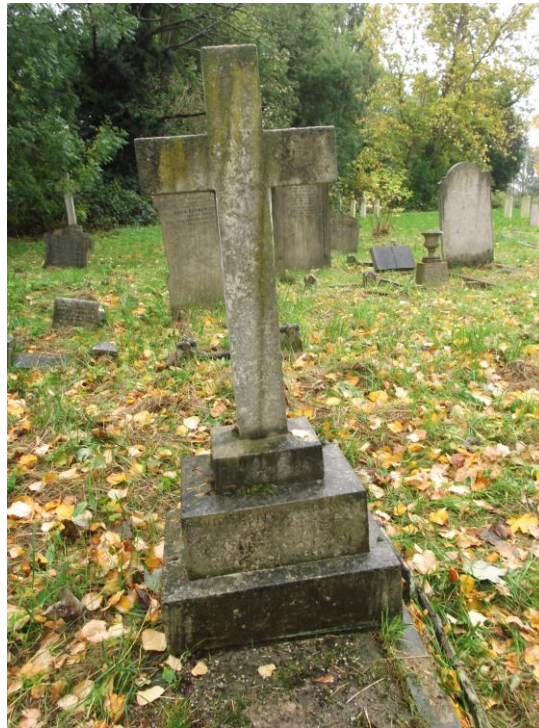


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David Thompson Seymour Grave Restoration Project Update

David Thompson Seymour's grave has been located in Hither Green Cemetery in the district of Lewisham in South East London. He is buried with his second wife Sara who died in 1936. These are the only burials in this grave. The grave is private and 'in perpetuity' so no refurbishment or improvements, including plaques can be undertaken without permission of any descendants.

The grave is described as a four grave plot with a cross, kerbs and landing. The grave is in fairly good condition and is in no danger of collapse. The local Friends of the Metropolitan Police History Collection have made a very good effort to clean the moss and mould and have reported on the overall condition with photographs.



David Thompson Seymour's grave at Hither Green Cemetery, London SW.

The inscription on the base and plinth is as follows;


***In
Loving memory
of
DAVID THOMPSON SEYMOUR
Late Chief Commissioner of Police***

A project proposal was forwarded to the QP150 Celebrations Committee (QPS) with a view of including this project in the 2014 programme and consideration be given to providing some funding towards the restoration (cleaning) of the monument and grave site and placement of an appropriate commemorative plaque depicting the historical significance of Seymour as the first Commissioner of the Queensland Police in 1864.

At this point, we are still awaiting a reply, however the FQPM are prepared to go it alone, since we have come this far and seek alternate funding to achieve our project goals.


Stubby Coolers

The FQPM Collector's Edition (pack of six (6) stubby coolers) depicting historic police stations are now available.




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The FQPM invites you to celebrate 150 years of policing in Queensland with this
**Unique Collector's Edition Pack of
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 throughout Queensland's policing history.



<p>The stations depicted are:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Roma Street 1965</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Thornborough 1910</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fortitude Valley 1936</td> <td>Jackson 1945</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ewan 1932</td> <td>Camooweal 1917</td> </tr> </table> <p>All proceeds from the sale of these items will assist the FQPM to preserve the Qld Police history for future generations.</p>	Roma Street 1965	Thornborough 1910	Fortitude Valley 1936	Jackson 1945	Ewan 1932	Camooweal 1917	<p>To purchase, simply: Pick up @ PHQ – Police Front Counter \$30 per set of 6 See Ed Thring 3364-3010</p> <p>Postage - \$9 (Anywhere in Aust) Transfer amount to QPCU Account 103567s1.2 BSB 704052 Advise your postal address to secretary@friendsqpmuseum.com.au</p>
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QP150 Commemorative Sword Project

We can now advise that negotiations in regard to the Queensland Police Service sesquicentenary sword have been completed.

The manufacturer will be WKC Stahl- und Metallwarenfabrik, located in Solingen, Germany founded in 1883 and who use traditional hand forging in their production process, supplying over 50 armed services, military academies and police forces worldwide with ceremonial swords.

The Queensland Police Service sesquicentenary sword will be based on the Oakley sword (a Wilkinson Sword Company design), nickel plated with a black lacquer grip, triple wire wrapped with a 72cm hand polished forged stainless steel blade, acid etched with a Queensland Police Service mess dress lapel badge affixed to the crosspiece. The etched design will be as below.



The etched design of the proposed QPS commemorative sword

Based on the manufacturing cost of the sword, the bulk importation and delivery into Australia, the price per sword has been fixed at \$600.00.

Interested purchasers are requested to transfer the amount into the Friends of the Queensland Police Museum account **1035673 S20.2** at the Queensland Police Credit Union.

If transferring from an external account please specify **BSB 704 052** and account **1035673**.

The final date for payment will be the **31st March 2014**.

Grave Maintenance Projects

Joseph Kelly and John Ahern Graves

The grave of Constable Joseph Kelly has recently been restored but is being invaded by a camphor laurel tree growing from the adjacent grave. The tree, in growth is moving the block work sideways towards the Kelly grave. A request was submitted to the Sexton, Toowong Cemetery to have the camphor laurel tree cut down. This was done but only to the level of the iron fence. Members of the FQPM attended the grave and drilled the stumps and applied sufficient poison to kill the tree, hopefully.

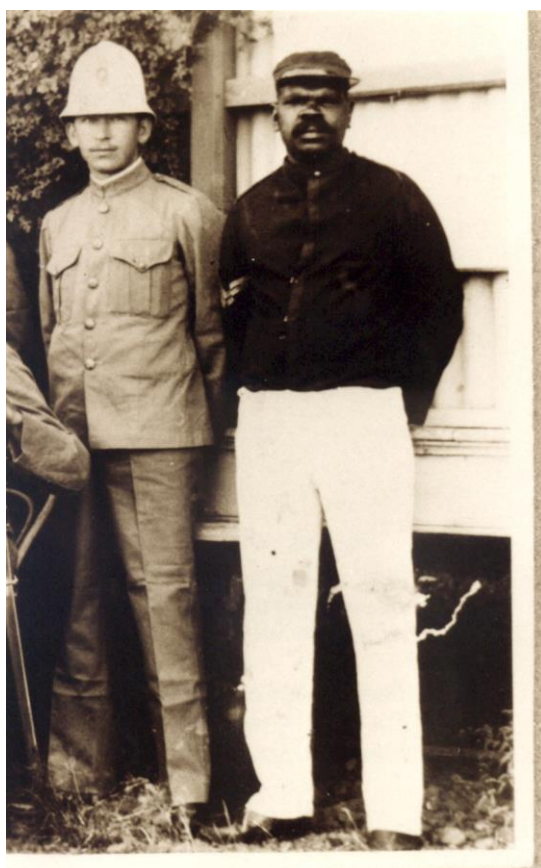
The Inspector John Ahern grave was inundated with umbrella trees which were causing the outer block work to separate, through the roots penetrating the gaps.

Approval was sought from the Sexton, Toowong Museum to cut the trees down and remove any suckers. This was granted and members of the FQPM attended the grave and cut the large trees down, drilled the stumps and applied poison. We understand that these fellows are difficult to eradicate.

Both these grave will need to be monitored to ensure the offending trees are killed off, so that the graves can be refurbished.

Unmarked Grave of Police Tracker Sam Johnson

Police Tracker Sam Johnson, died in Longreach in 1919. Today Sam's last resting place is still unmarked. Sam Johnson's evidence was crucial in the conviction of the Kenniff brothers concerning the murder of Constable Doyle and station manager Dahlke in Lethbridge's Pocket in 1902. Sam was the sole survivor of the police clash with the Kenniff Brothers.



It was agreed by the FQPM Management Committee that his grave deserves the dignity of a headstone. Although unmarked, it could be located with accuracy from cemetery burial records, in relation to adjacent graves.

The information concerning the unmarked grave was brought to the notice of the FQPM through Mr Peter Keegan of Roma who is currently researching the arrest of the Kenniff brothers and their subsequent conviction.

A significant amount of research will need to be undertaken to ensure that no cultural sensitivities are impinged during the process.

Sam Johnson at Longreach 1907.

Volunteers

The FQPM are presently undertaking a number of interesting ventures including research, grave refurbishment and maintenance projects. Your assistance and input is always welcome. If you can spare some of your time, please contact the Secretary, Ian Townsley for information.

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FQPM Website

Don't forget to check out the FQPM website from time to time. We try to keep the content current and insert new information when it becomes available.

www.friendsqpmuseum.com.au

Next FQPM Committee Meeting

The next FQPM Management Committee meeting is to be held at 1000 hr on Thursday 11 April 2014.

Regards

Ian Townsley
FQPM Secretary
12 March 2014