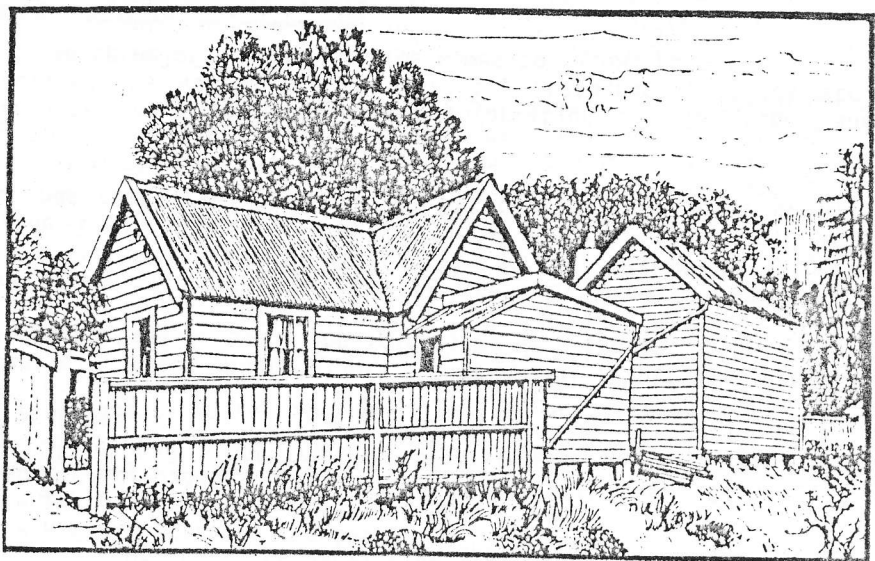


# Friends of Bolton Street Cemetery Inc.

P.O. Box 2336, Wellington

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Cottage, Bolton Street, built in 1857 for the sexton of the Church of England cemetery. The additions were made in 1885. *Martin Hill.*

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## LAND ACQUISITION

A progress report to members by the Chairman, Mr. Hugh Fullarton.

A report in the Evening Post of May 9th stated that the National Roads Board had sought a meeting with the Wellington City Council on the Bolton Street land issue, and a later report on 23rd May quoted the Minister of Works as saying "Real progress has been made in discussions between the Board and Council."

The results of these discussions were conveyed to me by the Town Clerk on 20th July, when he advised that \$500,000 had been paid by the N.R.B. to the W.C.C., to be used as a contribution toward the cost of land acquisition. The Board had also agreed that an additional \$50,000 be paid to the W.C.C. to meet the cost of upgrading the Mortuary Chapel. Negotiations were proceeding with the N.Z. Dairy Board and the Council were optimistic that it would be possible to obtain the land so that it could be developed for Memorial Park purposes "as was always intended."

The actual cost of acquiring the land is not known at this stage, but the Town Clerk is reported as stating that if it exceeded \$500,000 now paid, the extra money may have to come from rates or the Council's reserve purchase and development fund. We understand that negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily.

The attitude of the Friends to the land question is clear; we regard the early acquisition of the land on the western side of Mowbray Street as a priority, as we believe that it is there that the historic Chapel would be most appropriately reinstated.

We have conveyed the Society's appreciation for the interest and support given to date by the N.R.B., W.C.C. and Cabinet Ministers who have been consulted, and the local Member of Parliament and have also expressed our hope that their interest and support will be maintained until the acquisition and development of the Mowbray Street land has been finalized, which will mean that the original commitments have been honoured.

## BURIAL INDEX

Mr. B.A. Paetz has made a start on the large task of preparing an alphabetical burial list on cards for future reference purposes.

## PARK VISITS

Two groups were taken through the park on 28th June on the W.C.C. Tour of Historic Wellington.

## INSPECTION OF THE CEMETERY

Our Chairman and three members of the committee recently met with the Director of Parks & Reserves, Mr. Ian Galloway, his assistant Mr. Flook, the Head Gardener Mr. Rowe and another gardener Mr. Harkness. Together they made a detailed inspection of all areas of the cemetery and the result of their discussions will form the basis of the work scheduled during the coming year. It is intended to make these inspections annually.

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## OLD ROSES IN THE CEMETERY

Newsletter No. 9 promised a list of 1980 plantings.

BOURBON: Commandant Beaurepaire; Madame Laurrol de Barry; Variegata Di Bologna.

CENTIFOLIA: De Meux; The Bishop.

DAMASK: Madame Zoetmans; Maire Louise.

GALLICA: Belle de Crecy; Cardinal Richlieu; Tuscany Superb.

HYBRID PERPETUAL: Baronne Prevost

MOSS: Centrifolia Muscosa; William Lobb.

PORTLAND/DAMASK: Jacques Cartier.

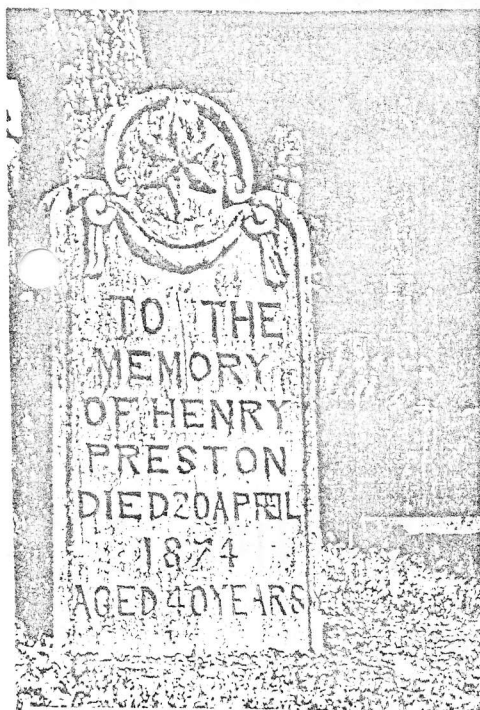
RUGOSA: Blanc double de Coubert; Frau Dagmar Hastrup; Sarah van Fleet; Scabrosa.

Unfortunately five other plants - Stanwell Perpetual; Nitola; Harisonii; Foetida Persiana and Spinossima were stolen.

Can any member identify the name of the rose growing between the graves of the Dutton family and Captain Forbes, behind and slightly below the shed? The Committee would be grateful for help. This request has come from Donal Duthie and the Heritage Roses of N.Z.

## CHAPEL

The Committee have been collecting information on the Chapel and have advised the W.C.C. of the drawings, photographs, relics etc. which could be helpful when the time comes to reconstruct it.



A STICKER HERE MEANS  
YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

This wooden memorial was included in a series of photographs taken by Charles Fearnley about 1968. It has since been discovered to be a duplicate.

## REVIEW OF TOWN PLANNING SCHEME

Committee members were concerned to note that the Wellington City Council when reviewing the City District Scheme under provisions of the Town Planning Act, had not only proposed "Office B" zoning for land on the western side of Mowbray Street, but had also removed an existing designation of Reserve for "National, Civic, Cultural and Community Purposes" in that area. An objection to this proposed amendment was therefore lodged several months ago and presented to a Council Committee on 21st August.

A decision on the objection has yet to be given. It is relevant to note however that City Council officers have set out the following comment for the information of Councillors:-

1. It is considered from a Town Planning Viewpoint that a reserve in this area would be of public benefit and be desirable as an extension to the existing cemetery reserve.
2. The zoning or designation of the land does imply a commitment to purchase the land by the designating authority. In the circumstances relating to the history of this land as being promised as a cemetery reserve by the National Roads Board in exchange for cemetery land taken for the motorway, it would seem appropriate that the Minister of Works and Development initiate the designation procedure and accept the accompanying financial responsibility.
3. The Director of Parks has commented that the open space development would provide additional needed land for the Memorial Park

Some if not all of the points noted above reinforce our contention.

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