

Friends of Bolton Street Cemetery Inc.

P.O. Box 2336, WELLINGTON

NEWSLETTER NO 19 SEPTEMBER, 1985

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Committee members for the past year were:

Chairman:	John Daniels
Deputy Chairman:	John Murray
Hon. Secretary:	Betty Krebs
Hon. Treasurer:	Mac MacCormick
Patricia Adams	Vivien Cryer
Gary Morris	Margaret Alington
Gerard McGreevy	Lindsay Buick-Constable
Anne Burnett	Vivienne Bogle

2. Obituary

We record with regret the death of Mr Percy Brooker, who was Chairman of the Wellington Early Settlers and Historical Association, and a strong supporter of the Friends in all their endeavours.

3. Mowbray Street Land Issue

Sadly, there is little to report on this still unresolved matter. Little information has been forthcoming from the City Council during the year, although the Friends have been assured on several occasions that a final solution was near. The Committee understands that a developer is preparing a proposal for the area, including a park above a parking facility.

The Committee expresses its dissatisfaction with the apparent lack of progress, and the lack of information on the Council's planning for the area.

As an aftermath to the Friends' district scheme appeal regarding the Mowbray Street land, the Planning Tribunal awarded costs against the Friends of \$200 to the New Zealand Dairy Board and \$100 to the University Grants Committee. This is a disappointingly pin-pricking sequel to an action the Committee considered was taken in the public interest.

4. Wellington City Parks & Recreation Department

The Council's high standard of maintenance in the cemetery has been continued, and the Committee is grateful to the Director, Mr. Galloway, and to his staff for their cooperation and interest in the work of the Friends.

Brick boundary markers have been placed to show the boundaries between denominational and public sections of the cemetery.

The memorial lawn has been renamed the Early Settlers Memorial Lawn. An appropriate marker is now needed for the area.

Progress has been made both with a base map of the cemetery, and a comprehensive index to burials. The Council's brochure on the cemetery has been reissued with corrections and has received much favourable comment and publicity.

5. Publicity and Research

Newsletters were issued to members in November 1984 and April 1985. Walks through the cemetery were organised for the Terrace Festival in June 1984, and two visits of school classes from Woodville were conducted by committee members.

Research inquiries are now mainly directed to the Council's staff, but some inquiries are still dealt with on behalf of the Friends by Committee member Margaret Alington.

Material for a pictorial book on the cemetery has been prepared by several Committee members, and the Committee is looking into ways of arranging publication.

Subscriptions for 1985/86 are now due.

Ordinary \$4.00 / Family \$6.00

Please remit to: The Secretary,
Friends of Bolton Street Cemetery,
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THE STORY OF WILLIAM RUFUS TYRRELL by A.W. McCormick.

The earliest extant headstone in Bolton Street Cemetery commemorates William Rufus Tyrrell. He was buried in the Church of England section and his headstone is now located a few metres east of the motorway wall where he was originally buried. The headstone has recently been relettered. William Rufus Tyrrell of the Middle Temple, London, was the only son of William Tyrrell, a surgeon and apothecary of St. Helens Parish, Abington, Berkshire, described as "Esquire" who had died before his son was admitted to the Middle Temple on 13th April, 1839. His mother's name was Mary Anne Pern and his parents were married on 22nd July, 1818 at Sparsholt in the County of Southampton. William Rufus Tyrrell was born on 7th July, 1819. Tyrrell was not called to the Bar which means that he would not have practiced as a barrister in England. On 5th January, 1841 he embarked on the "Lord William Bentinck" (Captain Crow, 444 tons) which sailed from Gravesend and left the Downs on 8th January and arrived at Port Nicholson on 19th May, the voyage taking 134 days. The vessel carried 240 immigrants chiefly agricultural classes, 8 cabin passengers and general cargo. The following were the cabin passengers:-

Margaret Atcheson Aitkin, age 50, whose husband was late of Constable & Co., Edinburgh, and her 2 daughters

Margary Atkinson Aitkin, age 19

Mary Annie Aitken, age 16.

Chauncey Henry Townsend, age 20

William Rufus Tyrrell, age 22

Geroge T.B. Newburn, age 28

George Rees, Surgeon Superintendent, age 31

Isabella Rees, wife of George Rees and formerly of Thorpe near Newark.

Colonel Wakefield, Principal Agent of the New Zealand Company in New Zealand reported to London "that the Lord William Bentinck arrived after a most prosperous voyage. Her experienced commander was ably seconded by the Surgeon Superintendent and the high order in which he found her immigrants who have been very well selected, attested to their care and discipline." When the schooner "Balley" (Captain James Sinclair, 162 tons) arrived at Port Nicholson under charter to the New Zealand Company, Colonel Wakefield was given authority to "keep the Balley for any useful purpose".

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Colonel Wakefield reported "I have despatched the vessel with Captain Edward Daniell and Mr George Duppa who volunteered to examine the coast of the Southern Island with a view to point out the most eligible situation for the second colony under the auspices of the Company. I trust by this means to have ample information to lay before Company's Commissioner on his arrival with the preliminary expedition." The New Zealand Gazette and Cooks Strait Guardian records the departure of the "Balley" to the South Island on 28th June and return on 21st July and of passengers Captain Daniell and Messrs Duppa and Tyrrell, but otherwise no mention is made of Tyrrell in any report of the voyage.

On the 23 August 1841 Tyrrell received ex "Lucy Ann" from London, one case of British goods and two casks of beer.

On 28th August 1841, when the Governor, Captain William Hobson paid his long awaited visit to Wellington, Tyrrell attended the Levee at Barretts Hotel as a Non-Official Resident of Port Nicholson. Nothing else can be traced of his movements until his death was reported in the New Zealand Gazette and Cooks Strait Guardian of 23 September, 1841. "Died after a few days illness, W.R. Tyrrell Esq., aged 26 years". (Note: In the names of cabin passengers on the "Lord William Bentinck" his age is shown as 22 years, which was his correct age.) When at the request of the Court of Directors of the New Zealand Company in London to furnish a list of deaths from the foundation of the colony to 1843, Tyrrell's name does not appear. Colonel Wakefield stated that no correct register had been kept and information had been obtained from the survivors.

On the 4th January 1841, one day before the "Lord William Bentinck" sailed from Gravesend for Port Nicholson, Tyrrell made a will appointing John Stewart of Winchester House, London, Merchant, and James Pern Fitt of Westley in the County of Southampton, Esquire, as Executors and Administrators. Tyrrell bequeathed fifty pounds each to the above mentioned executors, twenty pounds to John Seppings Harrison of No. 12 Abington Street, Westminster, and his gold watch chain and key to Mistress Caroline Mahala Emmett of Brighton. He bequeathed one third of the residue of his personal estate in trust to Sarah Gale, wife of John Gale of Eveyhill in the County of Southampton, brewer, for her sole and separate use independently and exclusively

FRIENDS OF BOLTON STREET CEMETERY INCORPORATED
Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ended 31 March 1985

<u>1984</u>	<u>Income</u>	\$
519	Subscriptions	466.00
30	Donations	26.00
24	Interest	26.00
<u>573</u>		<u>518.00</u>
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
21	General Expenses	-
323	Typing, Printing, Photocopying	55.60
43	Postage	58.65
-	Stationery	5.85
32	Presentation Hugh Fullarton	-
20	Rent	10.00
-	Book Expenses	56.20
-	Legal Expenses *	300.00
<u>439</u>		<u>486.30</u>
<u>134</u>	<u>Excess Income over Expenditure</u>	<u>31.70</u>

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 March 1985

881	Accumulated Funds at beginning of year	1,015.36
<u>134</u>	<u>Nett Excess Income over Expenditure</u>	<u>31.70</u>
1,015		1,047.06
<u>4</u>	<u>Subscriptions in advance</u>	<u>16.00</u>
1,019		1,063.06
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	<u>Represented by:</u>	
1,003	Wellington Savings Bank	1,059.06
<u>16</u>	<u>Subscriptions in Arrears</u>	<u>4.00</u>
1,019		1,063.06
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books and accounts of the Friends of Bolton Street Cemetery Incorporated and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account present fairly the financial position of the Society at 31 March 1985 and the results of its activities for the year ended on that date.

* Amounts paid to NZ Jury Board
 + Univ. Grants Committee by
 order of the Planning Tribunal.

30 April 1985

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1) Stones

- Hale stone relettered
- Marshall stone relettered
- Barnes stone recemented near the bottom of the footbridge
- Tyrell stone relettering underway

2) Horticulture

- Bowen Street central median planter - ivy removed and replaced with three claret ash and annuals (so far: begonias in summer; pansies in winter).
- 'Albertine' climbers planted on the handrails of Robertson Way.
- Several conifers replaced on the motorway on-ramp.
- A range of Banksia spp. (Australian trees and shrubs) planted on either side of the Bolton Street overbridge.
- Old man's beard (Clematis vitalba) removal continued.
- General maintenance and clean-up in areas of Chapel Walk, Hart Path and Lewis Path.

3) Storm Damage

The recent storm (May) did very little damage in the cemetery.

4) Staff

- June Sowerby resigned and has been replaced by Peter Mullion.
- Adrian Cooper, a 2nd year apprentice, has done much good horticultural work in the cemetery.
- Rodney Read will be vacating the Sexton's Cottage soon. He is moving into another house in the Gardens and will continue to be very closely involved in the Cemetery.
- Mr. Rob Pryor is the Department's new Landscape Architect, replacing Mr. Ron Flook who has resigned.
- Mrs Diane Menzies, Parks Planning Officer, has also recently resigned. Her replacement has yet to be appointed.

5) Plaques/Signs

- Three bronze plaques for various areas are underway as organised by Mr. Rob Pryor and assisted by Mrs Alington.
- A new middle sign for the three main entrance signs is being currently signwritten. It will clarify who is responsible for the Cemetery.

6) General

As usual the assistance and support of the "Friends" has been greatly appreciated.

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