

## Significant "Thunderbolt" Dates

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1788	Father - Michael Handley Thompson Ward, b. Middlesex
1788	Mother - Sophia Jane Elizabeth Ann Crolson, b. Middlesex
9.3.1809	Sister - Sophia Jane, born Holborn, London
1813	Michael & Sophia married, London
1814	Michael convicted of stealing liquor with Thomas Dodman
May 1815	Sailed on Indefatigable, July. Sophia sailed on Northampton
1829	William Thompson Ward, born at Wilberforce
1834	Mary Ann Bugg, born at Stroud
1835	Sister - Sarah Ann married John Garbutt. Moved to Cooyal Station - Mudgee
May 1836	Frederick Ward, born at Wilberforce near Windsor
1839	Sister Sarah Ann, 2nd marriage to William Shepherd
1843	Sarah Ann 3rd marriage (?) Edward Edwards
1846	Family moved to Maitland after Michael gained freedom
1848	Mary Ann married Edmund Baker & moved to Cooyal, Mudgee
Early 1848	Sarah Ann & Edward Edwards moved to the Warialda Area
By 1850	Brother William owned "Lambs Valley" property near Maitland
1850	Brother George married Charlotte Nixon in St Peter's Cathedral, Armidale.
1854	Brother George was drowned driving cattle from Tocal station to Maitland
21.4.1856	Ward sentenced 7 years for possession of stolen horses from Tocal Station
1.7.1860	Released on ticket of leave to work at Mudgee on Garbutt's Cooyal Station
1860	By this time, Mary Ann had returned to Stroud
Late 1860	Fred Followed Mary Ann to Stroud & married her there, returning to Mudgee for muster on a regular basis.
Sept 1861	Fred reported to police in Mudgee. Being late for muster he was arrested & charged with not attending muster & having in his possession a horse which he could not prove was his. He was returned to Cockatoo Island to serve the remainder of his previous sentence plus a further 4 years for horse theft
26.10.1861	Daughter Marina Emily, born in Stroud
11.9.1863	Fred Ward & Fred Britten escaped from Cockatoo Island with help of Mary Ann
Oct 1863	Robbery of hut at Gostwyck run
Oct 1863	Fred Ward shot by police in left Knee at "Thunderbolt Rock" Uralla.
21.12.1863	Toll-bar robbery at Rutherford. Beginning of name of "Thunderbolt"
2.9.1864	Daughter Elizabeth Ann, born West Maitland
5.1.1865	Various robberies near Bourke
20.2.1865	Station robbery at Bokhara Run

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26.2.1865	Station robbery near Bourke
17.3.1865	Robbery at Mogil Mogil Station
19.3.1865	Robbery at Collynimbi
21.3.1865	Dray robbery at Barwon River
24.3.1865	Station robbery at Boree River
19.4.1865	Mail robbery and horse theft near Manilla
20.4.1865	Horse theft near Barraba
24.4.1865	Hotel robbery at Boggy Creek
Nov 1865	Robberies between Gunnedah & Murrurundi and at Breeza & Werris Creek
8.12.1865	Hotel robbery at Quirindi
9.12.1865	Hotel robbery at Currabubula
10.12.1865	Hotel and mail robbery at Carroll
26.12.1865	Robbery at Burren Burren
27.12.1865	Hotel, store & station robberies near Collarenebri
28.12.1865	Hotel robbery at Meroe
Late 1860's	Sarah Ann and Edward Edwards moved to the Ebor area. near Warialpa, Hernani. Activities moved to Uralla area.
28.8.1866	Mary Ann Ward, born at Wallabadah
Feb 1867	Thomas Mason (15 year old) joined Thunderbolt while Mary was ill & expecting her 4th child
21.4.1867	Horse theft at Moonbi
21.4.1867	Mail robbery near Bendemeer
5.5.1867	Hotel and store robberies at Bonshaw Mail robbery near Manilla
30.5.1867	Mail robbery near Wallabadah
26.6.1867	Mail robbery near Murrurundi
Mid 1867	Frederick Wordsworth Ward (Jnr) born – baptised Wesleyan Methodist Tamworth District Circuit. Birth Reg in 1868. Birth probably contributed to Mary Ann's death.
6.8.1867	Mail robbery near Wybong Creek Mail robbery near Chain of Ponds Thomas Mason charged with being an accomplice of Thunderbolt
17.11.1867	Mary Anne dies of pneumonia Bells Mountain, near Muswellbrook
Jan 1868	Fred Ward joined by Will Monckton (14 years old)
17.1.1868	Mail robbery near Falconer
28.1.1868	Mail robbery near Tamworth

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30.1.1868	Mail robbery near Tamworth
6.2.1868	Mail robbery near Glen Innes
17.3.1868	Mail robbery near Tenterfield
19.3.1968	Robbery near Tenterfield
21.3.1868	Robbery near Tenterfield
6.5.1868	Horse theft at Abington
25.6.1868	Robbery at Bingara
18.7.1868	Store robbery at Rocky Creek
4.9.1868	Robbery near Bundarra
14.10.1868	Store robbery at Wellingrove
5.12.1868	Robbery at Oban. After the Oban hold-up, Will Monckton left Thunderbolt & gave himself up to the police
18.12.1868	Mail robbery at Bingara
8.6.1869	Robbery near Barraba
14.4.1870	Robbery near Moredun
25.5.1870	"Captain Thunderbolt" was shot and killed near Uralla by Constable Walker

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