

**D82 William Harris – Broken Hill Strike 1909-11**

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History	Collection of annotated photographs and postcards relating to the 1909 and 1911 strikes / lockouts / industrial disputes at Broken Hill, New South Wales. The material includes contemporary annotations by (?) Police Officer Sub. Inspector William J. Harris.
Record Summary	Photographs / postcards
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### 1909 Strike

- 1 *15 The Strike 1909* [Police and crowd outside W.J. Player's Australian Club Hotel]  
 Inscription on rear: Broken Hill 9-1-09. After the Riot Police return to Quarters. On duty under the Australian Club Hotel verandah, probably that is your humble servant to be seen under the verandah. / W.J. H. Sub. Inspector William returned home left here last Sunday night. He has been in Hospital most of the time he was here. Broken Hill 4-2-09.  
 (Postcard)
- 2 *23 The Strike 1909* [Technical College, Broken Hill]  
 Inscription on rear: Court House to the left of building in the picture. Crowd in front of Court House when fence was thrown down. Arrests were made. Broken Hill 11-1-09. Excitement very great at this time, angry crowd required very delicate handling.  
 (Postcard)
- 3 *Public Buildings, Broken Hill, N.S.W.* [Court House, Technical College – camped here, Police Station, Town Hall, Post Office]  
 Addressed to: Miss Millie Harris / 55 Wigham Road / Glebe / Sydney  
 Inscription on rear: 18-1-09. Don't send P.Cs. [postcards] to me in return. I think you will like to see these pictures. Water not good here, going on night work tonight. Hope you are all well & that you are helping Mother all you can. This place would cook you all – don't grumble about hot weather. WJH.  
 (Postcard)
- 4 *Hospital, Broken Hill*  
 Inscription on rear: Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 1909. Visited the Hospital in company of Senior Constable Charlton. Inmates visited. Acting Sub Inspector Miller & Constable McRae. 18<sup>th</sup> February 1909. Again visited inmates.  
 Const. McRae, Luchhard Station  
 “ Farrell Goulbourne  
 “ Gove No. 3 Station, Sydney  
 “ Southwell, Station not known  
 Feby. 22<sup>nd</sup> Const. McRae left the institution & leaves for Sydney tomorrow night's express. X Accident Ward. M Medical Ward. Inmate of Accident Ward from 28.02.09 to 29.03.09 4 weeks & 1 day. On 5.4.09 4 Constable still inmates Const. McRae retrn. Home about 14.3.09.  
 WJH.  
 (Postcard)
- 5 *Wesleyan Church, Broken Hill*  
 Inscription on rear: Broken Hill 24<sup>th</sup> January 1909. Attended evening service at this church. Rev. Wellington preacher. His discourse was not becoming of the cloth. He appears to be an extreme socialist. WJH.  
 (Blue coloured postcard)

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- 6 *British Mill, Broken Hill*  
 Inscription on rear: Broken Hill, 28<sup>th</sup> January 1909. Visited this mine, went down to the 800 feet level & brought one specimen away. Manager Mr Sampson. Engineer Mr Abbott.  
 (Blue coloured postcard)
- 7 Tommy. The Black Tracker at Broken Hill, N.S.W. Police.  
 Inscription on rear: Broken Hill 29-1-09. Willie. The troopers had a job to get Tommy the Black tracker to hold up his head to get his photo taken. How would he suit Elsie [?] may be Maggie's better, say nothing of Miss Sly Boots. How is Charly Hemmings getting on. I have have forgotten Maggie's No. of Bridge Rd. I want to send her mother some P. C's not her would not take such liberty. Be a good boy and don't be too hard on Arthur.  
 (Postcard)
- 8 *The Strike. Tom Mann Train 31/1/09*  
 Inscription on rear: 1<sup>st</sup> Card. For Family only. 2 more cards to follow. Tom Mann was bound over at Broken Hill, Police Court when let out on bail after being committed for trial for Riot on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 1909. Not to take part in the present Industrial Dispute pending his trial. As that only applied to the State of N.S.W. an excursion was organised to Lochburn distance of 28 miles from Broken Hill, Fare 2/1 return. It was the longest train that has left Broken Hill consisting of the carriages and open  
 (Postcard)
- 9 *47 The Strike 1909. Tom Mann Train*  
 Inscription on rear: 2<sup>nd</sup> Card. For Family only. 1 more card to follow. .... open goods wagons. It is estimated that 2,700 people went. Lochburn is the border town of N.S.W. and South Australia. Tom Mann stood just across the border in the State of S.A. & addressed the crowd who stood in the State of N.S.W. The excursion on its return journey reached Broken Hill on Monday morning at 1 o'clock.  
 (Postcard)
- 10 *45 The Strike 1909*  
 Inscription on rear: 3<sup>rd</sup> Card. For Family only. Series complete. O'clock the weather was very cold. The excursion left Broken Hill about 3.30pm on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 1909, with a brass band. The railway is 3 ft 6 in guage./ WJH. / Broken Hill / 4-2-09/ Nights as a rule are cold here. We are 800 ft above sea level.  
 (Postcard)
- 11 *30 The Strike 1909*  
 Inscription on rear: Broken Hill Strike 1909. Change of Pickets, marching south side of Court House yard in Sulphide St, trades Hall in rear. Pickets are changed every four (4) hours. 12 MM, 4 a.m. 8 a.m. & 12 noon at 12 noon 4 & 8 pm with Band of Music in front of Pickets as shown in this picture. Brass band and Scottish Bagpipes are generally the bands. WJH, Broken Hill 3.2.09.  
 (Postcard)

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- 12 *Procession to the Gaol, Sunday, Feb 21, 1909.*  
Inscription on rear: Barrier Lockout 1909. The A.M.A. has a Brass band, going up to the gaol to cheer up Unionists who are prisoners there. 23/2/09  
(Postcard)
- 13 *Procession to the Gaol, Sunday, Feb. 21 1909.*  
Inscription on rear: Barrier Lockout 1909. The A.M.A. has a brass band going to the jail to cheer up unionists who are prisoners there. Purchased from the Union photographer 23.02.09.  
(Postcard)
- 14 Barrier Strike 1909. Police drilling at rear of Court House. 7-2.09  
(Postcard)
- 15 Barrier Strike 1909. Police at drills. Left form.  
Inscription on rear: Photo taken by the Chief Clerk in the Clerk of Petty Sessions Office.  
(Postcard)
- 16 *53 Sulphide St. Station B.H.*  
Inscription on rear: Broken Hill 12<sup>th</sup> February 1909. W.H. There are two (2) railway stations viz:- Railway .... The main station. Sulphide Street Station where the Mail train (which is known as the Express) starts from.  
(Postcard)
- 17 1898 Daily Barrier Truth General Printing Office  
(Postcard)
- 18 *Block 10 Mine, Broken Hill*  
(Blue coloured postcard)
- 19 Boycotting the Police at Broken Hill – The Sydney Bulletin pictures the police supplying themselves with victuals after the storekeepers refused to do so.[Cartoon]  
Inscription on rear: Mrs Harris  
(Postcard)

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**1911 Strike**

- 20 *Free labourers drying beds got from darn. 1911 Strike. Blast Furnace. H. Mellor Photo.*  
(Postcard – printed by H.T. Mellor, Lithgow)
- 21 *Free labourers fishing for belongings. 1911 Strike. H. Mellor Photo*  
(Postcard – printed by H.T. Mellor, Lithgow)
- 22 *Police guarding entrance to Blast Furnace 1911 Strike. H. Mellor Photo*  
(Postcard – printed by H.T. Mellor, Lithgow)
- 23 *Broken windows at Blast Furnace. 1911 Strike. H. Mellor Photo*  
(Postcard – printed by H.T. Mellor, Lithgow)
- 24 *Wrecked motor car, Blast Furnace, 1911 Strike. H. Mellor Photo*  
(Postcard – printed by H.T. Mellor, Lithgow)