

led him into association with William Lane. He became a shareholder, writer and joint editor of Lane's weekly *Boomerang* in 1887. In 1888 James entered politics and at the end of 1899, he was appointed government leader in the Queensland Legislative Council and Postmaster-General and Secretary for Public Instruction. He was an energetic supporter of Federation, writing frequently in newspapers, publishing the pamphlet *Federation, Imperial or Democratic* and running his own fortnightly paper *Progress* which espoused the cause. Upon Federation, he won election to the first Senate, and was chosen to be Postmaster-General in Edmund Barton's first ministry, following the death of Sir James Dickson. In early 1906 Drake ran a newspaper, *Commonwealth* in Brisbane to counteract State hostility to the Commonwealth. He died in Brisbane Hospital on 1 August 1941.

Richard Sanderson Taylor (8-49-19)

Richard Sanderson Taylor was born in Leeds, England in 1866 and came to Australia as a boy with his parents. He was educated in Sydney where his father was a Baptist Church minister. He began his journalistic career in the early 1880's on the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*. In 1888 he joined the *Brisbane Courier* and, with the exception of a short period spent on the *Hansard* staff, was a member of the *Courier* staff for the remainder of his life. Richard became principal law reporter and music and drama critic, a post that he held until he became principal leader writer. In June 1919 he became editor of the *Courier* until he suffered a paralytic stroke in April 1932 and passed away on 6 June of that year.

Robert Dunn (8-67-5/6)

Robert Dunn was born in Melbourne in 1850, served his time in the printing trade in that city and subsequently went to New Zealand for a number of years. He returned to Australia and resumed newspaper work in Melbourne prior to coming to Queensland. He worked for some time on the *Gympie Times* and, in 1884, became associated with the *Brisbane Courier* where he remained until the time of his death. He started with the *Courier* as a compositor but, for the last 20 years of his life he was chief of the proof-reading staff. Robert died on 2 August 1926 at his residence in Upper Clifton Terrace, Red Hill following a sudden seizure.

Martha (Pattie) Soutter (18-167-18)

Pattie Soutter was born in Hull, England and came to Queensland in 1882. She was a prolific writer of poems and letters to the editors of the *Brisbane Courier* and later the *Courier Mail* on a wide range of topics, contributing until 12 months before her death. Pattie was also instrumental in pushing for the establishment of a crematorium in Brisbane, indicating in a letter to the *Brisbane Courier* when she was 86 years of age that she wanted to be cremated when her time came. When she passed away on 28 September 1936, her wishes were carried out and her ashes placed in the grave of her husband who had predeceased her.

Edmund James Thomas Barton (11-24-16)

Edmund Barton was born in Chelsea England in 1854 and came to Queensland with his parents in 1862. In 1868 he entered the service of the Brisbane Newspaper Co Ltd as an apprentice compositor on both the *Brisbane Courier* and *Queenslander* but seven years later, shortly after completing his indenture, he transferred to the literary staff where his ability as a shorthand writer brought him speedy recognition. With Mr W J Morley, he was responsible for the *Courier's* Parliamentary reports. In April 1903 following the resignation of the editor-in-chief, Edmund was promoted to the *Courier's* editorial chair. He occupied that position until his resignation in May 1906. He continued his literary work for many years, editing, among other publications, the *Queensland Sugar Journal* for 26 years. He died on 10 April 1937 at the age of 83 years.

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Print Media Identities of Early Brisbane



"... our liberty depends on freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost." Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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Samuel Gill Mee (4-12-30)

Samuel was born in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire in 1819 where he learned his trade as a compositor. He arrived in Sydney in September 1852. He was seized with gold fever but soon found he was unsuited for life as a gold digger. He returned to the newspaper trade in Bathurst and Sydney, followed by a stint as a shepherd on a station property. Samuel then came to Brisbane where he obtained employment as a compositor with the Brisbane Newspaper Company in 1860 and remained for nearly fifty years until his death on 9 November 1909 aged 90 years. As well as being a compositor, many essays, poems and sketches from his pen were published in the *Courier* and *Queenslander*, including one published in the *Brisbane Courier* following the death of Governor Blackall.

Thomas Wontner (13-26-21)

Another notable compositor of the early days was Thomas Wontner. Thomas did his apprenticeship in a London office where high class reviews were printed. He arrived in Brisbane in the early 1860's and was first employed on the *Guardian* and *Weekly Herald* newspapers, being foreman in charge of the latter. When those journals closed down he went to work at the *Courier* as a compositor. Thomas was later appointed head reader, a position he held until his death on 11 August 1894 at the age of 68 years.

Carl Adolf Feilberg (13-71-15)

Carl was born in Copenhagen, Denmark on 21 August 1844. Following the early death of his parents, he was placed in foster care with Danish relatives who were living in Scotland. He received his formal education in Scotland and England finalising with a year at a college in France. Suffering from tuberculosis, he was advised to migrate to Australia, arriving in Sydney in 1867. His experiences gained while working on Queensland properties would influence his future work as a journalist, political commentator and author. Carl was arguably the most persistent human rights advocate and pioneer of compassion in the history of colonial Queensland. He found employment at the *Brisbane Courier* as a political commentator and editor of *The Queenslander*. A change of proprietorship in 1880 found his views at odds with the new owners. He left to work in Melbourne, where the tuberculosis which had remained dormant returned. He returned to Brisbane as editor-in-chief of the Brisbane Newspaper Company, until his death at only 43 years of age on 25 October 1887.

Walter John Morley (12-13-13/14)

Walter was born at Foulmire, England in 1852, moving to Queensland in 1858 with his parents. On leaving school he joined the literary staff of the *Brisbane Courier* and remained with the company for 35 years including 15 years as editor of the *Evening Observer*. In 1900 he was appointed editor of the *Queensland Government Mining Journal*. Walter was a foundation member and life member of both the Queensland Lawn Tennis Association and Royal Queensland Yacht Club. He also assisted in the formation of the Graceville Bowling Club and remained a member of that club until he died on 24 December 1937 aged 85 years at which time he was believed to be the oldest contributing journalist in the Commonwealth.

David Frederick Tudor Jones (12-16-26)

David Jones was born in South Wales on 13 August 1830 and was educated at a private school in Clapham, near London. He was an expert shorthand writer who reported debates in the Press gallery of the House of Commons. David came to Australia in his twenties, spent several years on the Victorian gold diggings then commenced his career in journalism at the *Melbourne Argus*. In 1863 he joined the staff of the *Courier*, becoming editor. He left in 1867 to enter the Queensland Public Service. He became Principal Hansard Reporter in 1881, a position he held until his death on 6 October 1892.

Rev George Woolnough (11-16-16)

George was born in Erriswell, Suffolk, England on 17 August 1834. He arrived in Tasmania in 1855. He took his BA and MA at Sydney University. In 1861 he married Maria, the eldest daughter of Thomas Cowlshaw and Maria Evans in Sydney. He became an ordained minister of the Methodist Church. In 1883 he retired from the ministry and joined with Henry Parkes (later Sir Henry), James Greenwood and others in advocating the establishment of free and secular education in State schools in New South Wales. George joined the staff of the *Sydney Morning Herald* as leader writer, a few years later moving to Brisbane and joining the staff of the *Brisbane Telegraph*. In 1900 the *Telegraph* newspaper, under his editorship, opposed Federation and fought almost singlehandedly for the rights of the individual States. George remained as editor of the *Telegraph* newspaper for 32 years. By then he was 83 years of age. Although retired, he still wrote articles which appeared in Brisbane newspapers until his death on 19 June 1929 aged 94 following a short illness.

James & George Cowlshaw (11-14-7/7A)

James was an architect, newspaper proprietor, director and politician. He was born on 19 December 1834 in Sydney when Sydney was just a village. His brother George was born on 21 April 1841. They were the sons of Thomas Cowlshaw, architect and Maria Evans. James arrived in Brisbane in 1861 and commenced his profession here as an architect. James designed some of the finest buildings of the period including Brisbane Grammar School. He was a director of the *Brisbane Courier* until 1873 and became managing director of the *Brisbane Telegraph* in 1878 and chairman of the Telegraph Newspaper Co from December 1879 to May 1885. George was also an architect. The old *Telegraph* building in Queen Street was drawn to his design. Although not on the original board of directors, George played a leading part with his brother James in the early and later control of the Telegraph Newspaper Co. George was managing director for twenty years from 1893 until his death on 6 January 1913 when James once again took over the chairmanship of the Telegraph Newspaper Co until November 1917. James died on 25 July 1929 in his 95th year.

John James Knight (8-33-32)

John was born on 7 June 1863 at Shelton, Staffordshire, England. He was taken to New Zealand as a young boy. He left school at age 11 to learn printing. He returned to England where, with two others, he started the *Staffordshire Knot*, a paper sympathetic to the interests of trades unionism. John migrated to Queensland in 1884 and found work with the Brisbane Newspaper Co Ltd as a printer. He soon became a reporter on the *Brisbane Courier* and became Chief Parliamentary Reporter in the 1890's. John played a considerable part in the policy of the Labour Party in Queensland. During the industrial turmoil of the 1890s he preferred to investigate local history. His works included *In the Early Days* (1895), *Australian Pioneers and Reminiscences* (1896) completed after the death of Nehemiah Bartley from Bartley's notes and diaries and *Brisbane: a Historical Sketch of the Capital of Queensland* (1897). In 1906 John became editor of the *Courier* and in 1916 became managing director of the Brisbane Newspaper Co Ltd and subsequently combined that office with the position of chairman of directors. He died on 24 November 1927.

James George Drake (18-136-3)

James was born on 26 April 1850 in London. He arrived in Brisbane on 14 January 1874. He became a journalist working on regional newspapers as well as the *Brisbane Telegraph* and the *Brisbane Courier* and, briefly, the *Melbourne Argus*. A competent shorthand writer, later president of the Queensland Shorthand Writers' Association, James was on the parliamentary reporting staff from 1876-1882. He studied law in his spare time and was called to the bar in 1882. Long a radical, his objection to Asian immigration into Queensland

SIR SAMUEL WALKER GRIFFITH GCMG QC	Portion	Section	Grave Number
	12	11	6/7

Born Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorganshire, Wales on 21/6/1845 to Rev. Edward Griffith and Mary Walker. Griffith was articled to Arthur Macalister in Ipswich and admitted as a barrister of the Qld Supreme Court in 1867. He was elected to Qld Legislative Assembly in 1872, serving as Attorney-General and Premier and combined politics with his work as a barrister until 1893 when he was appointed a Judge of the Qld Supreme Court and third Chief Justice of Qld. He was appointed QC in 1876. In 1903 he became the first Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. He retired in 1919 and died on 9/8/1920 at New Farm.

SIR CHARLES LILLEY QC	Portion	Section	Grave Number
	12	15	15

Born Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland England on 27/8/1827 to Thomas Lilley and Jane Shipley. Charles Lilley began studying law in England before settling in Moreton Bay in 1856 and undertaking further articles to Robert Little. In 1858 he was the first solicitor admitted to practice by the Supreme Court at Moreton Bay. In 1860 he was elected to Qld's first Legislative Assembly where he served for the next 14 years. He was admitted to the Bar in 1861, becoming the colony's first QC in 1865. In 1874 he was appointed a Judge of the Qld Supreme Court and became Qld's second Chief Justice in 1879. He died on 20/8/1897, four years after retiring.

THE HONOURABLE JOHN LASKEY WOOLCOCK BA	Portion	Section	Grave Number
	11	65	2

Born Cornwall, England on 7/11/1861 to Rev William Woolcock and Elizabeth White. Woolcock commenced his legal studies while reading in Griffith's chambers and was admitted as a barrister of Qld Supreme Court in 1887. He was appointed a Judge of the Qld Supreme Court in 1927 and died in office less than two years later on 18/1/1929.

THE HONOURABLE CHARLES STUMM KC	Portion	Section	Grave Number
	18	111	2

Born Toowoomba Qld. on 10/5/1865 to Charles Stumm and Isabella Streich. Formerly a schoolteacher, Charles Stumm commenced his legal training under articles at Browne & Ruthning Solicitors and was admitted as a solicitor of the Qld Supreme Court in 1889. He was admitted as a barrister in 1894 and appointed King's Counsel in 1910. In 1929 he was appointed a Judge of the Qld Supreme Court but died tragically three weeks later on 28/2/1929.

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HIS HONOUR JUDGE GEORGE WILLIAM PAUL	Portion	Section	Grave Number
	5	32	8

Born in Penrith NSW on 2/6/1839 to George Paul and Sarah Dalton. George Paul Jnr was called to the Bar in London at the age of 22. He later established a successful private practice in Brisbane before taking up the position of Crown Prosecutor of the Western District Court in 1866. In 1871 he was appointed first acting judge of the District Courts before being elevated permanently to the Metropolitan District Court in 1871, a position which he held until his death on 10/12/1909.

THE HONOURABLE VIRGIL POWER	Portion	Section	Grave Number
	7A	103	24

Born in Brisbane 2/8/1849 to Michael Power and Anna Marie Connolly. Virgil Power was admitted as a barrister in London and Dublin prior to his admission as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1875. He served as Crown Prosecutor for the Northern District of the Supreme Court, the Southern District Court and the Southern District of the Supreme Court before his appointment as the first Queensland-born Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1895. Appointed first Judge of the Central Court based in Rockhampton, he served there until his retirement in 1910. He died at Southport on 2/6/1914.

THE HONOURABLE PATRICK REAL	Portion	Section	Grave Number
	7A	153	7

Born Pallasgreen, near Limerick Ireland on 17/3/1846 or 1847 to James Real and Ellen Donegan. The family migrated to Moreton Bay on the typhus-plagued voyage of the *Emigrant* in 1850 with his father dying from the disease. Young Patrick left school at the age of 12 to commence a carpentry apprenticeship to support his family and was employed at the Ipswich railway workshops before leaving his trade at the age of 22 to study law. Following a distinguished career as a barrister, he was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1890 and Senior Puisne Judge in 1903. He died at his home *Eulalia* at Norman Park on 10/6/1928.

THE HONOURABLE GEORGE ROGERS HARDING	Portion	Section	Grave Number
	1	82	15

Born Taunton. Somerset England on 3/12/1838 to Rev. George Rogers Harding and Elizabeth Winter. In 1861 he was admitted as a barrister at Lincoln's Inn, London. With his wife, Elizabeth and family he migrated to Brisbane where he was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1866. In July 1879 he became Senior Puisne Judge. Many books held in the Queensland Supreme Court Library today were collected when he was chairman of the Library Committee. He died in his chambers on 31/8/1895.

WILLIAM HENRY ABBOTT HIRST	Portion	Section	Grave Number
	1	10	17

Born Sydney on 21/2/1837 to William Hirst and Elizabeth Abbott. William Hirst was admitted as a barrister in NSW in 1861 and in Qld the same year. He served as Police Magistrate, and later as Crown Prosecutor in the Northern District and

Metropolitan District Courts before his appointment as a District Court Judge in 1869 serving the Northern District Court, based in Bowen until he replaced Ratcliffe Pring in the Central District Court in 1876. He was dismissed from office on 3/1/1878 because of misconduct and died on 26 May that year.

SIR POPE ALEXANDER COOPER	Portion	Section	Grave Number
	13	37	1

Born Lake George, NSW on 12/5/1846 to Francis Cooper and Sarah Jenkins. He undertook his legal studies in London before bringing his wife and family to Brisbane where he was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1874. After a period in private practice, he became Northern Crown Prosecutor then entered politics as MLA for Bowen, serving as Attorney-General 1881-83. In January 1883 he was appointed a Judge of the Queensland Supreme Court, the youngest and first Australian-born judge of that court. In 1903 he became the fourth Chief Justice of Queensland. He died on 30/8/1923.

SIR ARTHUR RUTLEDGE KC	Portion	Section	Grave Number
	13	49	15

Born Penrith, NSW on 29/8/1843 to James Rutledge and Lucy Field. Arthur Rutledge was a Wesleyan clergyman before he left the ministry to study law. He was admitted to the Queensland Bar in 1878 and the same year became the MLA for Enoggera. After periods alternating between the Bar and politics when he served three times as Attorney-General, Rutledge was appointed QC in 1899 and knighted in 1902. He was appointed a Judge of the District Court in 1906 and held that position until his death in Sydney on 8/2/1917.

THE HONOURABLE RATCLIFFE PRING QC	Portion	Section	Grave Number
	13	75	9

Born in Crediton Devon England on 17/10/1825 to Thomas Pring and Ann Dunne. Ratcliffe Pring studied law in England, being admitted as a barrister in London in 1849. With his wife, Frances he migrated to NSW in 1853. In 1857 he was appointed first Crown Prosecutor for the Supreme Court in Moreton Bay. Elected to Qld's first Legislative Assembly in 1860, he became Attorney-General, a position which he held in successive governments. He was appointed QC in 1868. In 1875 he was appointed a Judge of the Central District Court but resigned and returned to private practice. He became a Judge of the Qld Supreme Court in 1880. He died in office on 25/3/1885.

THE HONOURABLE CHARLES STUART MEIN	Portion	Section	Grave Number
	12	11	13

Born in Maitland NSW on 14/6/1841 to John Stuart Mein and Mary Hall. Charles Mein was articled to Arthur Macalister in Brisbane prior to his admission as a solicitor of the Queensland Supreme Court in 1870. He was appointed to the Qld Legislative Council in 1876, serving two periods as postmaster-general. On 17/4/1885, he was the first solicitor to be appointed a Judge of the Queensland Supreme Court, succeeding Mr Justice Pring. He died in office while visiting Sydney on 30/6/1890.

John Jack (John Hunter Jack)?? (10-77-24) died 8/8/1939

AIF Service number 6789

Born in Edinburgh circa 1884 to John Jack and Catherine Hunter. John senior was b 1859 in Edinburgh and his father was born in Aberdeen in 1825 and finally I have found his father was born in Banff in 1790 and is the only John Jack I can find there which leads to the photo on the front of this pamphlet. Our John on the first application was a motor mechanic and on the 2nd application he was a farmer living in St Lucia Rd Toowong. The two medical records are worth comparing. Age 31 years and 10 months - 32 years and 4 months. 5' 9" against 5' 8", 135lb - 131lb. 35"-35 1/4" chest. Complexion reddish- fresh, eyes dark-blue, hair dark brown- dark and scars 3 vacc on left arm-none?? Are we talking about the same fellow here? He joined on the 16/8/1916 and discharged 12/9/1916 due to bad teeth. Joined again 17/10/1916 and accepted into 22nd reinforcements for the 15th Battalion this time with dentures. He embarked as a private on HMAT Kyarra 17/11/1916 and returned as a corporal 1/7/1919 on the SS Frankfurt.

In both applications he was single however I have letters written by a lady in South Melbourne sent to army HQ searching for a missing husband. She describes John Hunter Jack pretty well. She says she has contacted the army as her father-in-law in Edinburgh has contacted her to say young John has had leave at home in Scotland. She supplied a wedding certificate and a sworn statement and applied to be put on his records as next of kin. Now we know why he was willing to have his teeth out to be accepted.

We note that his headstone reads "My brother John Jack formerly of Edinburgh. I would say Lily Jack must have given up on him.

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SCOTS IN THE AIF WWI



Private John Jack of the 52nd Regiment of Foot, British Army, photographed at Banff, Scotland at the age of 90 wearing his medals, including the stormers medal for volunteering for the leading file of attack at the storming of Ciudad Rodrigo and Waterloo Medal. Our John was born c 1884. Through Ancestry.co.uk I have found his father John in Edinburgh b 1859. His father also John was born in Aberdeen 1825 and his father also John was born in Banff in 1790. There is a strong possibility that this is the great grandfather of our John Jack. I will continue to research this one.

Alexander William MacDonald (10-80-18) died 13/7/1941

AIF Service number 4484

He was born in Turriff in Aberdeenshire c 1876 to Alexander MacDonald and -----Duncan. He served 3 ½ years in the 92nd Battalion, Gordon Highlanders in the 1st Boer War. He served a further 2 ½ years in the Kings regiment in the 2nd Boer War. His service papers show he was a labourer on joining up on 26/1/1916 in Townsville. His address was the Mourilyan Harbour Line Innisfail so probably was working on the railways. He was 40 ½ years old when he joined up in the 11th reinforcements for the 26th Battalion. NOK was Annie Ray MacDonald his wife. He is described as being 5' 4 ½ inches 9 st 13 lbs, 39 inches in the chest, dark complexion. Hazel eyes and brown hair and a Presbyterian. He embarked 30/3/1916 on HMAT The Star of Victoria and returned to Australia 19/10/1917 on HMAT Port Lyttelton .

Walter Tarte (10-75-58) died 23/4/1940

AIF Service number 5481

He was born in Edinburgh October 1893 to Walter Henry Tarte and Helen Mary Crewe. His grandparents were Reuben Tarte and Katherine Blakeway. His service papers show he was a farmer and joined up 28/9/1915 and was in the 17th reinforcements for the 9th Battalion. NOK was his mother Helen Tarte and he lived with her at River Road New Farm. He was 22 years and 11 months and 5' 7 ¼ inches, 9st 7 lbs and a chest of 35". He had fair complexion grey eyes and dark hair and was a RC. He embarked on 20/1/1916 in HMAT Hawkes Bay. He returned to Australia 6/9/1919 on the Euripedes. He married Doris Lillie Metzger in 1933. The Ernest mentioned here is Doris' son from a previous marriage.

Alexander Robert Morrison (10-76-16) died 2/5/1939

AIF Service number 3680

He was born in Aberdeen 9th July 1885 to Alexander Robert Morrison and Margaret Gordon. His service papers show he was a carter and joined up 2/6/1917, intended to be with the 10th reinforcements for the 47th Battalion and the War Office decided the 25th could do with him and finally they gave him to the 9th Battalion. NOK was his wife of 9 years Emily Elizabeth Morrison nee Lake Merivale St. Sth Brisbane. He was 31 years and 10 months old and stood 5' and 7 and ½ inches. Weight was 125lbs, chest 32" with medium complexion blue eyes and brown hair and Church of England. No children are recorded up to the end of 1914. He embarked on HMAT Miltiades on 2/8/1917 and returned 25/1/1919 on the Ceramic. SS Ceramic was an 18,400-ton ocean liner of the White Star Line launched in 1913, and later sold to the Shaw, Savill & Albion Line. In 1942 German submarine U-515 sunk the Ceramic, leaving only one survivor from the 656 on board.

Duncan McDougall (10-76-48) died 18/5/1939

AIF Service number 936

He was born in Renfrewshire possibly 15/7/1878 to Donald and Ann McDougall. His service papers show him as a motorman which research suggests to be a tram driver and joined up on 19th of December 1915. He was earmarked for the 41st Battalion and was 34 years and 3 months old, 5' 8 ½ " 133lbs and a chest of 35 and ½" dark complexion, blue eyes and brown hair , 2 vaccination scars on lt arm and mole on back and requires dental treatment and was a Presbyterian. He had previously served 2 years in the Queensland Imperial Bushmen Mounted infantry in the Boer War service number 186. He embarked on the Demosthenes on 18/5/1916 and returned on the Balmoral Castle on 1/2/1918 discharged 6/5/1918 medically unfit.

school of boxing. In 1872 Dowridge came to Australia. He secured premises in Queen-street, known as the "Hole in the Wall," which had just been vacated by Larry Foley. He opened a tobacconist saloon and a small select boxing school, but he did not stay long. He returned to England, but the climate soon drove him back to Queensland. He secured premises opposite the Normal School, and after a few years he opened a restaurant and taught boxing at Petrie's Bight, where Quinlan Gray's warehouse later stood. He later removed to Roma Street and then to the corner of Turbot and George streets. His school was the resort of all the young sporting men of the day. Dowridge was one of the best promoters of that time, and under his care were Peter Jackson, Jack M'Gowan and innumerable others.

When Peter Jackson died a public subscription was the means of providing the stone which was placed at the head of the grave, but it was Jack Dowridge who provided for the purchase of the land at Toowong cemetery and to pay the funeral expenses.



^ BRICKWOOD COLLEY "BRICKIE" 1849-1896 (2-51-2)

"Brickie", as he was known by all, was in the second half of the 1800s as well known in Australia as any of our top jockeys today. In a period when travel to Sydney and Melbourne was measured in weeks rather than days he rode with success in all three states. He was 47 when he died of a heart attack in the Post Office Hotel, Queen Street here in Brisbane in 1896. He had only arrived back from the Sydney the previous week. He is one of only three jockeys I know of that had poems written about them. One is Willie Stone mentioned before and the other is the great Fred Archer who is buried down south. His funeral procession travelled from The Brisbane General Hospital into the city, down Queen Street and along Coronation Drive then Sylvan Road and finally to here. Every jockey in the Brisbane area attended in full silks and colours riding a racehorse. There was also a large number of carriages. The procession stretched the entire length of Queen Street.

FAMOUS SPORTING PERSONALITIES

PETER MORGAN

AMOS ROY GODDARD

WILLIAM COWLEY GOULBOURNE STONE

FRANK THORNE

PETER JACKSON

JOHN (JACK) DOWRIDGE

BRICKWOOD COLLEY



Peter Morgan 1916-1953 (1-88-4)

Peter was an extremely capable rider. According to those who knew him he was as good as George Moore, Neville Sellwood, Russ Maddock and Digger McGrowdie. All Queenslanders like him. He was well regarded by all in the racing game. He had one failing though and that was his lack of confidence in himself. There were many occasions when he rode a horse trackwork and prepared it for a major race but declined to ride the horse in a major event for fear of making a mistake. He never faltered in minor events but would rather sit on the fence when it came to the big races. That is not to say he did not ride in some big races and with success. He had an unusual death for a jockey and that will be explained now.

Amos Roy Goddard 1910-1933 (7-77-26)

A future champion jockey whose career ended much too soon but his saddle lived on to travel the world and win the Irish Derby 39 years later.

William Goulbourn Stone "Willie Stone" 1870-1892 (7-77-11)

"Willie" was making a name for himself when he was killed riding a horse home from Eagle Farm after morning trackwork. He was leading one horse whilst riding another. A common sight even today around Doomben. He crossed Hamilton Road and his horse shied

Those who saw the funeral of "Willie" Stone claim it as the longest ever seen. It stretched the length of Queen St and was the equal of another famous jockey's funeral. All the jockeys of the time rode racehorses behind the hearse. They were in colours and silks and wore wreaths over their shoulders and travelled from Hamilton to Toowong along with many carriages.

The two champion horses from Stone's stable, King Olaf and Kildare were led directly without riders. These horses were the last the late jockey had ridden, the former at Eagle Farm and the latter at the "Creek".

Frank Thorn 1883-1931 (21-20-16)

Born at Gawler South Australia in 1883. He apprenticed as a Jockey, weighing at that time 6st 9lb. As a recreation Thorn used to indulge in sparring, and later learnt the leads and stops from ex-heavyweight champion Bill Doherty, and from the famous Frank Dooley. Subsequently Thorn drifted to Kalgoorlie, where he took to the boxing profession. His first contest was a bare knuckle, fight-to-a-finish affair with Alf. M'Coy in 1898, which he won in 32 rounds. He then had a remarkable run of success, winning some 35 bouts, including 25 through the agency of a knock-out, until he lost on points to Tom Dunn at Kalgoorlie. By 1905 Thorn was right in the front rank, and between then and 1909 won three Australian championships, feather, light, and welter. Among the men he defeated were such knights of the padded glove as Bob Greenshields, Hughie McHegan, Charlie Frost, Charlie Griffin, Hock Keys, Sid Sullivan. Kid M'Coy. Bob Turner. Dick Cullen, Arthur Douglas, and Budholf Unholz (welterweight champion).

In 1912 Thorn came to Brisbane. He took part in many contests at the Brisbane Stadium, defeating, among others, Joe Russell, George Taylor, Alf. Morey, Marcel Denis, Joe Brooks, Jimmy Hill, Jack Clune, Wave Oelkle. Jack Humphries, Jerry Sullivan, and Jack Finney. After several years' retirement from the ring he attempted a "come-back" at the Stadium but was stopped by Herb. Ackworth. Thorn's career was remarkable by the fact that, although only a featherweight, besides fighting in his own class, he fought the leading light-weights and welters, earning the title of "The Grand Old Man of the Ring." Thorn had conducted a physical culture and boxing academy in Brisbane for some years, teaching personally.

Peter Jackson 1861-1901 (5-28-1)

Peter Jackson was born 3rd July 1861. and was Australian Heavyweight Champion 1886-1888. One of the legendary Boxers and probably the most famous sportsperson buried in Brisbane. World Heavyweight Champion John L. Sullivan refused to fight Jackson because of his colour. Jackson fought a 61 round draw with James J Corbett in San Francisco on the 21st May 1891. James (Gentleman Jim) Corbett later went on to beat John Sullivan for the World Heavyweight Championship.

Years later Corbett wrote that Peter Jackson was one of the greatest fighters he had ever seen. Jackson defeated Australia's Frank Slavin in London on the 30th May 1892 in what is still regarded as one of the greatest fights ever seen in England. Sadly Peter Jackson died in Roma on the 13th July 1901 of T.B. Roma locals wanted to bury him there but it was proposed that it would be a more befitting for him to be buried in Toowong Cemetery.

John and Julia Dowridge were mainly responsible for Peter Jackson being brought down from Roma to Toowong Cemetery for burial. They all now rest peacefully together. John and Julia Dowridge are buried in front of Peter Jackson.

Career 1882-1899 103 Bouts 42 Wins 8 Draws 3 Losses 50 No Decisions.

Peter's Headstone is one of a handful that have the deceased's face chiselled on it. It is unusual in that it is one of the biggest of this kind in the Cemetery. (Altar Tomb) This is the only instance of a Lion overseeing the grave.

John (Jack) Edward Dowridge (The Black Diamond) 1848-1922 (5-28-14)

Mr Jack Dowridge, one of the pioneers of boxing in Brisbane, and familiarly known as the "Black Diamond," He was born in Barbados Island in the year 1848, but at the age of 12 years he drifted to London. It was here that he first picked up the rudiments of boxing. The arena attracted him, and he secured employment with Nat Langham, the retired champion of England, who was then keeping the Mitre Tavern, in St. Martin's Lane. In the year 1862 this tavern was a rendezvous of all the great fistic exponents of that time, such as Joe Cross, Boie Brotties, Jim Mace, Tom King, Coburn, Bob Travers, Ned Donnelly, Professor Johns, Bat Mullins, Heenan, Jerry and Billy Ox. It was here that Jack Dowridge made the acquaintance of Tom Sayers, whom Langham first defeated, and in whose favour he subsequently retired. "Jack" became one of Langham's best pupils, and developed the straight style of the old