



Memorial Park

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Note on numbering: Our last Newsletter was incorrectly numbered 44 instead of 48. We regret this mistake.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 2000 annual general meeting of the Friends of Bolton Street Memorial Park Incorporated will be held at 8.00 pm on **TUESDAY 30 MAY** in the Long Gallery at Turnbull House, Bowen Street, Wellington.

Annual Meeting Speaker

Our speaker for this meeting will be Gavin McLean, Senior Historian at the Historical Branch of the Department of Internal Affairs, and author of the recently published book "Wellington: The First Years of European Settlement 1840-1850". Gavin's talk is entitled "Presenting Wellington's History" and will discuss the problems and pleasures of researching and writing on Wellington's early years.

Agenda For Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 1999 Annual General Meeting
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Chairperson's report
5. Treasurer's report and financial statement
6. Report by Wellington City Council
7. Election of committee
8. Appointment of auditor
9. Notice of Motion:
 "That, in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of the Society, Rule 6.i be changed by the deletion of the word 'sixty' and replacement by the words 'one hundred and twenty'."
Note: This is to give 4 months rather than 2 months, after each financial year ended 31 March, in which to hold the annual general meeting.
10. Other business

Friends Committee

We are looking for some new committee members for the Friends. One of these is a Minute Secretary. The work is not onerous, and it is a good way to keep in touch with the work of the Friends. Volunteers for ordinary committee positions would also be welcome.

Park Works Programme

The committee has been liaising with Wellington City Council (WCC) regarding potential improvements to the Bolton Street Memorial Park to be undertaken in forthcoming years. A list of approximately 70 entries has been compiled primarily addressing the repair or restoration of individual grave sites, surrounding vegetation and access (paths and entrance ways) within and to the Park. Individual entries within the list are currently being prioritised from both historical and aesthetic perspectives.

By this means it is intended that the Friends maintain their active participation in the WCC annual planning process. At the same time we can develop, agree and share a longer term perspective of detailed aspects of maintenance and development that sit beneath the overall draft Park Management Plan.

Development of South-west Entrance

A proposal has been received from and agreed with the WCC for simple enhancements to the Park entrance adjacent to Seddon Memorial and Anderson Park. The overall intention is to provide a distinctive entrance that is recognisable as such from a distance, to entice and guide visitors from the Rose Gardens and cricket ground areas. Work is understood to commence this winter or spring.

Apartment development on Bolton Street/Mowbray Street corner

Members may have noticed an item in the Evening Post of 14 March about a 21-level, serviced apartment hotel complex planned for the vacant site on the corner of Bolton and Mowbray Streets. The site is behind the old Kelvin Chambers. The development is by CityLife Apartments. Although the proposed building will not impact directly on the Memorial Park, it will add considerably to building density and traffic movement in the area. It will also block off part of the view of the park from the Terrace.

The committee has investigated the proposal and has discussed it with city council officers. We were advised that the development complies with the district plan apart from a machinery room which exceeds the height limit by a small margin. After full consideration of this aspect the council has approved the development.

The committee accepts that the development will proceed, but hopes that the partial loss of view from the Terrace can be alleviated by improved directional signage.

Guided Tour

On 13 February Diane Comber and Nick Perrin conducted a tour for a group organised by the Council of Jewish Women (but including men). About 24 attended, and after a more detailed inspection of the Jewish Cemetery than is normal on our tours, those present were keen to do the rest of our tour. Fortunately, the weather was good, and considerable interest was shown by the participants

Interpretation Strategy

The second part of the original interpretation strategy developed by Isobel Gabites has been revised, and is nearly finalised. (The first part was the new display material in the chapel.) The aim is to produce an aid for a self-guided historical walk (heritage trail), by setting up numbered signs at various points which connect with text and a map in a pamphlet. The strategy is based on our regular tour notes, which were largely developed by Margaret Alington and Hugh Fullarton several years ago. The tour is divided into two separate sections, one for the upper part, and another for the lower part of the Memorial Park. The Friends have been consulted extensively, and will be assisting with further biographical details.

Doctor Francis Logan, R.N. and family

by Nick Perrin and Jim Dale

Doctor Francis Logan, R.N. was born 28 January 1780 at "The Braes", Dunlop, Ayrshire, Scotland. His father, William Logan, married Janet Gray in 1771. Janet died aged 104 at West Broadstone, Beith, Ayrshire. Francis undertook medical studies at Glasgow University 1804-06, and joined the Royal Navy as a surgeon. He married Janet Wallace, who was born in 1808, in Glasgow. Their son, Houston Francis, was born in Glasgow in 1838.

The Logans sailed from Glasgow in 30 October 1839, on the "Bengal Merchant", and arrived in Port Nicholson on 20 February 1840, after a voyage of 112 days – four months without fresh meat or vegetables. Dr Logan was described as Surgeon Superintendent and Naturalist on the voyage, and was accompanied by his wife and son.

The "Bengal Merchant" was the first migrant ship sailing to New Zealand from Scotland, and the fourth from the UK with New Zealand Company immigrants. It was built in Calcutta in 1812, and was 478 tons. It had previously transported convicts to New South Wales on four voyages between 1829 and 1838. The ship was chartered by the New Zealand company, and had a very big send off from Glasgow.

Francis owned 700 acres at Porirua and 2 acres in Wellington. He had a Webb Street, Wellington, address in 1854/55. He appears to have planned on farming, as he brought his ploughman, Alexander Scott, with him on the "Bengal Merchant". Young Houston, meanwhile, seems to have been left in the care of an uncle, Robert Wallace, who ran a provisions store on Lambton Quay. Another uncle, George Paxton Wallace, who had also been on the "Bengal Merchant", was drowned when the "Maria" was wrecked in 1851 en route from Lyttelton to Wellington.

Houston Francis Logan was in business in Cuba Street and Lambton Quay from 1866 to 1884 when he retired. His address at this period was 3 Brougham Street. He represented Te Aro Ward on the town council from September 1887 to September 1883, and was one of the founders of the Star Boating Club. As part of his council work, he was responsible for a lot of planting of trees in the city, notably in Pirie Street (Mt Victoria), the Basin Reserve, Newtown Park, and Queen's Park in Thorndon. He took part in the Mahakipawa (Marlborough) gold rush of the 1880s, being in the first party to leave Wellington! Only 4 kg of gold was recovered from this field, so it is unlikely he became rich from it. Houston was commissioned in the Militia during the Land Wars, an account of his activities survives in some letters he wrote to relatives in Scotland at the time.

Francis Logan died 30 May 1862 aged 84, and was buried on 2 June in Public Cemetery plot 108.O (register number 115). Janet Logan was buried on 19 August 1903, in plot 108.O with her husband, having died two days earlier, aged 95 years (register number 3243). Their grave was removed for the motorway on 28 January 1969, and they were moved to the mass grave. Their reinstated monument is at grid P11 16.

Houston Francis Logan died on 14 August 1922, aged 85. He is recorded in the Public Cemetery Register (number 3852), but no plot is recorded. We can, however, be sure he was buried in plot 108.O with his parents. After 1892 no new plots were allowed, and burial was only possible in existing family plots with near relatives.

The simple grey headstone records-

FRANCIS LOGAN
SURGEON R.N.
DIED MAY 30 1862

JANET LOGAN
BORN APRIL 1 1808
DIED AUGUST 17 1903



Transcript from "NEW ZEALAND TIMES," 16 Aug 1922; page 3.

Obituary

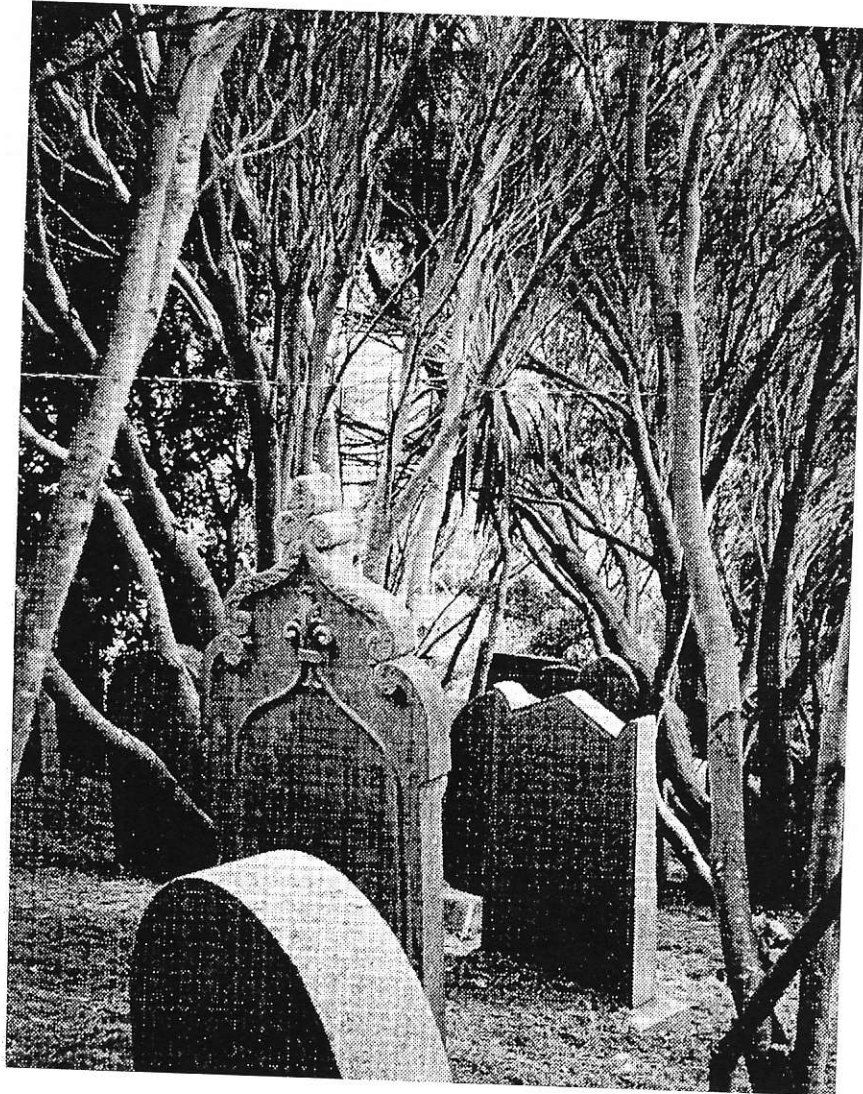
Mr Hooston [sic] Logan Wellington Pioneer Resident Passes Away

Mr Hooston Logan, who died at the Wellington Hospital at the age of 85 years, was one of the city's pioneer settlers. He arrived with his parents in the ship Bengal Merchant in 1840 and resided on Lambton quay, then known as "the beach", for many years. Later in life Mr Logan established a provisions store on Lambton quay opposite where the Police Court now stands, and on retiring, lived in Ellice street, where he occupied his time in gardening and being a great lover of flowers and shrubs.

The late Mr Logan took a keen and active interest in the welfare of the city, and the citizens of the present day have much to thank him for. From 1877 to 1883 he was a member of the City Council, during which period he was chairman of the reserves committee and was instrumental in getting plantation work carried out. The present plantation in Pirie street was practically planted by Mr Logan, who also planted the trees that grew in the Basin Reserve and down Kent terrace before the present improvements were carried out. With the assistance of the Late Mr Brewer, he planted the trees in Newtown Park, and with Mr McGinnity, the caretaker, Queen's Park, Thorndon was planted. Mr Logan was the founder of the Star Boating

Club, and for a number of years acted as secretary. He was an enthusiast in everything he undertook, and there are many old oarsmen to-day who will have kindly recollection of him and the interest he took in procuring crews to take part in the annual regatta at Nelson.

When gold was found at Mahakipawa deceased was a member of the first party which left Wellington for the diggings.



Bolton Street on the Internet

by Nick Perrin

Those of you with access to computers with Internet access might be interested in two sites with information and photographs.

The first is my personal site in which I have used one of my three free pages to publicise Bolton Street Memorial Park. There is a brief summary of the basic facts and contact details, and a few photographs. I will try to change things at irregular intervals, and include current news items relating to the Memorial Park.

See the page on <http://mysite.xtra.co.nz/~perrin/page2.html>

The second is the Turnbull Library web site. I had already discovered by accident that the Turnbull Library had placed over 600 photographs of graves on their web pages, and knew they were the collection taken by P.J.E. Shotter, the City Sexton, who took the photographs in the late 1960s to record the graves that had to be removed for the motorway. We have now been informed of this fact in a letter by David Adams of the Turnbull Library, who also gives some advice on how to search the collection.

The following is extracted from his letter of 12 April 2000.

ONLINE IMAGES OF BOLTON AND SYDNEY STREET CEMETERIES

You are probably familiar with the photographic collection held at the Alexander Turnbull Library of the graves and plots of the cemeteries taken in the late 1960s by the City Sexton, P.J.E. Shotter prior to the Wellington motorway construction.

A recent project at the Alexander Turnbull Library provided for re-housing of the original negative collection and at the same time the digitisation of each image. The

collection of over 600 images has now been catalogued and added to the online image database *Timeframes*.

Timeframes is freely accessible from the Library's Internet page and its address is:

<http://timeframes.natlib.govt.nz/>

Username: timeframes

password: images

All images from the collection can be searched and found in *Timeframes* which contains over 15,000 images. The information below will allow more accurate matches to your search queries.

To find an image by family name

When you have logged into *Timeframes* using the username and password above go to "Search", and then click on "Advanced Search". In the 'title field' type Bolton Street Cemetery (or Sydney Street Cemetery) then in the 'name field' type in the family name you wish to find, then click on "Submit Query". This will search the database and return all matches.

To find an image by plot number

If you know the plot number you can use "Search" and type in the plot number e.g, "plot 5305" (include the quote marks) then click on "Submit" this will return a single match.

The "About Timeframes" and "Help" buttons will provide further information on using and searching *Timeframes*. You will find there are many combinations and methods of searching the collection and the information I have provided is not exhaustive but a good start to making successful searches.

If you wish to purchase copies from this collection you need to "Register" on the site as this will provide a 'shopping basket' facility for ordering copies.

If you require further assistance in using *Timeframes* my contact details are below.

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