

December

5 December 1944 – Patrolman Clarence Bower (Maywood PD), Motorcycle Accident

Patrolman Clarence Bower was killed in a motorcycle accident while attempting to stop a speeder on Atlantic Boulevard.

The driver of the vehicle he was attempting to stop suddenly swerved on 55th Street. As Patrolman Bower tried to make the turn his motorcycle struck the curb and he was thrown to the ground.

He was taken to Maywood Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

7 December 1857 – Constable Jack Wheelan, Stabbed

Constable Jack Wheelan was stabbed in the chest and killed while attempting to serve a warrant.

The suspect fled the scene and was never apprehended.

8 December 1970 – Deputy Louis Carl Wallace, Gunfire

Deputy Wallace was shot and killed after he and his partner made a stop of a suspicious person. As they were patting the suspect down over the hood of their radio car, the man suddenly produced a .32 caliber handgun from the crotch-area of his pants and opened fire, striking Wallace's partner in the knee. A gunfight ensued between Wallace and the suspect. Despite being mortally wounded, Deputy Wallace was able to return fire and kill the suspect.

12 December 1973 – Deputy David E. Andrews, Gunfire

Deputy Andrews was shot and killed during a robbery attempt at a service station while he was off duty. A suspect tried to rob him in the gas station's restroom and shot him when he identified him as a law enforcement officer. The suspect stole Deputy Andrews' service weapon and department identification before fleeing. The suspect was arrested, convicted of Deputy Andrews' murder, and has since been released from prison.

Deputy Andrews had been with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for four years. He was survived by his fiancée, parents, sister and brother.

18 December 1984 – Officer Edward James Burch (Los Angeles Community College Police), Struck by Vehicle

Officer Edward Burch was struck and killed by a car on a rainy night while crossing Victory Boulevard next to Los Angeles Pierce College. He had assisted a student who was locked out of his car and was returning to the main campus when he was struck.

Officer Burch was survived by his wife, son, and four daughters.

**21 December 1994 - Officer Thomas Benton Worley (Los Angeles County Safety Police),
Gunfire**

Officer Worley was shot and killed as he was shopping with his wife and he observed a robbery in progress. He ordered the suspect to the ground, who then turned and fired at Officer Worley. He was able to return fire and kill the suspect as well.

Officer Worley is survived by his wife, son, and daughter.

22 December 1930 – Marshal Perman Carlton Calderwood (Los Angeles City Municipal Court), Stabbed

It was 6:30 PM on a cool Monday evening just three days before Christmas. The streets were decked with the festive lights of the seasons and everywhere people walked with an extra bounce in their step knowing that they were en route home after the only real work day of the week. Riding on one of the big red cars traveling west on Ninth Street, also on his way home, rode Deputy Marshal Perman C. Calderwood. His day as working as a warrant officer in the Municipal Court was done and he was about to disembark from the car at Vermont Avenue just a block from the home he lived in with his parents on New Hampshire Street. As he exited the streetcar, he witnessed two men engaged in a violent fight. His quiet evening and soon his life were at an end.

Calderwood, being the dutiful peace officer that he was, attempted to intervene. As he did so, he saw another man racing up toward the scuffle. There must have been something not right about this man because Deputy Marshal Calderwood drew his revolver. When the man saw the gun he responded, "All right. You got me. Put up the gun. I give up." Witnesses said that Calderwood lowered his weapon and his attention was distracted, probably back toward the struggle between the first two men that he saw. One was Henry Krause. He was a twenty-eight year old store keeper of the "Beer Malt Supply Company" at 876 South Vermont Avenue. Moments before he was robbed at gunpoint by the man he was now fighting with, twenty-three year old Robert O'Neil, and his accomplice twenty-one year old William Hudson, aka Ray Arrington, who was the man that Calderwood drew down on. After being robbed, Krause retrieved a revolver of his own and chased the men to the intersection at Ninth Street and detained O'Neil at gunpoint as Hudson fled. O'Neil initially pretended to surrender. When Krause put away his gun the fight was on.

The entire situation was chaotic and must have been confusing to Calderwood who only moments before was calmly riding on the street car. When his attention was diverted from Hudson, the man drew a knife with a six-inch blade from an inner pocket and plunged it into the deputy marshal's back. He crumbled to the pavement with the blade still embedded where it was planted. Hudson then drew a revolver and shot Krause in the back. As both Krause and Calderwood lay bleeding on the ground, O'Neil and Hudson ran off eastbound on Ninth Street

toward Westmoreland Avenue and out of view. Calderwood died seconds after he was stabbed. Krause managed to pull through.

O'Neil was arrested a few hours later at a rooming house on West Sixth Street. Hudson fled to Salt Lake City. He was apprehended and extradited the following February. Both men were tried and convicted in May 1931 and hanged at Folsom Prison five months later on October 2.

Deputy Marshal Calderwood's heroic sacrifice went unacknowledged until this May when his name was added to the County, State and National Peace Officer Memorials. This would not have taken place but for the diligent research of East Los Angeles Station Crime Analyst Joe Walker. Joe has a very unique hobby. He scours old newspapers and other forgotten documents trying to locate peace officers who fell in the line of duty but whose sacrifice, like Perman Calderwood's, were never recognized. The fact that Calderwood died off duty no doubt contributed in his failure to be included when the Los Angeles County Peace Officer Memorial was founded in 1969. This led to his omission from the State Memorial and National Memorial at their inception in the 1980s. Joe first uncovered Calderwood's story in 2004 but there was some confusion at the time whether he was an employee of the city of Los Angeles or the County. It is the responsibility of the agency who employed a fallen peace officer to submit his or her name for consideration by the various memorial selection committees. When that issue was resolved Deputy Marshal Calderwood's name was submitted by the Department.

Perman C. Calderwood was born in Sacramento in 1895 and moved to Los Angeles with his family when he was a child. He served in the Navy prior to becoming a deputy marshal. He was survived by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. William T. Calderwood, a sister Mrs. J. Cravilla, and two brothers, William, an engineer, and George who was serving as a Chief Petty Officer on the USS Luzon in the Orient at the time of his brother's death. Tragically, his brother William came upon the scene of his brother's death only moments after he was stabbed. Deputy Marshal Calderwood was buried at Forest Lawn in Glendale on December 27, 1930. The local Navy post and American Legion assisted with the service. Calderwood's home still exists today and, absent the street car lines, the intersection where he was killed bears a striking resemblance to what it did the day he was murdered.

24 December 1941 - Deputy David Stout Larimer, Struck by Vehicle

Deputy David Stott Larimer was struck and killed by a drunk driver on Christmas Eve 1941 while escorting an elderly woman across Colorado Boulevard at Lotus Avenue.

Deputy Larimer was born in Shawnee County, Kansas in 1876. He moved to Los Angeles in 1901 and worked for the Fred Harvey system. This company was affiliated with the Santa Fe Railroad. Its restaurants and hotels were located along the Santa Fe's route. In 1906, Larimer was a candidate for Precinct 40 during the Republican Party county caucus elections. Later that year William "Billy" Hammel would be reelected as Sheriff and he would ultimately hire Larimer as a deputy in 1910.

Larimer rose quickly within the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff John Cline appointed Larimer superintendent of county constables in 1915. Later he was also given the added responsibility as chief of prisoner transportation. It was because of his position in this latter capacity that his LASD career took a serious blow. On November 8, 1923, a county grand jury returned two indictments against Larimer. The first indictment charged him with eight counts of embezzlement and the second with one count of forgery. These charges stemmed from transportation fees Larimer allegedly pocketed when escorting convicted felons to San Quentin and Folsom Prisons. He took a leave from the Sheriff's Department in January 1924 to fight these charges. They were all dismissed against him in June of that year, but Larimer did not return to the LASD at that time.

Prior to rejoining the Sheriff's Department as a deputy in November 1931, Larimer worked for the State Board of Equalization and the California Highway Patrol shortly after it was formed in 1929. In 1932, Larimer was assigned to Altadena Station. Larimer was a longtime resident of Altadena. His home at 227 W. Palm Drive is still there and is little more than a mile from the station.

Though Deputy Larimer worked patrol duties, one of his primary responsibilities was as a traffic accident investigator. The practice of all traffic collisions in county areas being handled by the CHP was still far in the future. By 1941 he and his partner Ben Davis were the chief investigators for Altadena traffic collisions which made his death from injuries sustained during a traffic accident cruelly ironic.

The Christmas Eve of 1941 was one when the promise of peace on earth and goodwill to men never seemed more remote. Deputies Larimer and Davis were patrolling on Colorado Boulevard just west of Rosemead Boulevard. This area is patrolled by Temple Station today, but with far fewer stations in 1941 the geographic responsibilities of each station were far different. Near Colorado Boulevard and Lotus Avenue the two deputies saw a woman in need of assistance. Inclement weather and blacked out streets made crossing streets a challenge and the two deputies stopped to help.

Deputy Larimer exited the squad car and contacted Mrs. John Girvan while Deputy Davis remained in their vehicle. Mrs. Girvan's predicament was obvious and Deputy Larimer attempted to escort her across the dark street with the aid of his flashlight. Unfortunately, the blacked out streets and poor weather were not the only thing inhibiting the skills of a driver approaching Deputy Larimer and Mrs. Girvan. He imbibed too much alcohol before getting behind the wheel. Deputy Larimer saw the approaching vehicle and realized what was about to happen. He pushed Mrs. Girvan to safety, but was struck by the car and thrown at least twenty-one feet and killed instantly.

The loss of Deputy Larimer was a tremendous blow to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and Altadena Station. He was very popular and was well known to Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz who served with him when he was first hired with the Sheriff's Department in 1910 and then again in 1929 when Biscailuz was the first commissioner of the Highway Patrol.

At Deputy Larimer's funeral, Sheriff's Chaplain Deputy Ed Green noted that, "True to the tradition of an officer and a gentleman, always looking to serve, he was intent once more in helping and protecting a fellow human being. We think that this was the way Dave would have wanted to go—to go out in the line of duty." David Larimer's wife, Lotta, died the year before her husband, but he was survived by his son David Larimer, an attorney, his daughter Elisabeth Burwell, and four grandchildren.

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