

# POLICE DEATHS

## Deaths in the police station, 35 Sun Street, Waltham Abbey 1877-1972

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>		<u>Death</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1877	Rolfe	Ellen	21.11.1877	13 mo.	Measles [12 days] Pneumonia [7 days]	Daughter of SPS George Rolfe
1882	West	James	8.2.1882	4 yrs.	Croup [6 days]	Son of PC West
1882	West	Annie	5.5.1882	2 yrs.	Croup [4 days] [throat blockage]	Daughter of PC West
1884	Broadbridge	Francis Emily	5.5.1884	28 yrs.	Parturition [9 days] Metritis [7 days] Pneumonia [2 days] Death in childbirth	Wife of Insp. John Lutman Broadbridge
1907	Foster	Thomas	26.12.2007	56 yrs.	Cerebral Haemorage	Prisoner in cell
1908	Smith	Fanny	20.10.1908	58 yrs.	Phthisis [T.B.]	Wife of PS Smith
1908	Foster	Thomas	28.12.1908	56 yrs	Exposure	Found collapsed Honey Lane
1916	Hiscocks	Frederick Albert	29.2.1916	6 mo.	Brocho Pneumonia	Son of PS Hiscocks
1972	Barnard	Horace Edward V	27.3.1972	53 yrs.	Natural causes	Prisoner in cell

The eight people dying within the police station may very well only represent the total that actually died there. Two deaths in the cell, one a destitute soul brought in for Christmas and the other within a short while of the station ceasing to take prisoners at all, seems to be remarkably good fortune.

The devastating deaths of the WEST children occurred at a time when a number of the towns populace were suffering from the same epidemic. Although listed as 'Croup'- a term for throat blockage, the cause can assumed to be an outbreak of dyptheria.

The police station, the first building known to have occupied the site, is supposed to be haunted. All things being equal, the source of the haunting probably comes from the list of deaths in the station. As reports, often of a timid "I didn't really hear something" nature, date from the era prior to the death of Horace Barnard, he can be excluded.



1876



**HENRY HAIG'S  
RETIREMENT WATCH**



## TWO SERGEANTS

**HENRY J WHEATLEY'S  
LAST RESTING PLACE**



### Police Officers buried in the Old Cemetery, Sewardstone Road, Waltham Abbey.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>		<u>Death</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Buried</u>	<u>Plot and police identity.</u>
PC	Bain	Roderick	Nov. 1918	38	15/11/1918	4907 N RGPF
PC	Barrow	Clermon	Mar. 1912	61	22/03/1912	5970* 548N
PC	Brown	Henry J	Aug. 1882	28	12/08/1882	991 256N
PC	Brown	Samuel	Jul. 1899	70	22/07/1899	991 117N
PC	Bryan	Samuel	Sept. 1912	41	09/09/1912	4529 N RGPF
PS	Bye	John	Mar 1880	34	01/04/1880	3094 11N
PC	Cole	George	Jun. 1870	23	30/06/1870	827 N All stations
PC	Cowen	Elijah	Mar. 1915	49	10/03/1915	4204* 383N RGPF
PC	Cowley	Charles	Nov. 1920	50	03/12/1920	4971 285N RGPF
PC	Davies	Henry George	Aug 1873	21	23/08/1873	N/K NS Southwark
PC	Dickinson	Robert	May. 1893	52	12/05/1893	4317 217N/203AR [Horse]
A/PS	Farrow	Jephthah	Nov. 1876	39	16/11/1876	1790 84N
PC	Geddes	Robert	Jul. 1862	39	12/07/1862	456
PC	Gutteridge	George	Mar. 1902	67	13/03/1902	4677 108N
PS	Haig	Henry	Feb. 1901	59		4276* 23N
PC	Hoare	Frederick	Nov. 1922	46	09/11/1922	5000* 387N
PC	Hoare	James	May. 1908	39	01/06/1908	N/K 585N
PC	Hockley	Frederick	Jan. 1930	85	11/01/1930	4557* 261N
PC	Hughan	Peter	Sept. 1883	59	20/09/1883	915 35N
PC	Lamb	John R	Sept. 1924	39		5638 779N
PC	Morris	William G	Nov. 1866	64	24/11/1866	566
PC	Riddenton	James	Jul. 1868	70	11/07/1868	675
PC	Savigear	William	Jun. 1870		12/06/1870	3019 56N
PC	West	Cecil	Nov. 1918	43		4912 327N
PS	Wheatley	Henry J	Oct. 1916	51	18/10/1916	4827* 59N
PC	Whitehouse	Joseph	Mar. 1902	43	12/03/1902	4424
PC	Wonnacott	John	Feb. 1924	79	06/02/1924	228 383N
PC	Wraight	William	Aug. 1872	23	10/08/1872	3165 N

Graves noted\* were still marked by a headstone in 1985 [or later].



**A LEADING FIGURE IN THE 1912 EMILY WILDING DAVIDSON DEATH AT EPSOM AND LATER SERVING IN THE GREAT WAR SAMUEL EADY**

## TWO CONSTABLES

**1939-45 WAR OFFICER ERNEST PATEMAN**



### Police officers buried in the New Cemetery, Sewardstone Road, Waltham Abbey

Rank	Name	Death	Age	Buried	Plot and service
PS	Avery Thomas B	Nov. 1949	79	25/11/1949	C401 42N RGPF
PC	Avis James R	Feb. 1978	92		C171 354N/126JR
PC	Brooker John A	Feb. 1959	89		C324 374N
PC	Chapman Michael	Feb. 1992	53		J46* 741J/141JB
PS	Creagh John C	Feb. 1972	90		D145 29N
PC	Dunham Thomas	Aug. 1946	72		F81 RGPF 1923+
PC	Dyde John	Jul. 1951	74		B34 35N
N/K	Dyer Richard G	1936	81		B70 No traces
PC	Eady Samuel	Apr. 1941	69		F16 1081N/59NR
PS	Fenner Arthur	Mar. 1980	90		F172* 43N/43J
PC	Gibbs Frederick T	Apr. 1941	63		F164 600N
PC	Gooch Henry	Jun. 1954	83		B78 97N RGPF
PC	Hall Frederick W	Aug. 1968	26		D102 Bow traffic
PC	Hassel John J	Dec. 1951	80		C370 258N
PC	Hearman George	Dec. 1928	78		A43 327N/12NR
INSP.	James Walter	Aug. 1935	73		G40 RGPF
APS	Knight James	Jan. 1938	74		G281 242N
PS	Melville William	Feb. 1946	70		H203 RSAF 1923+
PC	Noble Wilfred E	Dec. 1936	42		A10* 1079N/719J
PC	Parker George N	May. 1928	45		K104 724N
WR	Pateman Ernest A	Jun. 1962			K113 898JWR
PC	Phillips Leonard	Nov. 1941	66		C34 341N
N/K	Poynter Andrew H	Mar. 1935	71		G9 No traces
APS	Rogers Herbert	Aug. 1955	80		C86 211N
N/K	Simpson Mark	May. 1955	77		C169 No traces
PS	Slade Arthur H	Jan. 1939	64		C14 99N not local
N/K	Swift Thomas D	Mar. 1935	57		E47 No traces
N/K	Thurston John E	Aug. 1965	61		H314 No traces
PC	Tutton William	Jan. 1975	71		J156 765N/765J
PC	Wheeler Frederick	Jan. 1955	75		B192 297N

### Police officers buried in St. Thomas Churchyard, Copt Hall Green

Rank	Name	Death	Age	Plot	Remarks
PC	Day Edward	Jul. 1982	56	Stone*	333J
PC	Wiseman Ernest	Apr. 1976	79	Stone*	1049N/196J