

George Pearce POCOCK

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Late of 85 Concord Rd, Concord

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 'Q' 7808

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 13 November 1901

Constable 1st Class – Ashfield Electoral Registrar from 15 February 1920

Constable 1st Class – Petersham Electoral Registrar from 1 July 1921

Sergeant – death

Final Rank = Sergeant

Stations: ?, Lock Up Keeper – Ashfield for 10 years (1901? – 1911?), Burwood (1911? – 1922 / where he was promoted to

Sgt), Concord – O.I.C. (1922 – 1929 /
Sgt – death)

Service: From Wednesday 13 November 1901
to 8 December 1929 = 28+ years Service

Awards: ?

Born: 27 February 1879, Sydney, NSW

Died on: Sunday 8 December 1929

Age: 50

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Monday 9 December 1929 @
2.30pm from home

Funeral location: Rookwood Cemetery

Funeral Parlour: Motor Funerals Ltd

Buried at: Rookwood Cemetery, Church of
England

Zone C, Section 09, Grave 3281

Memorial located at: ?



INSCRIPTION:

In ? Memory of
my dear husband
and our father

George Pearce

POCOCK

Died 8th Dec 1929

aged 50 years

also

Florence May

POCOCK

Died 1st April 1962
aged 81 years.

LOWER:

? **William Teasdale**

POCOCK

? ? Middle ?

? 1942 aged 45 years

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Funeral location: TBA

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May they forever Rest In Peace

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Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954), **Monday 9 December 1929**, page 9

FUNERALS.

POCOCK.— The Relatives and Friends of the late **GEORGE PEARCE POCOCK** (late Sergeant of Police, Concord Station) are

invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, 85 Concord road Concord, THIS AFTERNON, at 2.30, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood, Section, by road, per motor service.

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Phone, M6277. 30 City-road, city.

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POCOCK.— The Relatives and Friends of **Mrs FLORENCE MAY POCOCK, Mr. and Mrs. E (Edward). POCOCK, ENID, GLORIA, and WILLIAM (Teasdale) POCOCK** are Invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved HUSBAND and their FATHER, **George Pearce Pocock**; to leave his late residence, 85 Concord road, Concord, THIS AFTERNON, at 2.30, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood, by road, per motor service.

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POCOCK.— The Relatives and Friends of **Mr and Mrs. E. CHILDS** are Invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly-loved **FATHER, George Pearce Pocock**; to leave his late residence, 85 Concord -road, Concord. THIS AFTERNON, at 2.30 for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood, by road, per motor service.

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POCOCK.— The Relatives and Friend» of **Mrs. SARAH POCOCK and FAMILY** are Invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly-loved **SON** and their **BROTHER, George Pearce Pocock**; to leave his late residence. 85 Concord-road, Concord. THIS AFTERNON, at 2.30, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood, by road,

per motor service.

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POCOCK.- P.A.F.S. OF AUSTRALIA, North Strathfield branch, No. 182.-The Officers and Members of the above **Lodge** are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of the late Brother, **GEORGE PEARCE POCOCK**; to leave his late residence, 85 Concord-road, Concord, THIS AFTERN00N, at 2.30, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood, by road, per Motor Service.

H. F. WELLING. W.M..

D. A. REYNOLDS, Secretary,

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Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954), **Wednesday 11 December 1929**, page 21

SERGEANT G. P. POCOCK.

Police-sergeant George Pearce Pocock, officer-in-charge of the Concord police, died on Sunday.

Sergeant Pocock, who was 50 years of age, entered the police force in 1901. He was lock-up-keeper at Ashfield for ten years, and was then appointed sergeant at Burwood. Since 1922 he had been stationed at Concord. He was regarded as a particularly able officer.

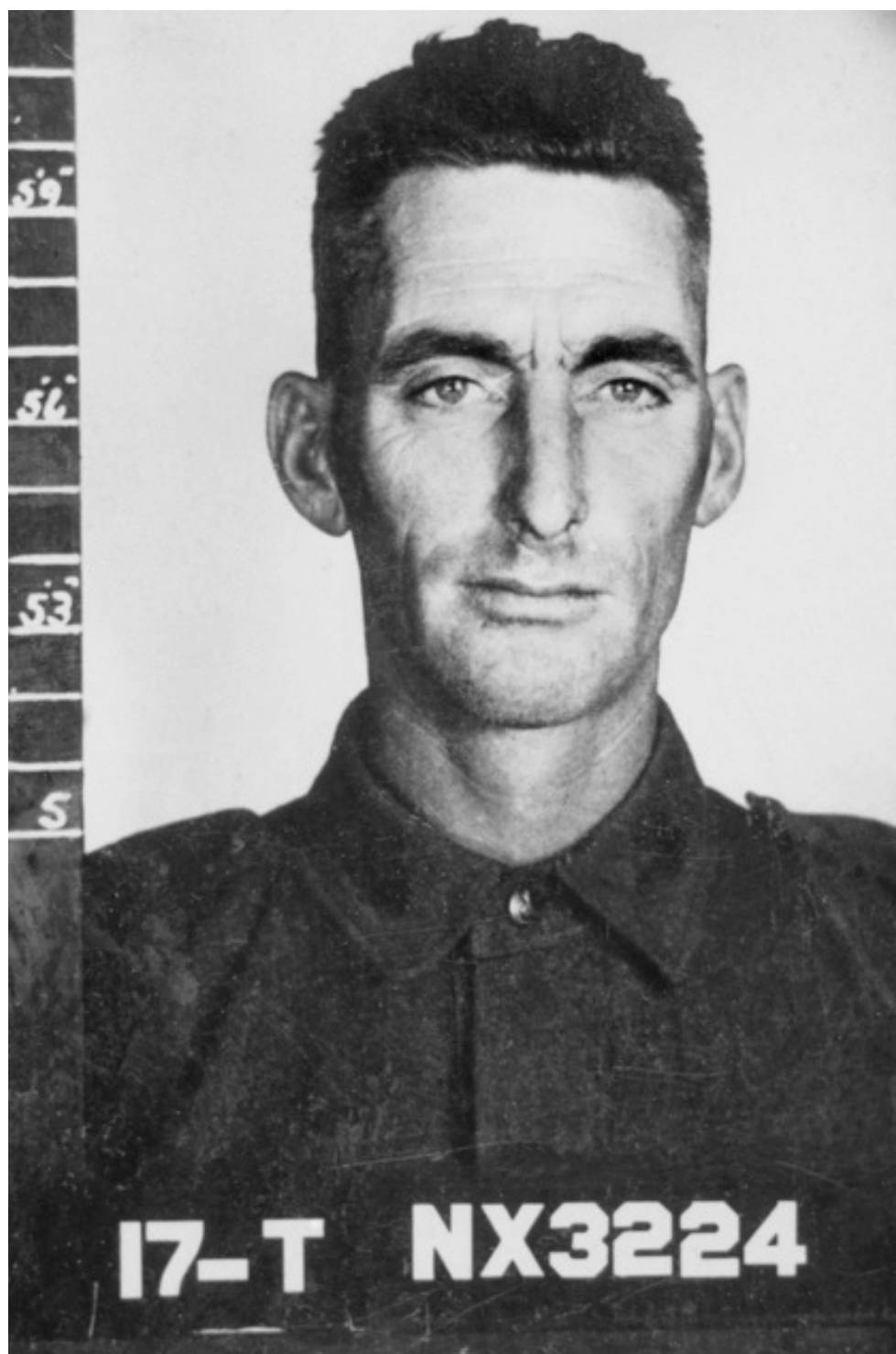
Mrs. Pocock, two sons, and three daughters survive.

The funeral took place at the Rookwood cemetery on Monday.

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SW. Paybook photograph of NX3224 Lance Bombardier Edward Alfred Pocock, 2/3rd Field Regiment, ...



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Edward Alfred POCOCK – son to
George Pearce POCOCK

NSW. Paybook photograph of NX3224 Lance Bombardier **Edward Alfred Pocock**, 2/3rd Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery. Lance Bombardier Pocock, aged 36, died while

defending the island of Crete against the German land and airborne invasion on **30 May 1941**.

He was the son of **George Pearce Pocock and Florence May Pocock**, and the husband of **Esma Lucy Pocock**, of Woollahra, NSW.

He is commemorated on the Athens Memorial Face 10. (Photograph supplied by the Army's Soldier Career Management Agency. Information from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Database.)

<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/C335269>

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Florence Buried at: Rookwood Cemetery, Zone C, Section 09, Grave 3281 but is recorded on the same gravestone as George & William.

No details found for William Teasdale Pocock on the cemetery records

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Edward Harold ALLARD

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(late of Telarah)

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Constable 1st Class

Stations: ?, Redfern (1916 – 1922),
Raymond Terrace (1922 – 1927), West
Maitland Court House (1927 – 1929)

Service: From ? June 1916 to 25 April
1929 = 12+ years Service

Awards: ?

Born: 2 October 1889

Died on: Thursday 25 April 1929

Age: 39

Cause: Typhoid fever

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: Campbell's Hill
cemetery, C of E portion, West Maitland (
Telarah)

Buried at:

Campbell's Hill cemetery, C of E portion,
West Maitland (Telarah)

Memorial at: ?

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Maitland Daily Mercury (NSW : 1894 – 1939), **Monday 25 April 1932**, page 8

IN MEMORIAM

ALLARD. – In fond and loving memory of our dear husband and father, **Edward Harold Allard**, who departed this life on 25th April, 1929, aged 40 years. His smiling face and cheerful ways, Are a treasure to recall ; His loving heart was made of gold, He died beloved by all. Upright and just in all his ways, Faithful and true to the end of his days. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article126676781.txt>

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Manning River Times and Advocate for the Northern Coast Districts of New South Wales (Taree, NSW : 1898 – 1954), **Wednesday 1 May 1929**, page 4

WALLAMBA.

(From Our Correspondent).

OBITUARY. CONSTABLE E. H. ALLARD.

On **Thursday morning last** the sad intelligence was received on the Wallamba that **First-class Constable Edward Harold Allard**, aged 40 years, had succumbed to that dire malady, **typhoid fever**, in the **Maitland Hospital**, where he had been a patient for a **fortnight**.

Deceased was the second son of Mr. H. F. Allard, of **Failford**, and joined the force **about thirteen years ago**, having been stationed for many years at **Raymond Terrace** and latterly at the **West Maitland Court House**.

The funeral took place at **West Maitland**, the remains being interred in the **C. of E. portion** of the **Campbell's Hill cemetery**, when a police funeral was tendered to the departed, thirty-one fellow officers being in procession and four of them conveying the bier to its last resting place. Revs. Woodhouse and Kitley officiated conjointly at the graveside ceremonial and the Oddfellows' burial service was also read by a fellow member, as deceased was a member of the M.U.I.O.O.F.

The chief mourners were the wife and children of deceased and Mesdames Mead, Codey and Miss Annie Allard (sisters), and Messrs Ernest, Gordon and Morton (brothers) and Messrs R. Mead and A. J. Johnson (brothers-in-law), all of whom had arrived prior to death.

The late Constable Allard was a native of Failford and leaves in sad bereavement his wife and three children – Florence Annie (16), Mona (14), and Reginald (13), an aged father, and brothers and sisters.

A large concourse of friends paid the last sad rites, and

sympathy is extended to the bereaved and sorrowing.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article173805347.txt>

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The Maitland Weekly Mercury Saturday 27 April
1929 p8

FIRST-CLASS CONSTABLE ALLARD

The death occurred in the Maitland Hospital on Thursday from typhoid fever of **First-class Constable Edward Harold Allard**, who resided at Telarah. Deceased, who was 40 years of age, joined the police force in June, 1916, when he was appointed to Redfern. After six years' duty, he was transferred to Raymond Terrace, where he remained for a similar term before being removed to West Maitland, nearly two years ago.

He is survived by his wife, two daughter, Florrie and Mona, and one son, Reginald. When the news was received at the West Maitland Police Station, Inspector (*Robert*)Graham stated that, apart from the sympathy felt for the deceased officer's wife and family, he deeply regretted his passing, as it meant the loss of a good man.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/127956411>

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My Heritage family tree

[https://www.myheritage.com/person-1500210_349080211_349080211/
edward-harold-allard](https://www.myheritage.com/person-1500210_349080211_349080211/edward-harold-allard)

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William Joseph LANHAM

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(late of 296 Willoughby Rd, Naremburn, North Sydney)

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Sergeant

Stations: ?, North Sydney, Chatswood,
Paddington,

6 Division, North Sydney Police Station –
Death

Service: From 3 January 1908 to 4
June 1929 = 21+ years Service

Service # 8754. Reel 3043 / Item [
8/3253]

Awards: ?

Born: 23 October 1878 – Gundaroo,

NSW

BDM Ref: 25006/1878

Died on: Tuesday 4 June 1929 about 7am
BDM Ref: 7686/1929

Marriage: BDM Ref: 1167/1904

Cause: Illness

Age: 50

Funeral date: Wednesday 5 June 1929 @
2.30pm

Funeral location: Church of England
Cemetery, Northern Suburbs

Buried at: ?

Memorial at: ?

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Remembrance[/alert_yellow] * NEED MORE INFO.

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About **7am** on **4 June, 1929** Sergeant Lanham finished his shift at the **North Sydney Police Station** and shortly thereafter collapsed and died. The following brief article appeared in The Sun of 4 June, 1929.

AFTER NIGHT'S WORK POLICEMAN DROPS DEAD.

Returning from duty at North Sydney about 7 a.m. to-day, Sergeant William J Lanham of Willoughby-road, North Sydney, collapsed and died. Sergeant **Lanham** had been suffering from **high blood pressure**. He was 50 years of age and had been connected at different times with the North Sydney. In 1914, he and **Inspector Pattinson** and **Detective-Sergeant Miller** and others arrested a gang of desperate thieves at Willoughby. Subsequently he was promoted and transferred to **Paddington**. Last year he was again appointed to **North Sydney**.

The sergeant was born in **1878** and joined the New South Wales Police Force on **3 January, 1908**. He was stationed at North Sydney. He is also variously referred to as **Lanaham, Lanahan** and **Danaham**. He is not listed in the official New South Wales Police Honour Roll.

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The Sydney Morning Herald **Wednesday 5 June 1929** p 13

LANHAM. – The Relatives and Friends of the late

Sergeant WILLIAM JOSEPH LANHAM, of **No. 6 Station**, are invited to attend his Funeral; to leave **Wood Coffill's Funeral Home**, corner **Falcon and Miller streets**, North Sydney. **THIS WEDNESDAY**, at 2.30 p.m., for **Church of England Cemetery**,

Northern Suburbs, Motor Funeral.

WOOD COFFILL LIMITED.

Motor Funeral Directors.

LANHAM.—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs.

MARGARET ANN LANHAM and FAMILY are invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved **HUSBAND** and their **FATHER, Sergeant William Joseph Lanham**; to leave Wood Coffill's Funeral Home, corner Falcon and Miller streets, North Sydney, **THIS WEDNESDAY**, at 2.30 p.m., for Church of England Cemetery Northern Suburbs Motor Funeral.

LANHAM.—The Relatives and Friends of **MICHAEL** and **WALTER REGAN** and Mr. and Mrs. **A. BOWMAN** and FAMILY are invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved **BROTHER-IN-LAW** and **UNCLE, Sergeant William Joseph Lanham**; to leave Wood Coffill's Funeral Home, corner Falcon and Miller streets, North Sydney, **THIS WEDNESDAY**, at 2.30 p.m, for Church of England Cemetery, Northern Suburbs. Motor Funeral.

WOOD COFFILL LIMITED.

LANHAM.—LODGE WILLOUGHBY, 363, U.G.L.,

N.S.W.—Brethren of above and sister Lodges are fraternally invited to attend the Funeral of the late **Wor. Bro. WILLIAM JOSEPH LANHAM**; to leave Wood Coffill's Parlour, Falcon and Miller street, North Sydney, on **WEDNESDAY**, 5th inst., at 2.30 p.m. Brethren meet at Temple, Lane Cove-road. North Sydney, at 1.15 p.m. Regalia.

E. W. DUMBRELL, W.M.; C. FRAZER, Sec.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/16551704>

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The Sydney Morning Herald **Wednesday 5 June 1929** p 14

LANHAM.—June 4, 1929, at his residence, 296 Willoughby-road, Naremburn, William Joseph Lanham, late Sergeant No. 6 Police Station, beloved husband of Margaret Ann Lanham, aged 50 years.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/16551782>

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The Sydney Morning Herald **Wednesday 5 June 1929** p 16

OBITUARY.

POLICE-SERGEANT LANHAM.

On **returning to his home in Willoughby-road** yesterday morning after a tour of night duty, Sergeant William Joseph Lanham, of the **North Sydney police**, collapsed, and died shortly afterwards. Sergeant Lanham, who was aged 50, had **over 22 years' service** in the force, much of his time having been spent in the **northern suburbs**.

After terms as constable in **North Sydney** and **Chatswood**, he was promoted sergeant and transferred to **Paddington**, but a few months ago was again detailed for duty in **North Sydney**, and he did valuable service in the district with which he had an intimate acquaintance.

The funeral will leave **Wood Coffill's parlours** at 2.30 p.m.

to-day for the **Northern Suburbs Cemetery**.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/16551732>

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Alexander Binning WALKER

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(late of Richmond-avenue, Cremorne)

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 1765 ([pre 24 February 1915 which commenced the current Regd. # system](#))

Rank: Mounted Constable – Superintendent – retired

Stations: [?](#), Sydney, Grafton, Armidale, Uralla (October 1867 – 1870), Glen Inness as O.I.C. (1 June 1870 – ?), Wagga (1879 as acting sub-Inspector), Urana (for 8 months)-(Riverina Police District), Walgett (1880 – 1882, sub-Inspector), Gunnedah (short time), Young (for 8 years. promoted to Inspector), Wagga Wagga (1891), O.I.C., South Western District at Deniliquin (Supt. 1896 – ?), Albury (1 year as Supt.), Goulburn (from around 1903 – 1911)

Service: From 4 March 1867 to 31 May 1912 = 45 years of

Service

Ranks: Constable – 1867

Senior Constable – 1 June 1870 – O.I.C. Glen Inness

Sergeant – August 1870

Senior Sergeant – 1874

acting sub-Inspector – 1879

Inspector – 18??

Superintendent – 1896 – 1911

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1847 in Oldbury, near Berrima, NSW

Died: Saturday 30 March 1929

Cause: ?

Age: 81

Funeral date: Monday 1 April 1929

Funeral location: Northern Suburbs Cemetery

according to the cemetery records, there are two Alexander B Walker's buried in the same grave.

One having died on 30 March 1929, the other having died on 21 December 1942.

Buried at: Macquarie Park Cemetery & Crematorium, Delhi Rd,
Macquarie Park, NSW

Church of England, H11, Grave 0056



Alexander Binning WALKER
NSWPF

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

John Solvyns □ N.S.W. Cops: The Old, Bold & Retired.

My wife is a direct descendant of this 'Old & Bold' Constable.

Original publication

Sydney Morning Herald, Monday **1 April 1929**, p 8

Walker, Alexander Binning (1847–1929)

Ex-police Superintendent **Alexander B. Walker**, who killed the notorious bushranger, **Thunderbolt**, died on Saturday at his residence, Richmond-avenue, Cremorne. Mr. Walker had a remarkable career in the police force, rising from the ranks to the rank of superintendent. For three months in **1907** Mr. Walker relieved the late Mr. Garvin as **Inspector-General of Police**. Mr. Walker was **81** years of age.

Mr. Walker was born at **Oldbury, England, in 1847**, and came to Australia when a young man. He enlisted in the mounted police, and when a constable shot **Thunderbolt** dead on **May 27, 1870**, at **Kentucky Creek, near Uralla**. Walker had a thrilling encounter with the bushranger, and after the latter had been shot he grappled with the young constable. During the encounter at Kentucky Creek, Walker's horse fell and Thunderbolt rushed at him with his revolver in his hand. Walker then fired at the bushranger, who rose and attempted to grapple with the constable. The latter then struck Thunderbolt over the head with the revolver. It was Walker's last shot that killed the bushranger.

Thunderbolt, whose name was **Frederick Ward**, was in **1856** at the Maitland Assizes, sentenced to ten years' hard labour for felony. He obtained a ticket of leave, and was again convicted at **Mudgee** in **1861**. While serving a sentence on **Cockatoo Island**, on 11 September **1863** he escaped, in company with another convict named **Frederick Britton**. Ward evaded capture for **seven years** until he was shot by **Constable Walker**.

Mr. Walker was subsequently presented with a public subscription, and received a Government reward of £200. He soon afterwards received promotion, and continued to rise in the service until, in **1895**, he was made **superintendent** at

Deniliquin. He later served in a similar capacity at **Albury** and **Goulburn**.

Mr. Walker is survived by **three sons** and **three daughters**. The sons are **William Robert Walker** (ex-Superintendent of Police, who only some time ago was in charge at **Grafton**), Alexander Walker (manager of the Commercial Bank, Narrandera) and Walter Walker (manager of the Union Bank, Oxford-street). The daughters are the Misses Pearl Walker, Olive Walker, and Mrs. Cedric Fitzhardinge (of Newcastle).

The funeral will leave the residence in **Richmond-avenue, Cremorne**, at quarter past 10 o'clock this morning for the **Northern Suburbs Cemetery**.

NSW State Records:

Service # 1765 Reel 3043 Item 8/3251

<http://srwww.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/searchhits.aspx?table=Registers%20of%20Police&id=31&frm=1&query=Surname:walker>

Goulburn Evening Penny Post (NSW) **Tuesday 31 October**
1911 p 2 of 4

AN HONOURABLE CAREER A SUPERINTENDENT'S REMINISCENCES. HOW THUNDERBOLT DIED.

On **1st December** next Mr. **Alexander Binning Walker**, Superintendent of Police in the **Southern District** of New South Wales, will commence his **six months' leave of absence** prior to retiring from the service owing to the **age limit**. Mr. Walker, although he is in his sixty-fifth year, is still an active and clear-thinking man, and good enough, to put it somewhat crudely, for another ten years' service, but there it is – the inexorable limit.

Mr. Walker has nearly completed forty five years of service, and he leaves behind him an honourable record of which anyone would feel proud. It is the universal rule that there shall be law, and so long as there is law there will be law-breakers. One of the worst of the notorious law-breakers in the history of New South Wales was **Thunderbolt**, and it stands to the great

credit of Superintendent Walker that, single-handed, he faced and overcame the bush ranger who proved such a scourge to society.

Mr. Walker was born at **Oldbury, near Berrima, in 1847**. He joined the police force before he was twenty years of age, and as a **trooper** was sent from **Sydney to Grafton, then Armidale**. After a stay of a couple of weeks he went to **Uralla**. This was in **October, 1867, " the roaring days. "** So that at this time the young trooper was still in his nonage.

He only stayed at **Uralla** for **three years**, but during that time he had plenty of excitement. He was often engaged in **guarding** the **mail** from **Armidale to Tamworth**. One can scarcely realise it now. His regular work, for **four days in the week**, was to guard the mail from **Uralla to Bendemeer**. He was stationed at **Uralla** with **Senior-constable Mulhall**, and while there information was sent from **Mr. Innes Taylor's** property at **Terrible Vale** – the very name jumps one back to the bushranging days – that a suspicious character had been seen at the station. Amongst other information, it was stated the man had a saddle bearing the **brand** of the **Burburget Station**, and this led the police to believe that the suspicious character was **Rutherford**, the bushranger, who had some time previously, in company with **Dr. Pearson**, shot **Senior-constable McCabe** on the **Biree**, at **Goodooga**.

After this outrage **Pearson** went down the river, and was captured by the **Bourke police**, while **Rutherford** came through the **Liverpool Plains** up into **New England**, and so to **Terrible Vale**.

The messenger who brought the information, instead of coming immediately, stayed the night on the station and made the trip to **Uralla** next day. **Senior-constable Mulhall** and **Constable Walker** arrived at the out station where **Rutherford** was expected to be. One of the troopers came at the hut in front, and the other from the rear, thinking that the bush ranger might make a break for it at any moment, but they found the place empty. **Rutherford** had left that morning.

They followed him for **four days**, but on the **Friday night** **Constable Walker** had to leave to take his place **escorting** the **coach** from **Carlyle's Gully to Uralla**. On the **Saturday** they discovered that on the **Thursday night** they had camped within **half a mile** of **Rutlherford!** As **Constable Walker** left the public-house where the coach changed horses at **Carlyle's Gully**, and went out of sight, **Rutherford** rode down the back. He had evidently been watching the coach and the constable. **Rutherford** cleared out again, but was shot **three days later** by the **publican** at **Pine Ridge** while endeavouring to stick up the house.

The story is only an illustration of some of the things that happened in " **the good old days**. " But shortly after there was another and far more dramatic incident – the end of **Frederick Ward**, better known as **Thunderbolt**.

On **24th May, 1870**, races were held at **Uralla**, and there were many visitors and strangers in the township. The next morning was **settling day**. About **3 o'clock in the morning** an excited Italian hawker, **Cappasotti** by name, came into town and reported at the police station that he had been stuck up and robbed near **Blanch's Hotel**, **about five miles from Uralla**. **Senior-constable Mulhall** and **Constable Walker** started out immediately.

It might be **Thunderbolt**, it might be someone else. Before **four o'clock** they were well on the road, **Senior-constable Mulhall**, who was riding a **better horse**, leading the way. He arrived at **Blanch's** about half a mile ahead of **Constable Walker**, and met two men riding grey horses towards **Uralla**. He had little time to ask questions, as one of them **immediately drew** a revolver and fired at the **senior constable**, who exchanged shots. It was still dark at the time. Both the strangers then turned and fled, the **senior constable**-galloping after them. He over took them round the fence surrounding **Blanch's place** and fired, again missing his mark. **Constable Walker** came galloping up, and the senior constable said " *Go ahead and shoot that*

wretch. We have exchanged shots. "

They both pursued the two men. One of them doubled back and the **senior constable** followed him, but lost him in the dark. The man, however, was apprehended shortly afterwards at **Blanch's** as an accomplice. Such was not the case, as it happened.

Thunderbolt had taken the man into his custody, as he wanted the horses he had with him. In the meantime **Constable Walker** had followed **Thunderbolt**. In the excitement the constable's revolver went off, and **Thunderbolt** turned in his saddle and shot at him. The constable returned the fire. It was at this stage that the two men, **Thunderbolt** and the stranger, separated. "*Come on,*" cried **Thunderbolt**, putting the spurs into his horse. "*All right,*" shouted back the *young constable*, nothing loth.

They galloped on, and **Thunderbolt** had another flying shot, which fortunately was resultless. The **constable** fired in reply, but the end was not to come yet. Still they raced on over rough country, both taking risks in the darkness, and never dreaming of the consequences of a fall. Over creeks they went. At the top of a rise out of one of these creeks **Thunderbolt** wheeled round, and it looked for a moment as if he had the **constable** at his mercy, as he came up towards him. The constable fired, and **Thunderbolt** turned, and again the wild race went on.

For a **quarter of an hour** it continued, the **constable's** horse gradually pulling the bush-ranger's. **Thunderbolt** then led the way over a spur down into a creek they could not gallop through. Into the water he dashed, but a shot from the **constable's** revolver **killed the horse**. The **bushranger** was at bay ! **Constable Walker** turned his horse down the stream to cross, and when he came back he found **Thunderbolt** running up the creek. Before he could get to close quarters **Thunderbolt** crossed the stream again at a narrow channel. He stood on the

opposite side until the **constable** came up. " *You had better surrender before you do any harm,* " said **Constable Walker**. " *Who are you ?*" asked the **bushranger**. " *Never mind,* " retorted the **constable**. " *What's your name ?*" " *Walker,* " came the answer. " *Are you a trooper ?*" queried **Thunderbolt**. Being answered in the affirmative, and after a pause, **Thunderbolt** asked " *Are you a married man* " " *Yes,* " came the answer. The two men were facing one another, with a narrow strip of water flowing between them, four or five yards of it, and each had his revolver in his hand. Any moment might mean death to one or both of them.

" *Walker, keep back ! You are a married man !*" came the warning cry from **Thunderbolt** as the **constable** edged forward. " *Will you surrender ?*" " *No ; I'll die first.* " " *All right, you and I for it.* " The **constable** put his horse to the water, head first. While the horse was under the water **Thunderbolt** rushed at the **constable**. A shot, **the fatal one**, rang out from the **constable's** revolver and **Thunderbolt** went under. He rose and grappled, and the **constable** struck him on the head with the **butt of his weapon**. Again the **bushranger** went down, and when he came up the blood rushed from his mouth. **Thunderbolt's** career was over. The shot had passed **through the chest**, and the effect was **not instantaneous**, this accounting for the struggle in the water. **Thunderbolt's** revolver was found in the creek bed with one shot still in it. The **cap had failed to explode**, although the **mark of the hammer was on it**. Had it taken effect there might have been a very different story to relate. Needless to say the courageous behaviour – one might almost call it the reckless disregard of danger – on the part of **Constable Walker** aroused the greatest enthusiasm.

At the inquest **£32** was subscribed in the room, and the warmest feelings were entertained for him at **Uralla**. Of course, the **Government reward of £300** was handed over, but more dear to the heart of the **young constable** was his **promotion, on 1st June**, to the rank of **senior constable**, and being placed in

charge at **Glen Innes**. In **August** he was made **sergeant**.

In **1871 or 1872** the tin mines were discovered, and the number of men stationed at **Glen Innes** was increased from **two to five**. Ordinary police work followed.

While at Glen Innes **Senior-sergeant Walker** effected a clever capture of a notorious character in the person of **Aboriginal Tommy**, while the black had a loaded revolver in his possession. **Tommy** had stuck up some fencers, and after being arrested escaped. It became **Senior-sergeant Walker's** duty to re-capture him. In company with a constable he set about the task. They found **Tommy** working for a **selector**, ring-barking. He was in the **selector's** house at the time of his capture. The **sergeant** and **constable** stepped in smartly, and before **Tommy** was quite aware of what had happened **Senior-sergeant Walker** had him by the breast with a revolver at his head. " *I'll shoot you if you move,* " he rapped out. But **Tommy** did move, and tried to get possession of a revolver in his pocket. The **constable**, however, snapped the handcuffs on. Even then the trouble was not over. They put the black on a horse, but he threw himself off his horse and fought for **six miles**. They had to tie him to a tree while the constable went to **Shanahan Vale** to get a cart. **Tommy** was eventually committed for trial. The charge was that he threatened to shoot the fencers, and he got out on a technical point, as the **Crown Prosecutor** had **failed** to prove the firearm was loaded ! The jury consequently brought in a verdict of **not guilty**. But **Tommy** had not learnt his lesson. He got a horse, and near **Oban** robbed a **digger's** hut, where he also got powder and bullets. He rode into the blacks' camp and **deliberately shot a blackfellow dead**.

The police were after him immediately, and used to give him a chasing now and again, but they never got within sight of him. They had black trackers, but, 'tis said, **Tommy** used to often track them.

One day he stuck up a public house at **Bald Knobson**, the **Glen**

Innes – Grafton road. Two mounted constables, Wainwright and Goodhew, the latter a brother to Senior sergeant Goodhew, of Taralga, were sent out. They followed him, and had an encounter. Tommy was armed with a revolver and a tomahawk. They came on him lying on the ground taking stock of them. "Are you Tommy MacPherson?" asked one of them. "That's the question," said the black. He let drive with the tomahawk, which grazed the back of one of the troopers as he bent down to dodge it. A bullet from the weapon of the other trooper, however, quietened Tommy, who died the same night.

In 1874 Mr. Walker attained the rank of senior sergeant, and in 1879, when the Kelly Gang stuck up Jerilderie, he was promoted to the rank of acting sub-inspector, and sent to take charge of Wagga, during the absence of the sub-inspector there at Albury. On his return Mr. Walker was sent to Urana in charge of a party of police in the Riverina, remaining there for eight months. The police were on the look out for the Kelly Gang, but from then till the time they were captured the gang never re-visited New South Wales.

Mr. Walker went to Walgett in 1880 as sub-inspector, remaining there for two years. After a short stay at Gunnedah he went to Young for nearly eight years, during which time he became inspector. Wagga Wagga saw him again in 1891, and in 1895 he was placed in charge of the South-Western District, with headquarters at Deniliquin. Next year he was made superintendent, the district comprising Broken Hill, the South Australian and part of the Queensland borders. After a year in Albury Mr. Walker came to Goulburn, where he has been for the last eight and a half years, during which time he has had charge of the whole of the South Australian border in New South Wales, the Victorian border, and portion of the Queensland border. During his time Mr. Walker has had men under him who have risen to the rank of superintendent, a fact speaking volumes.

Mr. Walker is the last of "the old brigade" who joined

during " *the sixties*, " and his experience is wide and varied.

Speaking of the police work now, he says it is only **child's play** to what it used to be in the **olden days**, and in a sense one can well agree with him. As for the men of the **Southern District**, Mr. Walker says he leaves behind him a staff of good men, all sober and reliable. " *They are second to none. I am very pleased to say that. I cannot specialise any of them. They are all good.* "

Mr. Walker will finally retire on **31st May**, and by next March he will have completed **forty five years** of service.

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Charles BEATTIE

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New South Wales Police Force

Died: 25 August 1929

**Buried: St Bartholomew's Church,
Prospect, NSW.**

Subject: police and st bartholomews

Black granite desk with marble plaques

4 4 1855 Charles was born in Bervie Kincardine Scotland, son of James Beattie and Mary Watts

1881 census Kincardineshire Scotland[1]

Charles 25 born Brevie Scotland farm servant

Agnes 22

Charles 7 months

24.3.1887 Charles and his wife Agnes McCombe emigrated to NSW on the *Abyssinia*, on board with Charles and Agnes were 3 children, Helen, Charles and William. A daughter was born on the journey.[2]

Charles was listed as a farm servant, born Kincardine, Presbyterian; he was to join his brother in Sydney[3].

Four children were born in NSW [4]

1891 Harold died 1891 buried in Sect 1

1892 Olive M,

1895 Dorothy A,

1902 James died 1904 buried in Sect 2.

Charles joined the NSW police as a constable on 17.11.1887. Prior to this he worked as a labourer. Charles became the Prospect Police Constable, he travelled on horseback, He was described as being 5 feet 8 and an half inches tall, with light brown eyes, brown hair and fresh complexion.

1889 Constable Beattie went to the Chinese gardens at Prospect to serve a summons on Hing Foo. Joseph Backhaus the complainant in the summons then identified Hing Foo and the summons was served, when the matter appeared in court the defendant was not the man Beattie had served[5]

1893 Constable Beattie of Prospect visited Blacktown once or twice a week, generally on a Saturday he usually walked over and before the hotel on the Blacktown Road closed he needed to visit there occasionally[6]

1901 census Charles Beattie of Western Road Prospect

1903 electoral role Charles was noted as 'police constable' of the Western Road Prospect, Agnes was noted as domestic duties of Prospect

He was promoted to 1st class constable and retired just after leasing his property to the Police force. The police station was located in a weatherboard cottage on the Western Road, and

was rented from Charles from 1.3.1915 to June 1920. The rent was 15 shillings a week[7]

After leaving the police force Charles lived at Seven Hills in a cottage beside Seven Hills Road South, close to Australorp Ave

As Prospect Police Constable, Charles was required to visit Blacktown on a daily basis.

Charles was one of the 2 supervising police officers at the first election held for the Blacktown Shire Council[8]

1907 Constable Charles Beattie was appointed as slaughterhouse inspector for Blacktown Shire Council. He was also shire sanitary inspector.[9] (Collected 5 pounds 4 shillings for 419 animals killed at the slaughtering house of G H Watts at Prospect)

1915 Constable Beattie left the Prospect district to live nearer to Seven Hills[10]. The residents of Prospect arranged a social for Mr & Mrs Beattie who had lived at Prospect for nearly 30 years. Charles Beattie had attained the position of first class constable after 27 years in the police force.[11]

25 8 1929 Charles (of Seven Hills and Prospect) died [12] at age 74. He died at his residence *Drumtochy* at Seven Hills [13]

1932 Agnes died, she was the daughter of William she was 74

[1] Family search

[2] NSW state records

[3] Ancestry.com

[4] NSW BDM

[5] Cumberland Argus 6 41889

[6] Windsor Richmond Gazette 14 10 1893

[7] BDHS Journal Summer 2005

[8] Blacktown Shire Council George Nicolaidis

[9] Blacktown Shire Council George Nicolaidis

[10] Nepean Time 9 1 1915

[11] Cumberland Argus 27 2 1915

[12] The Seven Hills, Jack Brook

[13] SMH 26

No further details known.



