

*A Victorian Trooper.  
Joseph Ladd Mayes.*



# Early Life.

- *Born 20<sup>th</sup> January 1833, Headford, Ireland to market gardeners Joseph Ladd Mayes (Sr) & Rebecca Lydon.*
- *Composition of family unknown.*
- *Joseph Ladd Mayes (Sr) died 1836.*
- *Family emigrated to New York b/n 1850 & 1855.*



# America.

- *Settled in New York, Joseph Ladd Mayes gained employment as a gardener/florist.*
- *Met Mariann Henrietta Piquet, married December 1855.*
- *Settled in Wilkes-Barrie County. First child (Charles) born 1857.*
- *Rebecca Lydon died around the same time.*
- *Emigrated to Australia, February 1858.*



# Becoming A Lawman.

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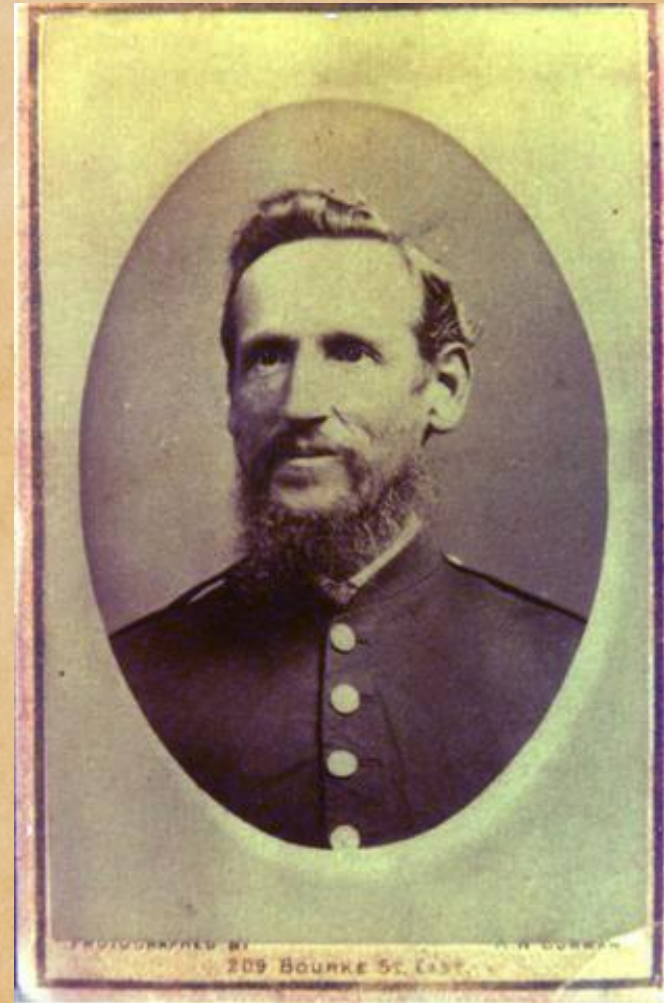
No. *1477* POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
*Joseph. L. Mayes* *16.12.* 185*8*  
aged *25 1/2*  
height *5 - 8 3/4* eyes *Hazel* hair *dk brown*  
complexion *dark* a native of *Ireland*  
by trade *Gardiner* appointed as a *Constable*  
on the *16<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* 185*8*.

I, *Joseph. L. Mayes* do swear that I  
will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen, in the office of  
CONSTABLE, without favor or affection, malice or ill-will, for the period  
of *Twelve months* from this date, and until I  
am legally discharged; that I will see and cause Her Majesty's Peace to be  
kept and preserved; and that I will prevent, to the best of my power, all  
offences against the same; and that while I shall continue to hold the said  
office, I will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, discharge all the duties  
thereof faithfully according to Law. So HELP ME, GOD!

Sworn before us at the *me* *Joseph Mayes*  
*Depot* this *20* day of *December* *H. W. Standish*  
185*8*. *Chief Comd.*

# Becoming A Lawman.

- *Sworn in at the Richmond depot, December 1858.*
- *Spent (?) 3 months at the depot training.*
- *Posted to the Piggoreet District near Ballarat Goldfields in 1859.*
- *Became a key figure in the investigation of the Thomas Ulick-Burke murder.*



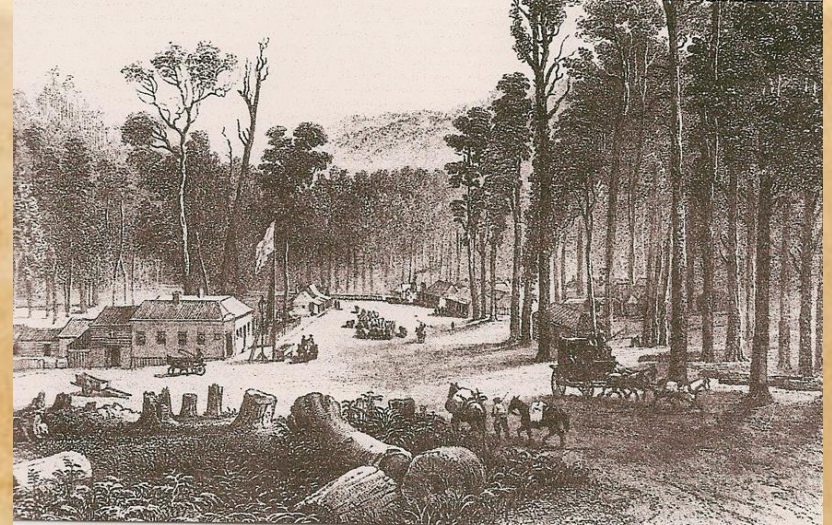
# Becoming A Lawman.

- *Ignited jealousies amongst the Ballarat constabulary who were thwarted in bringing the perpetrators to justice.*
- *Despite receiving a significant reward for solving the murder, Joseph Ladd was forced to transfer out of the district with his young family which, by now had grown by three (John, Rebecca & Sara).*



# Marysville & The North East.

- *Posted to Marysville in 1867 & oversaw the establishment & fit out of the Police Station.*
- *Earned reputation as a formidable horseman, principled lawman and respected community member.*
- *Was involved in the apprehension of bushranger Harry Power, providing Frances Hare with critical intelligence that led to Power's capture.*
- *Physical records of Mayes' time was lost when the Watch House Log at Marysville was lost during the Black Saturday bushfires in 2009.*



# *A Sabbatical Abroad.*

- *12 month leave of absence from April 1873.*
- *A secondment on behalf of Victoria Police to observe Police Force operations in America, the U.K. and North Africa.*
- *On return, was stationed at Broadmeadows, north of Melbourne*
- *Mariann Mayes died in 1878 following a stroke.*





# *Ned Kelly & The Cave Parties.*

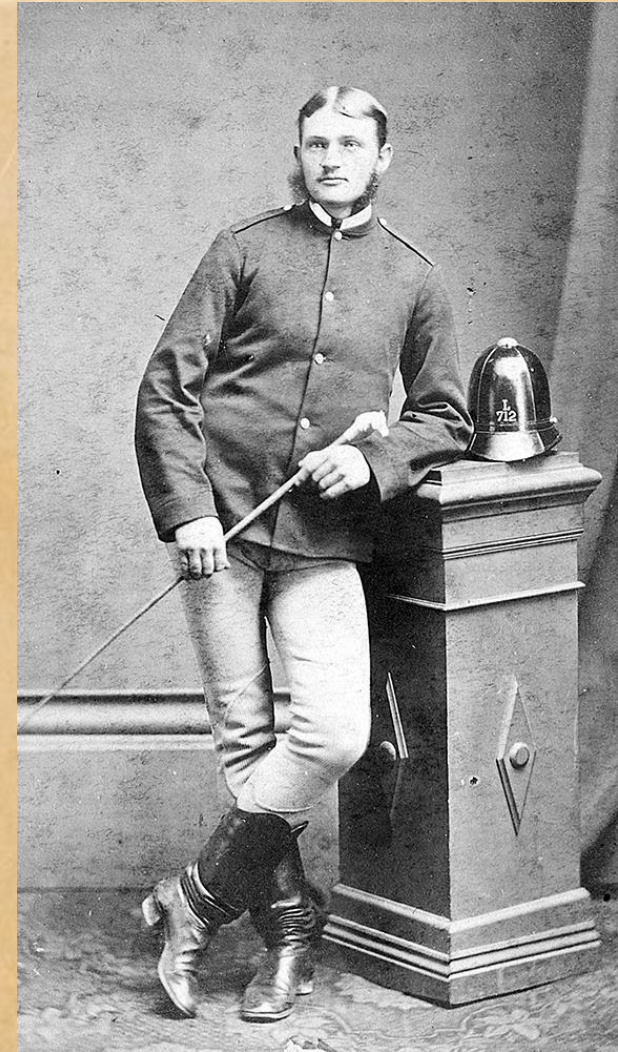


# Ned Kelly & The Cave Parties.

- *Following the Stringybark Police Murders & The Jerilderie raid, Police resources were funnelled into the apprehension of the gang led by Edward Kelly.*
- *Kelly associate Aaron Sherritt encouraged to act as informant, Supt. Frances Hare, established Cave Party operations in the Woolshed Valley, believing the Kelly Gang would return there.*
- *Hare led one party while Mayes, as 2IC, led the second party.*
- *Mayes departed from the Cave Party Operations in June 1879. Remarried Eugenie Rebecca Bourke, July 1879.*
- *Cave Party operation ran from Feb – April, 1880. Was disbanded when presence of the police became an open secret and the operation became prohibitively expensive.*

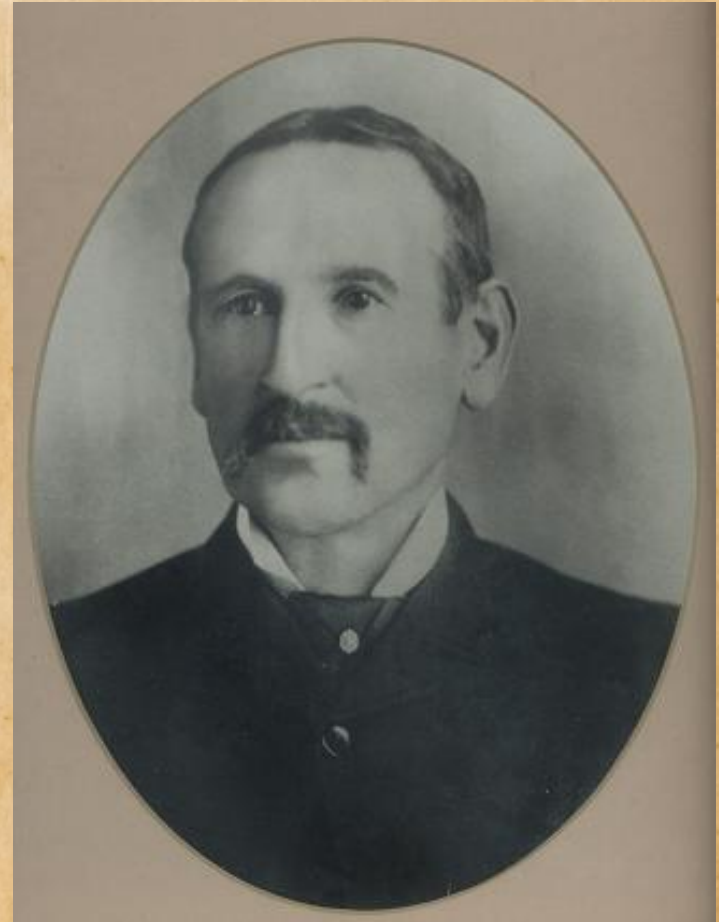
# Lancefield & Fitzpatrick.

- *Now a Senior Constable & having remarried, Joseph Ladd was posted to Lancefield in 1879.*
- *Alexander Fitzpatrick sent to Lancefield to serve under Mayes.*
- *Following several infractions and complaints, Mayes recommended Fitzpatrick's removal from the Police Force.*
- *"he was not fit to be in the police force ... he was associated with the lowest persons in Lancefield ... he could not be trusted out of sight and ... he never did his duty"*  
~ JL Mayes, May 1882.



# *Police Royal Commission.*

- *Established in 1881 in the aftermath of the Kelly Affair.*
- *Joseph Ladd Mayes was called as a witness on May 31st, 1882.*
- *Mayes recounted his experiences of the Burke murder investigation, his involvement in the Power hunt, his role in Fitzpatrick's dismissal from the Force.*
- *He critiqued police training processes, offered recommendations around rank structure, equipment and conduct.*



# Later Years.

- *Served at Lancefield & Kyneton until retirement in 1895.*
- *Promoted to Sergeant 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in 1885.*
- *Joseph Ladd's police record shows the Magistrates expressed;*  
*“their high appreciation of the zeal, skill and activity displayed by Senior Constable Mayes”*  
*~ Service Record of JL Mayes 1885.*
- *The Mayes family grew with six children born between 1880 and 1890 (Florence, Eugenie, Mary, Joseph, Molly and Norman).*



# Twilight By The Sea.

- *Joseph Ladd, Eugenie & their children settled in Union Street, Brighton.*
- *Remained active in raising funds for victims of the Potato Famine.*
- *Was present at the retirement for Frances Hare.*
- *Mayes suffered a stroke in July, 1902. Died July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1902.*
- *Was given a police funeral and was buried at Brighton cemetery.*
- *Eugenie died in 1939 and was buried with her husband.*



*J. L. Mayes*

*Eugenie Mayes*





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