

Robert was born in 1879 at Kilmacrennan, Donegal, Ireland, the son of William Hay and his wife Elizabeth, nee Culbertson. In 1908 he was appointed a NSW Probationary Constable, number 8913.

On 11th August 1914 he joined A Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a policeman and single giving his mother at Kilmacrennan as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 19th August 1922 he married Margaret Morton.

He died on 24th Sept 1967 and is buried at Woronora Cemetery.