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AT

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MONDAY, 26TH MAY, 1986

ST. ANDREWS LOUNGE, 8PM.

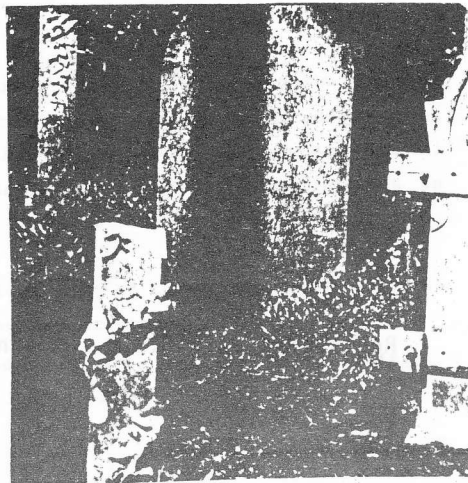
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NEW PLAQUES INSTALLED

Four bronze plaques have recently been placed in the park by the Wellington City Council with wording provided by the Friends. They are as follows:

- A plaque in the lawn on the eastern side of the motorway, near the entrance to the footbridge, marks the boundary between the CHURCH OF ENGLAND and PUBLIC cemeteries.
- Set into the stone wall at the back of the Early Settlers' Memorial Lawn, a plaque commemorates the
COMMON GRAVE. IN A VAULT BENEATH THIS SITE LIE THE REMAINS OF
3,693 BURIALS FROM THIS CEMETERY DISINTERRED BETWEEN 1968 AND
1972 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WELLINGTON URBAN MOTORWAY.
- Plaque on the site of the Robertsons' cottage, adjacent to the Jewish graves:
THIS LAWN WAS THE SITE OF THE COTTAGE AND GARDEN FOR THE SEXTON
OF THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE CEMETERY. FOR 50 YEARS IT WAS
OCCUPIED BY THE FAMILY OF DAVID ROBERTSON, THE FIRST SEXTON, WHO
WITH HIS WIFE MARY AND THEIR 7 CHILDREN ARRIVED FROM SCOTLAND IN
1857. TWO FURTHER CHILDREN WERE BORN IN THE COTTAGE. DAVID DIED
IN 1887 AND WAS SUCCEEDED BY HIS SON. TWO YEARS AFTER MARY'S
DEATH IN 1906, THE COTTAGE WAS REMOVED.
- Plaque on the Robertson grave, which has no headstone:
HERE LIE DAVID AND MARY ROBERTSON AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY.
DAVID (1813-1887), FROM LINDORES IN FIFE, SCOTLAND, WAS SEXTON
OF THE PUBLIC CEMETERY FOR 30 YEARS FROM HIS ARRIVAL IN 1857
UNTIL HIS DEATH. MARY DIED IN 1906, AGED 87. THEIR SON, DAVID
JAMES (1854-1934), WAS SEXTON FROM 1887 TO 1903.

Broken stone
and
repair work.



of the said John Gale. At her death the trust to be divided among her children. The children to succeed equally on attaining 21 years of age. The remaining two thirds of the residue, Tyrrell left in trust to "my dear Mother, Mary Anne Tyrrell". Probate was granted on the 27th April 1842, in London, Tyrrell having died in Wellington on 23rd September 1841. The will was endorsed "under two thousand pounds", and covered personal estate only.

On the 30th October 1841, Michael Murphy as agent for the Collector of Intestate Estates advertised for all persons having claims against the Estate of William Rufus Tyrrell deceased, to furnish them without delay. On 13th October Messrs Bethune and Hunter advertised that by order of the Collector of Intestate Estates for New Zealand the following effects of the late William Rufus Tyrrell Esq. deceased would be sold:-

- 3 working bullocks and 1 cow
- 2 superior English pigs
- 2 casks bottled beer
- tea, sugar, flour and preserved meats
- poultry, geese, ducks, fowls etc
- further assets consisting of a variety of assorted ironmongery, agricultural implements, cart complete, corn mill, tool chest, iron safe, one bundle of zinc, guns and pistols, etc. and other goods. Terms to be arranged at sale.

No information can be found when or if the proceeds of the sale of Tyrrell's effects were remitted to the beneficiaries in England. The New Zealand Gazette and Wellington Spectator of 18th June 1842 asked what becomes of the funds of Intestate Estates? They refer to the estate of late Mr. Tyrrell who has been dead for more than six months and it is known that the cash he left and the amount realised by the sale of his effects initially far surpassed the sum required to liquidate his debts. The Spectator recommends that if Mr. Cooper pursues in this course proving him unfit to hold an office of this kind that the injured parties petition the Governor-In-Council on the subject. The records are not available to indicate if the money was transferred to his beneficiaries in England.

William Rufus Tyrrell owned four New Zealand land orders:-

No 22 Special, Part 1.	No 56 Ordinary, Part 1.
No 80 Special, Part 1.	No 118 Ordinary, Part 1.

Land Order No 22, Special, Part 1 was first issued to Thomas Bird Hine and transferred by endorsement on 5th June 1841 to Tyrrell. This Land Order covered Town Section 47 in St. Hill Street, Wanganui. Land Order No 56, Ordinary, Part 1 was first issued to Sarah Falwasser and transferred by endorsement to Henry St. Hill, who transferred to Tyrrell. This Land Order covered Town Section 59 in Victoria Avenue, Wanganui.

Land Order No 80, Special, Part 1 was first issued to Chauncey Henry Townsend (a fellow passenger with Tyrrell on the "Lord William Bentinck") and transferred by endorsement to Tyrrell on 27th May 1841 (Tyrrell arrived at Port Nicholson on 19th May). This Land Order was covered by Rural Section No 76 situated on the right bank of the Wanganui River, the area being 109 acres.

Land Order No 118, Ordinary, Part 1 was first issued to William Rufus Tyrrell and covered Sections 157 and 158 situated on Victoria Line near present day Maxwell and covered 187 acres.

The beneficiaries under Tyrrell's will did not receive the benefit of the above land, as his will disposed of personal property only. In April 1850, Joseph Tyrrell of Sutton Wick, Berkshire, the son of Avery and Sarah Tyrrell, who was born at Drayton on 11th March 1829 applied as the heir-at-law of William Rufus Tyrrell that the above land be transferred to him. On 6th August 1855 Joseph Tyrrell transferred to Francis Dillon Bell all the above land together with Town Sections 241 and 244 (which he received as compensation) for the sum of £500. William Rufus Tyrrell also had land in Nelson. Under Application No 153 he received 1 Town Acre, 50 Suburban Acres and 150 acres of Rural Land. His address is given as 12 Abingdon Street, Westminster, although at the date of the application he would have been in New Zealand. Although the records are not complete it would appear that the Nelson land had been disposed of before his death.

No information is available as to why Tyrrell came to New Zealand. An extract from his will "after notification of my decease reaches England" seems to indicate that he may have been in bad health. Neither does he appear to have used his legal qualifications in Wellington.

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