## **MURPHY, Timothy Daniel Christopher**

Tim Murphy was born in New Zealand in 1873, son of James & Johanna Murphy.

He became Boxing Champion of Australia, Middleweight and Heavyweight.

He fought 57 bouts, 409 rounds, KOs 58.33%, his boxing career 1891-1909.

Height 177cm; Reach 183cm.

He was the brother of fellow boxers “Torpedo” Billy Murphy, Jimmy Murphy, and Bert Murphy.

His debut was in Auckland, New Zealand in 1891.

From 1895-1899 he was boxing in Melbourne.

He married Emma Cox in 1897, in Victoria, Australia.

In 1899 he was boxing in Sydney and Broken Hill up to early 1900.

He fought in the U.S.A. 1900-1904, in San Francisco, Chicago, Kansas City, Oakland, Sacramento, Stockton, and Honolulu.

In 1905 he fought in Sydney, then Johannesburg, South Africa, then returned to Sydney.

In 1906 he again fought in Johannesburg, then Melbourne and Sydney.

In 1907 he fought in Sydney and Broken Hill.

In February 1907 it was reported that “Mr. Tim Murphy, the well-known boxer, is having a nice cottage built in Carlingford-road (The Crescent], Cheltenham. It is nearing completion, and he will be moving into it shortly with his family.”

In May he was training hard for his match with Jim Griffin.

The Hornsby Council Rate Books of 1907-09 record Mrs. Emmie Murphy as being the owner of a property in Cheltenham-road, with an area of 65 x 330 feet, with Timothy Murphy as occupier.

In 1908 he fought in Broken Hill, Sydney, and Tamworth.

In August 1909 his last fight was with Billy McCall at Maitland, but lost the fight.

It is not known when he left Cheltenham.

By 1930 Tim was living at 54 Station-street, Newtown, and worked as a labourer.

In 1946 their residence was “Harbinger,” Barton-street, Katoomba. Children were Oswald (“Ossie”) and Sylvia.

On 30th May 1946 Tim Murphy he died at Katoomba hospital. On the day of his funeral, the following day, his wife Emma, then in hospital, also died. They were buried in Katoomba Cemetery – Roman Catholic, KRC1, Row Y, plot 6.

**Bibliography**

NONE (direct from available records)