes scattered at Eucumbene at a location they called Middlingbank and that Peter's Marker ( at the foot of Selina's grave ) is a Cenotaph.



Grave of Selina MARTIN – 'assumed' to be the mother of Peter James MARTIN

[http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/cemetery/southern\\_highlands/big\\_hill/bhls069.html](http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/cemetery/southern_highlands/big_hill/bhls069.html)

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/180011580/peter-james-martin>

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this time ( October 2024 )

PETER is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance  
\*NEED MORE INFO

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**CLASS 081**

4 row ( l to r ):

**L. C. Bennett; D. W. Stolle # 9460; M. W. Kirk # 9512; R. C. Landers; B. Symons; A. Southall # 9527; John C. Dunbar # 9482; Peter J. Martin # 9528; B. K. Leaney # 9533; D. W. McLaughlin; J. R. Dorsett # 9498; P. W. Medway # 9444; J. McGregor # 9518;**

F. J. **Ryder** # 9506; Ray. N. **Morris** # 9517; P. R. **Clemson** # 9523; J. O. **Parry**; P. J. **Woodward** # 9478; D. C. **Newton** # 9480; Rod. L. **Power** # 9477; A. W. **McDonald** # 9510; B. A. **Kearns**; P. R. **Leembruggen** # 9530; R. G. **Dunn**.

3rd row ( l to r ):

E. H. **Williamson** # 9507; Syd. K. **Isedale** # 9490; T. G. **Purcell** # 9468; Allen J. **Murphy** # 9509; A. P. **Lynch** # 9500; R. W. **Stone** # 9488; M. C. **Adams**; H. J. P. **Munro** # 9484; J. E. **Hawley** # 9522; S. C. **Heckenberg** # 9487; H. T. **Auliff** # 9464; Barry A. **Melouney** # 9492; M. R. **Turk** # 9526; Anthony C. **Frost** # 9516; C. A. **Hermanson** # 9525; Edward ( Ted ) F. **Doherty** # 9446; W. **McCormick** # 9529; Ken. J. **Williams** # 9461; M. C. **Moy** # 9449; K. G. **McNeill** # 9455; A. D. **Morris** # 9469; R. L. **Scarf** # 9457; J.R. **Press** # 9462; R. J. **Mahoney** # 9514.

2nd row ( l to r ):

J. J. **McNamara** # 9465; T. J. **Webber** # 9504; B. A. **Bennett** # 9453; J. F. **Bostock** # 9535; R. N. **Thornett**; W. A. **Allan**; K. J. **Hall**; Mick R. **Hay** # 9452; Ken. **Waters** # 9494 or 9505; Keith **Waters** # 9494 or 9505; G. N. **Crouch** # 9532; R. C. **Rogerson** # 9536; D. S. **McAfee** # 9459; G. A. **Wilson** # 9470; B. **Garland** # 9511; J. **Peterlin** # 9503; Thom. C. **Coleman** # 9496; R. J. **Canning** # 9473; Victor A. **Schweikert** # 9458; R. **Pearson**; B. **Kerrison** # 9485; J. G. **Kinnane**; L. R. **Kriss** # 9483.

Front row – seated- ( l to r ):

Sergeant 3/c. Ben **Hall**; C. C. **Greenham**; G. R. **Gibb** # 9445; R. C. **Jenner** # 9486; J. C. **McGingley**; Darcy W. **Cluff** # 9463; R. J. **Graham** # 9467; David E. **Nelson** # 9481; F. B. **McGoldrick**; Ernest G. **Mercer** # 9515; E. W. **Kelly**; J. **Kelly** # 9531; Sergeant 1/c. **Sligar** # 8146; Sergeant 1/c. **Barber** # 4474; Sergeant 3/c. **Porch**; Miss. Sylvia W. **Paul** # P/W 0038; Mrs. Eileen. M. **McLean** # P/W 0037; Miss. June W. **Fielding** # P/W 0039; S. **Favot** # 9493; J. P. **Boon** # 9519; L. E. **Ervine** # 9497; R. T. **Milligan** # 9479; Denis W. **Wardrobe** # 9456; D. C. **Rugers**; H. V. **Clarke**.

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Recently, in October 2024, I was again driving aimlessly in Goulburn PAC area and came across this graveyard.

I actually forgot that I have been here back in 2006.

I took a new photo of the Grave Plate and Plot and have now done, as much as I can, as a Memorial Post.

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15 October 2024

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### **SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2006**

In the yard of a small Church at a place called ( Goulburn Police Patrol ) 'BIG HILL' WE STOPPED AT A CHURCH AND TOOK A FEW GRAVE PHOTOS IN THE Cemetery BEFORE HEADING OVER TO TARALGA AND THEN BACK TO GOULBURN.

THIS PLAQUE HAS THE NSW POLICE CREST BADGE ON THE UPPER LEFT CORNER. ☐☐I DON'T KNOW THE STORY BEHIND IT AT THIS STAGE.

**020108:** Note added:

We were driving around aimlessly one day (090406) in the depth of Goulburns' Patrol and we came upon this small Church at a place called 'Big Hill'. ☐☐Nothing there except for this Church and a few headstones.

One of the headstones had the NSW Police Crest on it – together with another Crest – which is the Free Masons Crest.☐☐ Even though it is relatively a new grave – the fact

that it has the NSW Police Crest was interesting.

I have no idea who he was, where he was Stationed etc or what the reference to Eucumbene is. I assumed that he has a Head Stone at 'Big Hill' (Goulburn / Taralga) but is buried at Eucumbene.

But Peter James Martin was only 53 when he died and died on New Years Eve. I did a "Google" search on him but didn't find any information on him.

**Plaque location:** row 5 plot 7

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**9 April 2006**

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\* 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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First published 9 April 2006.

Updated 2 January 2008

Updated 15 October 2024

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# Geoffrey Ernest SHEATHER

16/10/2024

## Geoffrey Ernest SHEATHER

AKA ?

Late of ?

“possible” relation in ‘the job’: ?

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

New South Wales Police Force

**Regd. # 2081**

**Uniform # 2540**

**Rank:** Commenced Training “possibly” at Belmore Barracks Police Academy on Monday ? ? ?

Probationary Constable- appointed 12 May 1925 ( aged 21 years, 0 months, 7 days )

Constable – appointed 12 May 1926

Constable 1st Class – appointed 28 May 1937

Detective – appointed ? ? ? ( N0 )

Senior Constable – appointed 20 July 1945

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

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 10 April 1947

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 1 March 1953

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 1 April 1956

Inspector 3rd Class – appointed 17 December 1959

Inspector 2nd Class – appointed 12 June 1961

**Final Rank:** = Inspector 2nd Class

**Stations:** Depot ( 12 May 1925 )

**Southern District:** Burrowa ( 24 December 1925 – 23 November 1926 )

Ariah Park ( 24 November 1926 – 7 April 1927 )

Temora ( 8 April 1927 – 15 August 1927 )

Tallimba ( 16 August 1927 – 2 January 1928 )

Ardlethan ( 3 January 1928 – 13 January 1928 )( Temporary )

Nimmitabel ( 14 January 1928 – 7 November 1928 )

Queanbeyan ( 8 November 1928 – 7 November 1930 )

Yass ( 8 November 1930 – 13 August 1934 – 26 May 1938 )

Goulburn ( Cancelled )( General Duties )

**North Eastern District:** Gosford ( 27 May 1938 – 8 October 1948 ( GDs )

Newcastle GDs ( Cancelled )

**Metro District:** 9 Division ( 9 October 1948 – 13 October 1948 )( GDs )

12 Division ( Hurstville )( 14 October 1948 – 6 June 1949 )( GDs )

18 Division ( Parramatta )( 7 June 1949 – 12 November 1950 ( GDs )

18 Division ( Merrylands )( 13 November 1950 – 1 September 1953 )( O.I.C. )

**Dubbo District:** Cobar ( "A" Class )( 2 September 1953 – 28 May 1954 )( O.I.C. )

**Metro District:** 9 Division ( Burwood )( 29 May 1954 – 8 May 1955 )( GDs )

18 Division ( 9 May 1955 – 18 March 1956 )( GDs )

11 Division ( 19 March 1956 – 9 August 1956 )( GDs )

18 Division ( 10 August 1956 – 25 August 1957 )( GDs )

22 Division ( Liverpool )( 26 August 1957 – 15 October 1959 )(

GDs )

20 Division ( 16 October 1959 – 24 January 1960 ( Temp )( Training )

4 Division ( 25 January 1960 – 24 May 1960 ( Assistant Officer )

22 Division ( 25 May 1960 – 29 June 1960 ( Assistant Officer )

18 Division ( 30 June 1960 – 4 May 1964 )( O.I.C. )

Service: From ? ? ? to 4 May 1964 = ? years Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = ?

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

**Awards:** No Find on Australian Honours system – however,  
Awarded the Police Long Service & Good Conduct Medal – 11  
February 1957

**Born:** Thursday 5 May 1904 in Gundagai, NSW

**Died on:** Tuesday 26 January 1993

**Age:** 88 years, 8 months, 21 days

**Organ Donor:** No

**Cause:** ?

Event location: Castle Hill, NSW

Event date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

**LIVE STREAM** ?

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Plot: ? Section: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this  
time ( May 2023 )

GEOFF is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance  
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Upon joining the employ of NSW Police Force, Geoff was described as:

5' 8.5" tall, 10 st 7 lb in weight with brown eyes, black hair, dark complexion and single.

His previous employment was a Farm & Station Hand; Storeman, Vineyard worker; Horse Breaker; Athlete, Shop Assistant. His religion was C of E.

On the 12 October 1928 he was 5' 9.75" tall and 12 lb 6 st in weight.

On the 9 April 1928 he Married Mary Agnes JOHNSTON at West Wyalong, NSW.

On the 9 November 1928 he went from Mounted duties to Foot Patrol.

On the 26 November 1928 he Passed his Constable 1st Class exam.

On the 14 February 1936 he was found Competent to driver Departmental motor vehicles.

On 3 August 1943 he Passed his Sgt 3/c exam.

On 8 February 1955 he Failed his Sgt 1/c exam but Passed on his second attempt on 7 February 1956.

On 12 February 1957 he Passed his Inspectors exam.

**Noted**, in his Service Book:

*Passed examination on A.R.P. conducted by a N.E.S. Official at Newcastle and now eligible to act as Instructor on A.R.P.*

*Received instruction in operation and servicing of Producer Gas Units.*

No dates recorded for those notes – although file numbers are recorded.

Record of Punishments and Court Proceedings:

**1927:**

**Offence:** Breach Police Rules Sec. IV S.S. 1 Clause (k) that he was guilty of misconduct in making allegations against his Senior Officer ( Constable 1st Class C.S. Brown ) which he failed to substantiate.

**Decision:** Severely reprimanded and cautioned and transferred

to Temora. A further report as to his conduct should be submitted in 3 months. Commissioner of Police 30 March 1927

Deletion of entry approved. W.H.C. Commissioner of Police 17 July 1934

Although this Service Card, ( new card prepared and checked 25 July 1962 ) it does not record the % mark he gained at the completion of his Training Class.

Therefore I am unable to calculate a Class number ( there may not have been actual "Classes" in those early days ) or if he attended Bourke St Academy or Belmore Barracks.

Card sourced via Joe Stanioch.

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As of the 31 December 1925, the NSWPF, including 32 Trackers, number 2,965.

There were 1,044 Constables & 170 Probationary Constables.

During the year the number of applications received for appointment to the Police Service was 1,240, but of this number only 166 were successful/ 881 candidates were rejected for various reasons, while 186 failed to pass the police surgeon's examination.

There were 37 resignations, 49 discharged on pension, 9 deaths.

Source: Police Dept. Annual Report for 1925.

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## Family Tree

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Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney,  
NSW : 1901 – 2001),

**Friday 6 December 1957** (No.160), page 3952

IN the Supreme Court of New South Wales.—Probate Jurisdiction.  
-In the estate of COLIN THOMAS SHEATHER, late of Merrylands,  
in the State of New South Wales, clerk.— Letters of  
administration granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales  
on 12th September, 1957.—Pursuant to the Wills, Probate and  
Administration Act, 1898-1947 (Testator's Family Maintenance  
and Guardianship of Infants Act, 1916-1938, and Trustee Act,  
1925-1942), Geoffrey Ernest Sheather, the administrator of the  
estate of the said Colin Thomas Sheather, who died on 17th  
June, 1957, hereby gives notice that creditors and others  
having any claim against or to the estate of the said deceased  
are required to send particulars of their claims to the said  
administrator at the office of D. C. MacLaren, Solicitor, 77  
Castlereagh-street, Sydney, on or before the 19th February,  
1958, at the expiration of which time the said administrator  
will distribute the assets, having regard only to the claims  
of which he then has notice.— Dated the 28th day of November,  
1957. D. C. MACLAREN, Proctor for the Administrator, 77  
Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

1851—£1 5s.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/220359909>

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Evening Advocate (Innisfail, Qld. : 1941 – 1954),

**Wednesday 22 December 1954, page 4**

### Action over a cat's death

SYDNEY. – A 71 year old man was charged by summons in Burwood Court, of Petty Sessions with having needlessly killed a domestic cat.

Dismissing the information Mr. L. E. Stapleton, SM, said, "No doubt this man killed a cat, but I am not satisfied it was done deliberately. "I think it was done accidentally." The man, William Oswald Fowler, of Shaftesbury Road, Burwood, had pleaded not guilty. ' Sergeant Geoffrey Ernest Sheather, of Burwood, said that Fowler told him he had killed a cat. Fowler had said the cat came into his bedroom and he was only trying to catch it and put it over the front fence. BROOM /HANDLE Sergeant Sheather said he asked Fowler why he hit the cat with the handle of a broom. He said Fowler replied: " I tried to hold it down with the head of the broom but it got away from me and I then changed ends of the broom and hit it with the handle. I made a swing as it was running past and caught it behind the ears and killed it ' Mrs. Valma Kathleen Hough, of Russell Street, Strathfield, said she had visited her sister, Joy Ellen Chambers, of Shaftesbury Road, Burwood, and had gone looking for the cat, which had belonged to her sister. Mrs. Hough said she saw Fowler hit he cat eight times. She had later taken the cat's body out of Fowler's garbage tin and telephoned the police.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/212430822>

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Yass Tribune-Courier (NSW : 1929 – 1954),

**Thursday 19 July 1934, page 2**

CONST. G. E. SHEATHER Transferred To Cooma

**Constable Geoffrey Ernest Sheather** who has been in **Yass** for nearly four years has received notice of his transfer to **Cooma**.

**Constable Sheather** is at present on leave.

His transfer at this juncture is not very convenient, as he has just had an addition to his family.

**Constable Sheather** was formerly stationed at **Queanbeyan** and **Braidwood**.

It is not known who his successor will be, but probably constable from Cooma or Goulburn.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/249518756>

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Gosford Times and Wyong District Advocate (NSW : 1906 – 1954),

**Thursday 12 October 1939, page 4**

Accidental Death

**WOMAN KILLED BY TRAIN WHILE WALKING HOME FROM CHURCH FUNCTION**

At the conclusion of the inquiry yesterday into the death of Miss **Gladys Viti Monckton**, 51, a native of Fiji, and of independent means, who had resided for the past four months at Point Clare, the District Coroner, Mr. C. J. Staples, returned a finding of accidental death.

The Coroner added that no blame was attachable to the driver

of the train.

Miss Monckton, while walking along the railway line to Point Clare shortly after 6 p.m. on October 6, was struck by the Inter-city Express and killed instantly, the body being shockingly mutilated.

Dr. J. H. Paul, Government Medical Officer, said that about 6.23 p.m. he went to Point Clare and saw the body of a woman lying on the railway line. The body was badly mangled and the head crushed. Death had been instantaneous, caused through severe head injuries.

**Constable Geoffrey Ernest Sheather** said that blood stains and pieces of flesh indicated that the body had been dragged about 55 yards by the train. A high wind was blowing, making it almost impossible to hear approaching trains

C. Tudor Pile, public accountant, Gosford, said deceased was a cousin by marriage. He had known her about thirty years, and was constantly in touch with her. The last time he saw deceased was about a week ago, and she appeared to be in good health. He identified the body at the Gosford morgue.

Miss Monckton was returning from a party at the Anglican Church, Gosford, when the tragedy occurred. He knew she made a habit of walking along the line, despite the fact that she had been informed it was against railway regulations.

George Frederick Fox, engine driver, residing at Concord, said he was in charge of the Newcastle Express, which struck Miss Monckton. His train passed through Gosford at 5.58 p.m. and when going under the overhead bridge on the Sydney side, two young men ran across the line in front of the train. This attracted his attention and he saw what appeared to be a woman running along the planking boards. The speed of the train was about 60 miles per hour, and he blew a sharp blast, and applied the brakes. He knew he could not stop, but thought the woman would have got clear. Looking back he saw what appeared

to be a dress under the first carriage, and brought the train to a standstill.

The speed of the train at the time of the tragedy was approximately 60 m.p.h., while the permissible speed at the point was 70 m.p.h.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/166933794>

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Numerous other stories available on Trove about SHEATHER.

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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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14 May 2023

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# John James DUNCAN

16/10/2024

## John James DUNCAN

AKA Jack DUNCAN

Late of ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern / Police Training  
College – Penrith / Belmore Barracks Class # ???

New South Wales Police Force

**Uniform # 1252**

**Regd. # 'Q' 2119**

*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  
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**Service:** From ??pre August 1925 ? to 10 May 1941 (   
Resignation ) = 15+? years Service

**Rank:** Commenced Training at Redfern Police Depot on ???

Probationary Constable- appointed Wednesday 12 August 1925 (   
aged 24 years, 2 months, 14 days ) ( Mounted Constable )

Constable – appointed 12 August 1926

Constable 1st Class – appointed 28 May 1937 ( loss of Seniority )

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? ( No such Rank during this period )

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? ( No such Rank during this period )

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ? ( No such Rank during this period )

**Final Rank** = Constable 1st Class

**Stations: Broken Hill Police District:** ( White Cliffs )(28 March 1926 ), Wilcannia ( 17 August 1926 / 18 Nov. 1927 ), Broken Hill ( 26 March 1928 ), Menindie ( LockUpKeeper )( 27 July 1928 / 23 November 1928 / 10 May 1929 ), Torrawangee ( 29 July 1929 / 30 July 1929 / 30 Aug. 1929 ), Broken Hill ( 14 February 1932 ),

**Riverina Police District:** Wentworth (November 1933 ), Wentworth ( 1 January 1936 ), Yerong Creek ( O.I.C. )( 6 August 1936 / 4 Sept. 1936 ), Howlong ( O.I.C. )( 15 December 1936 ),

**Western Police District:** Ivanhoe ( O.I.C. )( 2 July 1938 ) – Resignation 10 May 1941

**Retirement / Leaving age:** = 39 years, 11 months, 11 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 52 years, 2 months, 17 days

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system

Born: Wednesday 29 May 1901

Died on: Tuesday 27 July 1993

Age: 92 years, 1 month, 28 days

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: 3 August 1993

Funeral location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Rookwood Cemetery, Weekes Ave, Rookwood, NSW

Grave Location: Methodist New 1AW, Zone F, Grave 918Y

GPS: -33.87830942069154 151.05342733802868

Buried with his 11 year old son who died in 1945

[codepeople-post-map]



Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this time ( September 2021 )

JACK is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance \*NEED  
MORE INFO

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This is a photo of Linda & Ian Mitselburg's grandfather, **John James "Jack" Duncan**. He was a mounted policeman in Wilcannia in the late 1920s.

We are not sure of where the photo was taken, as he was also stationed in White Cliffs, Broken Hill, Menindee, Howlong, Wentworth and Ivanhoe during his time in the police.

If you have an information that you can give us, it would be greatly appreciated.

Upon joining the NSWPF, Jack was described as:

5' 8.5" tall & 10 stone 8 lb whereas on the 26 June 1935 he was 5' 9" tall & 12 stone 1 lb.

Brown hair and eyes, Dark complexion. He was a native of Adaville near Moree, NSW, and was Single – although he married on the 17 April 1928 and he was previously employed as a Station Hand. He was Methodist.

He sat his Constable 1st Class Examination on the 5 October 1934. He had his First Aid Certificate and was Certified as 'Competent' in relation to driving motor vehicles.

<https://www.facebook.com/BarrierReunion/posts/1191697451192885>

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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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25 September 2021

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# Graham FORBES

16/10/2024

**Graham FORBES**

**aka " Melton " aka " Forbsey "**

**( late of Erskine Park )**

**Goulburn Police Academy class 231B**

**New South Wales Police Force**

**Regd. # 20163**

**Rank: Constable 1st Class**

**Stations: ?, Ermington**

**Service: From ? to 2 August 1993**

**Awards: ?**

**Born: 17 August 1964**

**Died on: 2 August 1993**

**Cause: Pedestrian – MVA at Toongabbie**

Age: 29

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Cremated. Pinegrove  
Cemetery, Sundial Garden



Constable 1st Class Graham FORBES –

Ermington Patrol. Hanging in Granville  
Police Station.



Constable 1st Class Graham  
FORBES – Grave plaque –  
Pinegrove Cemetery

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

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It is believed that Graham was standing at the boot of his vehicle whilst parked outside of an old school mates house, in Toongabbie, when he was struck from behind by another vehicle, resulting in the death of Graham.

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**John Sidney PROOPS**

16/10/2024

# **John Sidney PROOPS**

**New South Wales Police Force**

**Joined NSW Police Force via the Police  
Cadet system on 20 February 1967**

**Cadet # 2256**

**[alert\_yellow]Regd. #  
13782[/alert\_yellow]**

**Rank:** NSW Police Cadet – commenced 20  
February 1967

**Probationary Constable – appointed 26  
June 1969**

**Senior Constable – appointed 26 June 1978**

**Sergeant – appointed 24 January 1985**

**Final Rank:** Sergeant

**Stations:** ?, Lakemba – mid 1970's – ( 13  
Division ), Breath Analysis Section ( B.A.S. ),  
Ashfield ( 1987 ), Enfield ( 9  
Division ) – Death

**Awards:** Queens Commendation for Brave

Conduct ( Imperial ) – **granted** on 24 June  
1977 – ( Cst ) – Apprehend an armed man

National Medal – **granted** 3 September 1985  
( SenCon )

1st Clasp to the National Medal – **granted**  
3 October 1995 ( Sgt )

**Born:** Monday 26 June 1950

**Died:** Saturday 22 May 1993

**Age:** 42

**Event Date:** Saturday 22 May 1993

**Event Location:** Ashfield

**Cause:** Heart Attack during arrest

**Funeral Date:** 23 July 1993

**Funeral location:** Woronora Cemetery

**Buried:** Cremated

**1/ Ashes:** Henry Lawson Garden Walk

Section E, Plot 0012

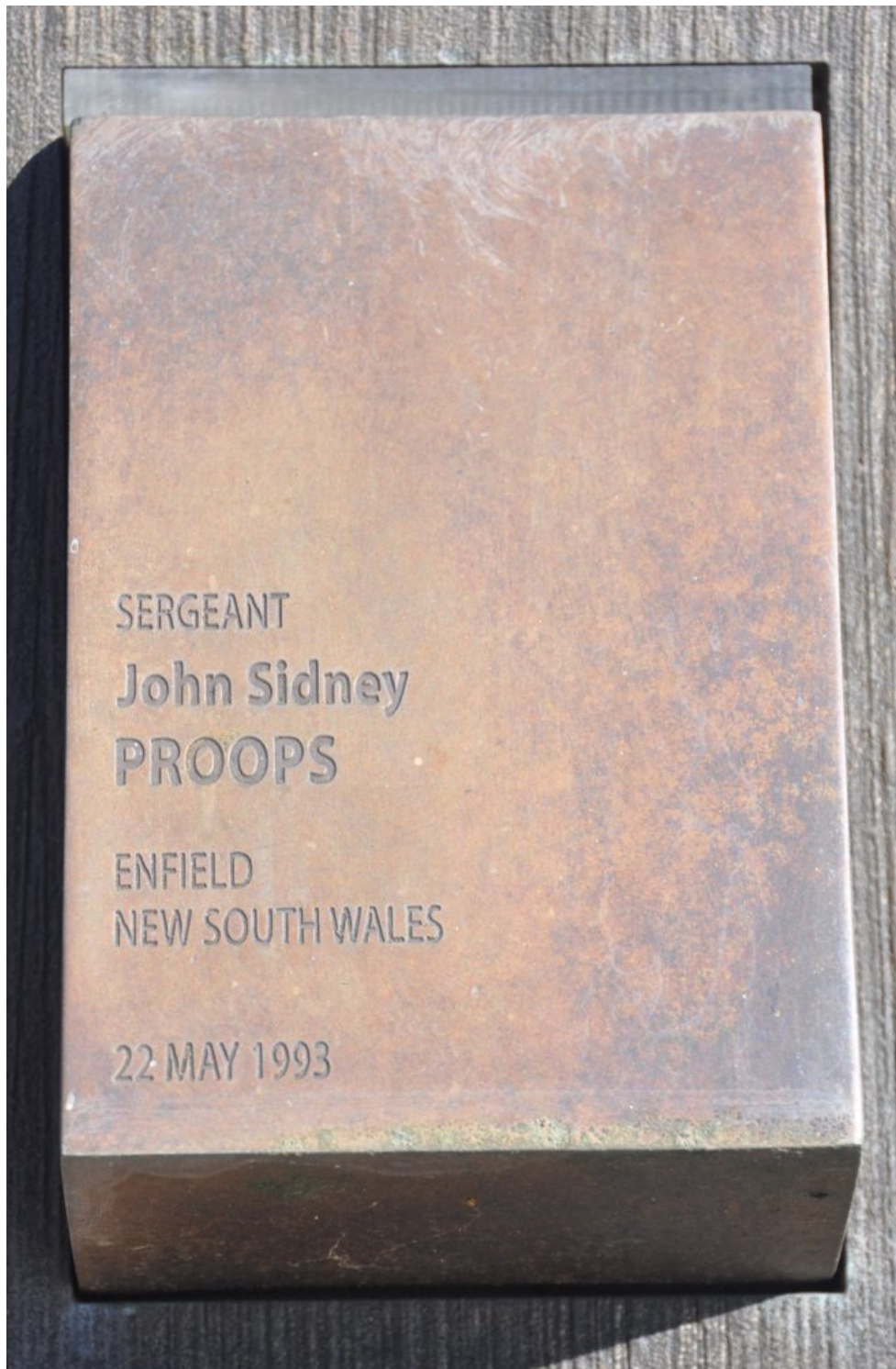
**2/ Memorial location: Woronora Cemetery,  
Police Garden**



John with his son, Warren, PROOPS



John with his son, Warren, PROOPS



John Sidney PROOPS,  
Police National Wall of Remembrance touch pad.

On 22 May, 1993 Sergeant Proops and Probationary Constable Katie Thompson went to a dwelling in Enfield to arrest an offender for a breach of a **domestic violence order**. During a struggle with the offender the sergeant is thought to have suffered a **fatal heart attack**.

**Constable Thompson** attempted to revive the sergeant however she was unsuccessful. He was conveyed by ambulance to the Western Suburbs Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The sergeant was born in 1950 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 20 February, 1967 as a cadet.

At the time of his death he was stationed at Enfield.

## **Beyond Courage**

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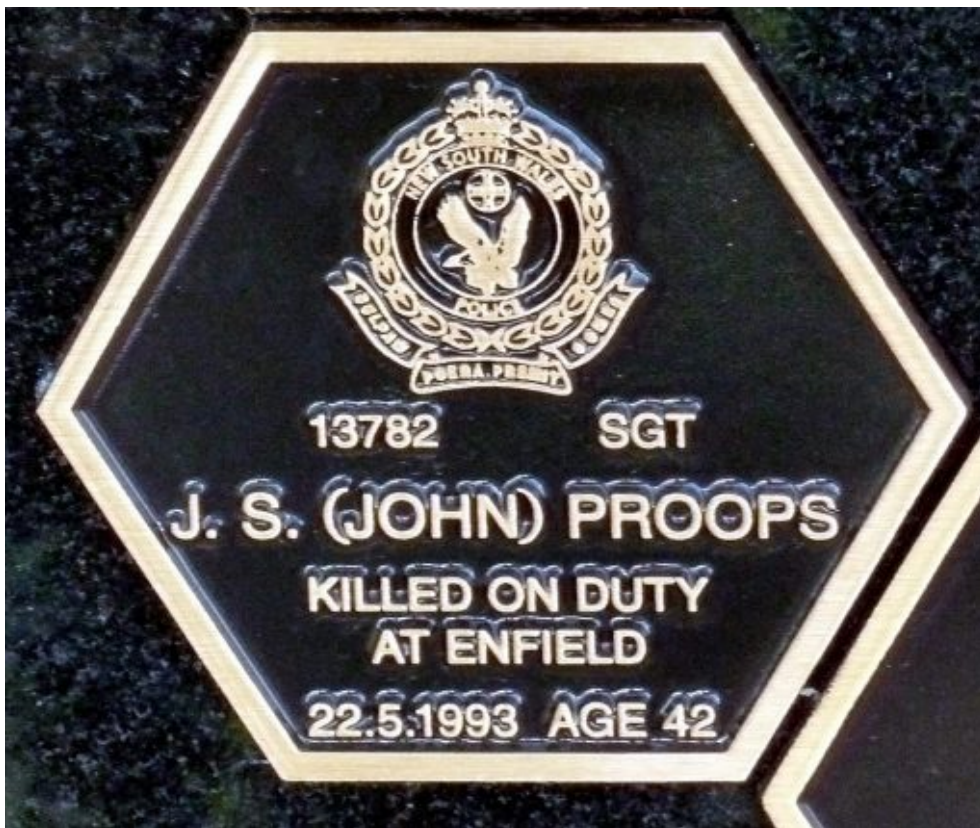
[alert\_green]**John [IS mentioned](#) on the Police Wall of Remembrance**[/alert\_green]

**Note:** It was also interesting to learn that **Sergeant Proops** while attending another domestic dispute some years earlier, survived a **spear-gun wound to his chest**. Apparently, the spear lost much of its penetrating force after striking the sergeant's police notebook in his tunic pocket.

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Henry Lawson Garden Walk E, # 12



Police Memorial Section, Woronora Cemetery



Police Memorial Section, Woronora Cemetery

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### **Youtube Video of the Kokoda Trek**

NSW Police Force

April 7 2019.

At just 10-years-old **Warren** became a **NSW Police Legatee**, when his father, **Sergeant John Proops**, passed away after suffering a fatal heart attack while on duty.

Warren has been part of the NSW Police Legacy family for 25 years and took part in the very first trek to Koko

da. Now, he's returning to the track to help support the team through the physically and emotional journey that is Kokoda.

To support Warren and the NSW Police Legacy team in Papua New Guinea, you can donate here:  
<https://2019kokodatrek.gofundraise.com.au/pa.../MichaelFuller0>

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## **National Police Remembrance Day**

29, September 2000

National Police Remembrance Day has been marked by a minute's silence at services throughout Australasia.

Remembrance Day is held every year on St. Michael's Day, the patron saint of police, for all officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

During the last 12 months, 10 officers have died in the course of their duties in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, the Northern Territory, Papua New Guinea and Fiji.

233 officers have been fatally wounded while on duty in NSW since 1862. Their names are recorded on a memorial dedicated last December in the Sydney Domain.

The Sydney Service has been attended by Police Minister Paul Whelan, Commissioner Peter Ryan and senior members of the NSW Police Service.

During the service candles were lit by Warren Proops, son of Sergeant John Proops who died on 22 May 1996, Eloise and William Heron, son and daughter of Detective Sergeant William Heron who died on 6 January 1999 and Jessica Ede, daughter of Senior Constable Dallas Tidyman who died on 15 August 1994.

NSW Police Commissioner Peter Ryan said the day offers police and members of the public the chance to remember all officers who have lost their lives while serving their community.

"This important day gives us all the chance to pay our respects to these officers and to reflect upon the role in our society that police play," he said.

"Police officers killed in the course of their duty must never be

forgotten.”

<https://webarchive.nla.gov.au/awa/20001028194133/http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/media/detail.cfm?ObjectID=245&SectionID=media>

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The Canberra Times of **24 May, 1993** briefly reported the sergeant's death.

**“POLICE DEATH**

SYDNEY: A police sergeant collapsed and died in a struggle with a man he had been questioning about a domestic dispute in Sydney on Saturday night.

**Another police officer had broken his leg** in a clash later with the man, who allegedly had breached a domestic violence order, a police spokesman said.

Sergeant John Proops, 42, collapsed in the struggle with the 32-year-old man at a house in Enfield.

The man was remanded in Central Local Court yesterday.”

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/126990828>

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**July 4, 1996**

# Police involved in evil business: judge

By **GREG BEARUP**, Chief Police Reporter

A District Court judge launched an extraordinary attack on police yesterday, claiming they had been involved in the "evil" business of judge-shopping.

He said it appeared that many of those involved in the matter before him had lied.

**Judge Phelan**, hearing an appeal by Mr **Stephen Smith** in the District Court, said in a preliminary appraisal of the case that many police had followed a "screed" when giving earlier evidence before a magistrate and when they got beyond the screed their evidence lacked credibility.

There also appeared to have been an assault upon Mr Smith and that no police were able to explain his injuries.

Judge Phelan said if the matter proceeded, and the police witnesses were called against Mr Smith, it would be likely that he would refer a number of matters to the Attorney-General and the Ombudsman alleging that police had fiddled evidence and then lied in court.

The Herald understands that staff from the Police Royal Commission had already shown an interest in the matter.

In May 1993, two police officers went to a house in Enfield where it was alleged Mr Smith had breached a domestic violence order.

It was alleged he had resisted arrest and one officer, **Sergeant John Proops**, had suffered a fatal heart attack.

Police alleged Mr Smith then tried to attack another officer, **Sergeant Southam**, and that **Sergeant Southam** suffered a **broken ankle**.

Mr **Smith** alleges he was tackled into **Sergeant Southam** by other officers and then beaten with a torch. He was later convicted of breaching a domestic violence order, resisting arrest and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

Judge Phelan said yesterday that a doctor's report indicated Mr Smith had an injury to his head, consistent with being hit with a torch, a cut on his forehead, bruises over his body, a broken rib and bruises to his legs.

"... the injuries can only be explained rationally and solely by a police attack upon the appellant which the officers have all denied and this leads to the conclusion that many of the police officers are lying," Judge Phelan said.

He said that a small dog had apparently been kicked in the head and lost its eye during the arrest and that police could offer no explanations as to how this had happened. The dog later died. The judge also stated there had been behind-the-scenes moves to have him removed from the case when it came to an appeal.

"I find it obnoxious and suspicious that there have been police manoeuvres to change the prosecution person [assigned] to these matters," Judge Phelan said.

"If judge-shopping is an evil, as it is, equally evil is prosecution shopping. I also find it obnoxious and suspicious that there have been manoeuvres to have another judge conduct the appeal."

The matter will resume before Judge Phelan in the Downing Centre District Court this morning and it is expected that the Director of Public Prosecutions will then make a decision about offering evidence in the case.

<https://webarchive.nla.gov.au/awa/19970113060325/http://www.smh.com.au/daily/content/Jul/4/national/960704-national2.html>

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Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

**Wednesday 9 June 1976, page 10**

**Book 'saved constable's life'**

SYDNEY, Tuesday. – A notebook in his breast pocket had saved a **policeman's life** when a man had **fired a spear gun** at him, police alleged in **Campsie Court today**.

The police **prosecutor, Sergeant A. Carter**, told **Mr Hayes. SM.** that the **constable** had been trying to arrest the man when the spear was fired from almost **point-blank range**.

Before **Mr Hayes** was **Mr Norman Warren Castle, 53, of Albany Road, Petersham**, who was charged with **shooting Constable John Proops** at Belmore last Saturday **with intent to murder**.

**Sergeant Carter** said it was alleged that **Mr Castle** had smashed a door of a house at Belmore and had menaced the two occupants inside with the loaded spear gun.

Police had gone to the house and **Mr Castle** had allegedly turned on them.

It was alleged he had fired a spear at **Constable Proops** which had struck the officer's **regulation notebook** in the **breast pocket** of his uniform.

**Sergeant Carter** said **Mr Castle** had been taken to Canterbury Hospital yesterday after allegedly swallowing glass.

"The doctors found he had consumed some plastic buttons ' – x-rays taken found no glass or other substances", he said.

People involved in the case "feared for their safety". Further charges could be laid.

Questioned by Mr **Hayes**. Mr **Castle** said he had been “communicating with my dead father”.

Asked how he had been communicating, Mr **Castle** replied, “In my mind ... He has communicated with me before”.

Mr **Hayes** refused bail, adjourned the case for mention to **June 15**, and recommended that Mr **Castle** be physically, and mentally examined.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/131821895>

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# **Adam David BROOK**

16/10/2024

**Adam David BROOK**

## **New South Wales Police Force**

Son of Richard ‘Dick’ BROOK, NSWPF # 9570 ( R.I.P. )

Started at Goulburn Academy with Class **246 on 29 July 1990**.

Attested with **Class 246 on 25 January 1991**.

**Regd. # 28037**

Rank: Constable

Stations: Corrimal ( 82 Division )( GDs ), Bulli ( 82 Division )( GDs ) – Death

Service: From 29 July 1990 to 28 February 1993 = 2+ years Service

Awards: Nil



Adam David BROOK

Born: ? ? 1969

Died: Sunday 28 February 1993

Cause: Suicide – firearm – Service revolver

Event location: inside Bulli Police Station

Age: 24

Funeral date: ? March 1993

Funeral location: Wollongong Memorial Gardens, Berkeley Rd,  
Berkeley, NSW

Buried at: 1st Rose Garden 12, plot 398A

GPS: -34.4646973 150.8534931

<http://austcemindex.com/inscription.php?id=1133597>

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Constable Brook died as a result of a self-inflicted bullet wound at the Bulli Police Station locker room on 30 April, 1993.

Adam is **NOT** mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

**Location of Event:** [codepeople-post-map]

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May you forever Rest In Peace

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Adam David BROOK

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