

## Obituaries Australia

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#### Additional Resources

- [funeral](#), *Age* (Queanbeyan), 29 November 1904, p 2

#### Related Entries in NCB Sites

[view family tree](#)

- [Rutledge, Martha](#) (wife) 
- [Rutledge, Alice Louisa](#) (daughter) 
- [Rutledge, William Forster](#) (son) 
- [Rutledge, Edward Knox](#) (son) 
- [Rutledge, Jane Ruth](#) (daughter-in-law) 
- [Forster, Elizabeth](#) (mother-in-law) 
- [Forster, Eliza Jane](#) (mother-in-law) 
- [Forster, Thomas](#) (father-in-law) 
- [Knox, Martha](#) (sister) 
- [Rutledge, William](#) (brother)  
- [Rutledge, Richard](#) (brother) 

- Rutledge, Eliza (sister-in-law) 
- Forster, Maud Julia (sister-in-law) 
- Forster, Laura (sister-in-law) 
- Knox, Edward (brother-in-law)  
- Forster, Charles E. (brother-in-law) 
- Gilchrist, Clara Elizabeth (niece) 
- Mackay, Jessie (niece) 
- Knox, Fanny (niece) 
- Knox, Kate (niece) 
- Knox, George (nephew) 
- Knox, Edward William (nephew)  
- Knox, Thomas Forster (nephew) 
- Knox, Adrian (nephew) 
- Kater, Mary Eliza (niece by marriage) 
- Knox, Edith (niece by marriage) 
- Forster, Laura (niece by marriage) 
- Knox, Amy Hope (niece by marriage) 
- Forster, Baby (niece by marriage) 
- Kater, Henry Edward (nephew by marriage)  
- Gilchrist, William Oswald (nephew by marriage) 
- Forster, Charles E. (nephew by marriage) 
- Forster, John Gregory (nephew by marriage) 
- Forster, Herbert Cyril (nephew by marriage) 
- Forster, Lionel Archibald (nephew by marriage) 
- Broadbent, Alice Elma (granddaughter) 
- Rutledge, Thomas Lloyd Forster (grandson)  
- Rutledge, Harry Forster (grandson) 

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## AN OLD IDENTITY

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THE trial of John Barrett, charged with criminally assaulting the Balmain girl Ethel Carr, 13 years of age, was concluded before the Central Criminal Court on Wednesday. Barrett was sentenced to six years' penal servitude. His Honor said prisoner had committed a very horrible crime, and had brought disgrace upon the young girl and her parents and for the safety of other