

## FASCINATING FIND

### NASH FOB WATCH

This 9K gold watch belonged to the prospector James Nash, who announced his discovery of the Gympie goldfield on the 16th October 1867. Nash dug about seven thousand pounds worth of gold from his claim, and eventually received a one thousand pound reward from the government for saving the failing Queensland economy. He did not do well from his various investments. By 1890 the government appointed him to the position of powder magazine keeper, and gave him a pension of one hundred pounds per annum.

He died in 1913 aged 79, and a monument to his memory was unveiled in 1915.

We do not know when Nash received the watch, but it was made in the early 1900s in Switzerland, and is embossed with an award won by Omega at the 1900 Paris Grand Priz.

It is on display at the museum in the tank.

