

HISTORY OF THE SYDNEY BURIAL GROUNDS

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The first burial ground in Sydney was the site of Mr Robert Campbell's premises lower George Street, when the first fleet reached Sydney Cove, on 26th January 1788, some of the marines and sailors, died from scurvy and dysentery, and were buried at this locality which was the scene of the first hospital erected in Australia. In July 1788, Governor Phillip reported that 20 men and 8 women convicts had died since landing and some of these were also buried at this spot. By September, six men four women and nine children were added to this list which with three marines and two children made up 52 deaths since the time of landing, four men had been executed and three killed by the natives and it is presumed they were buried in this locality. On the 6th of September 1788, ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~man~~ Bulmore a marine had a quarrel with some of his comrades and died on the 10th from the effects of the fight. He was also buried at this spot. By February 1790, one woman who was executed for a robbery and five children were added to the list of burials, on the 2nd February 1789, Captain Shea died and was interred with military honors, not far from the scene of Mr Campbell's house. In 1875 the writer witnessed a tomb stone unearthed inside Mr Campbell wall and the stone was broken in half nevertheless he copied the following which formed part of the inscription thereon.

Original	"SACRED TO THE MEMORY	OF JOHN JONES
"Here lieth the	of	HERE LIETH THE
of John Jones	JOHN JONES	OF JOHN JONES
And WortheY	WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE	And WORTHEY
Who De Parte	1792, Life the 10th	Who De Parte

Life The 10th" The stone formed part of Campbells wall, & was cut in half

The second burial ground was situated in Clarence Street behind the Military Barracks. In June 1790 the second fleet reached Port Jackson, and landed four hundred and eighty eight persons under medical treatment, and a list of the sick people 50 died, and were buried in the Clarence Street Cemetery. On the 14th February 1792, the Pitt arrived with Major Grose in command of a company of the New South Wales Corps. there had been great sickness on the passage and after arrival thirteen soldiers seven seamen, and twenty male convicts and nine women were buried in the Clarence Street Cemetery. This list does not include those who had previously arrived in other ships. In the journal of George Thompson, under date May 1792, he writes, "Some time since it was not uncommon for seven or eight to die in one day, and very often while at work, they being kept in the field till the last moment, and frequently while being carried to the hospital. Many a one has died standing at the door of the storehouse waiting for his allowance of provision, merely for want of sustenance and necessary food. In the seven months following the arrival of the third fleet in 1791, no less than two hundred and 88 deaths occurred. During the year 1792, 477 deaths were recorded, during this dreadful time the inhabitants were face to face with a famine. It may be incidentally stated that a number of the convicts were buried at North Shore, where a Cemetery was marked out in the vicinity of Milson's Point. Upwards on one hundred bodies were buried in the Clarence Street Cemetery and the latest date on the tombs was 1792, the writer is inclined to believe that this was the convict cemetery while Campbells wharf was reserved for marines and sailors.

THE FIRST CONSECRATED CEMETERY IN AUSTRALIA.

About the year 1792 Governor Phillip set apart the site of the present Town Hall as a general cemetery for the inhabitants of Sydney at that time Sydney did not extend as far as King Street and the closest dwellings were about twelve huts at the Brickfields. From 1857, to 1868 the writer resided near the cemetery and was one of the choir boys of old St Andrews temporary Cathedral Church attending St Andrews Model School the cemetery part of the cemetery was used as a cricket ground and play ground for the adjoining schools the spot has a halo of romance surrounding it as it contained the bodies of the first pioneers of Australian Colonization,

The ground was surrounded with a brick wall which encroached half way across George Street making the street at that part which is now the widest almost the narrowest street in any part of Sydney. In those days no less than five day schools in its neighbourhood used the enclosure as a play ground. Graves were opened in many places and many a time the writer has seen the ashes of the early settlers lying among decayed boards here and there a coffin in some of the vaults would be found intact, and their contents smelt abominably. The head stones with the exception of about fifty were thrown down, broken, defaced, and smashed to pieces by those who used the place as a recreation ground. The old wooden Church of England stood within the enclosure along side the unfinished walls of St Andrews Cathedral. The wooden Church and the two stone schools of the Church of England were pulled down in 1868, and no trace of them remain they stood on the spot where the Deanery now stands, according to the early records the cemetery was first consecrated in 1811 and in it were buried persons of all denominations without respect to their station in life, the free military officer soldier or sailor, was buried beside the convict and the Protestant with the Catholic or the Jew, the church yard was not closed against burials until the year 1819 when the Devonshire Street Burial Ground then situated at a place called the Sand Hills were opened, and consecrated by the Rev Samuel Marsden on January 27th 1820,

The oldest tomb stone in the George Street Church Yard bore the following inscription. -

Sacred to the Memory

of

John Keble, aged two years
died December 25th 1792.

Oh cruel death, that could not spare
A loving child that now lies here.
Great loss to them he left behind,
He eternal joys will find."

Sacred to the Memory

of

Captain Guy Hamilton
a native of Glasgow, Scotland
and

Commander of the late ship SYDNEY COVE
Died June 20th 1798

Aged 88 Years.

Captain Hamilton commanded a ship named the Sydney Cove, loaded with a cargo of goods upon speculation from Bengal to Sydney which was

Sacred to the Memory

of

A. Rose

Who Died January 26th 1793.

Aged 9 Years.

It was the subtle serpents bite
he cried
then like A ROSE bud could he drop
and died
in life his Fathers glorey
and his mothers pride"

which was wrecked in February 1797 on one of the Furneaux groups of Island known as Preservation Island in Basses Strait 17 of the crew embarked in the long boat and was wrecked at Point Evered they all got on shore and travelled along the coast and in May a small row boat fishing off Coal Cliff discovered three of the people on the shore whom they took on board and brought to Sydney more dead than alive from fearful privations experienced in their journey from Cape Howe the remainder of the 17 undoubtedly perished or killed by the natives the survivors informed Captain Hunter they had left two men near Coal Cliff and a whale boat was sent to the locality but the two men could not be found although some blood stained articles were picked up leading to the belief they had been murdered by the natives. Governor Hunter then despatched the Colonial School of Francois with a deck long boat called the Eliza to Basses Straits to rescue the people at the Sydney Cove left on Preservation Island The Eliza in a gale got separated from the Francois shortly after the rescue of the ship wrecked crew of the Sydney Cove, and neither her nor her crew was afterwards heard of The Eliza was a small sloop of ten tons commanded by Archibald Armstrong master of H.M.S. Supply. The Francois reached Sydney with Captain Hamilton who left six of his own people in charge of the wreck and they were subsequently rescued most of the crew of the Sydney Cove were lost in the long boat Eliza commandeered by Captain Armstrong. Sad to relate Captain Hamilton died on June 20th 1798 from the terrible sufferings experienced through the wreck of his vessel he was the bosom friend of the great Scotch poet Robert Burns,

Amongst the earliest tomb stones may be mentioned the following Here lieth, the body of William Crozier Cook, who departed this life 11th January 1795 aged years"

"Sacred to the Memory of B Jones Quarter Master Sergeant of the New South Wales Corps, who died Jan 1795 aged Years.

"Here lieth the remains of Dennis Reardon aged 19 Years, and William Meredith aged 15 years, killed by lightning while sheltered under a tree at the Brickfields on Saturday 26th October 1793.

"Sacred to the Memory of Richard Hudson Sergeant Major of the New South Wales Corps who died on the sixth March 1796 aged 52 years

In Memory of Barrow mid ship men of H.M.S. Supply died January 1795 aged Years.

In Memory of James Nation died 15th September 1793 aged years .

A handsome tomb had the following inscription.

Sacred to the Memory of James Ferguson, midshipman H.M.S. Sirius, son of Captain James Ferguson Lieutenant Governor of Greenwich Hospital, drowned 24th July 1790 by the upsetting of a Punt by a fugitive whale in Port Jackson aged 17 years .

Here is the tomb of the first provost marshal of Australia

"Sacred to the Memory
of

Henry Brewer

Provost Marshal of this Territory

From 26th January 1788 to 1796

Died 8th July 1796,

Aged 57 Years

He came out to this Colony as a Midshipman

of H.M.S. Sirius and

was a Clerk to His Excellency Governor Phillip

Here is an historical tomb , one to a Missionary who was murdered.

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HERE LIES. INTERRED ~~XXXXXXXX~~ THE ~~HODNEY~~ OF THE REVEREND

SAMUEL CLODE

A MISSIONARY OF THE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY FROM OTAHEITEIN THE SOUTH
WHO ARRIVED IN THIS TERRITORY 14TH MAY 1798 SEAS
INHUMANELY MURDERED AT THE BRICK FIELDS

2ND JULY 1799

Aged YEARS

HIS TRUE CHARACTER WAS A LOVER OF GOD AND MAN
The Righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance , -Psalm CXII.

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Deceased was one of the Missionaries that fled from Otaheite on 30th March 1798 and arrived at Port Jackson 14th May 1798 . He owned a sawpit and house at the Brickfields which he let to a fellow countryman and schoolfellow named Thomas Jones . Jones had living with him his wife and a freeman by servitude named Elbery . Jones had been a soldier and owed £30 to the deceased for goods . Jones wrote to the deceased to call in the evening for the money and on doing so he was in the act of leaning over the table writing a receipt when Jones committed the murder . The scheme was first planned by Jones and his wife . Elbery was asked to assist but refused . Plied with drink he consented . The soldier named Trotman lived with Jones was sent to a settlers farm for some turnips with Jones two children to be out of the way . Somehow the Reverend gentleman did not put in an appearance that afternoon and the plot failed . However about 4 o'clock two soldiers called on Jones to drink tea . At that time Jones and Elbery were looking out for Mr Clode and seeing him come down the hill they went into the house . Jones proposed that his wife , the two children , Trotman and the two soldiers should go and see a piece of wood he was cutting for a canoe and they left to do so . As soon as Mr Clode arrived at the door he was asked in and given a chair at the table . As he was preparing the receipt Elbery seized the axe to knock him down but his heart failed him . He laid the axe down and went outside the house . Returning again he heard the first blow given by Jones who repeated the blows so often that Elbery cried out " For God's sake Jones you have knocked him all to pieces ! They then dragged the body into the skilling . Jones then got a knife and Elbery asked him what he was going to do whereupon Jones said " Damn him he moves he is not dead yet " and taking the knife he cut Clodes throat from ear to ear . Jones washed the blood stained knife and his hands also the axe which he put in a box . Elbery spread ashes over the floor . The shutters were put up and the tea things spread for the company . After tea liquor was set on the table and some songs were sung by Jones his wife and the other soldiers . About 9 o'clock Jones and Elbery dragged the body through a hole in the skilling and hid it in the saw pit near by . Returning to the house jovial mirth was kept up till after midnight . Next morning a labourer went to the saw pit to get his hoe from the place where he usually planted it . He was surprised to see so many green boughs over the pit and he raked them away whereupon he saw a man's hand . He called another man who was cutting wood to come and see . Jones and others heard the call and also came up . Jones accused the labourer with the murder . and went into town and reported it . News reached the Governor that blood was traced from Jones dwelling to the sawpit and Jones was arrested notwithstanding his protestations that he moved the deceased as if he was his brother . Jones , Mrs Jones and Elbery were tried for the murder and sentenced to death . Elbery confessed to the murder .

Rev. Mr Johnston .

In the centre of the Burial Ground was a handsome stone with the following simple inscription,-

IN LOVING MEMORY
of
MARY BENNETT
Daughter of Thomas Bennett
Died March 23 1805
Aged 17 years.

From this abode of sorrow , and of ween
Where vice and misery spontaneous rise ;
This dreary scene of vanity below ,
She's fled to realms of bliss beyond the skies .

No more her gentle spirit shall remain ,
Within the body's animated clay ;
She'shaply fled from life without a stain ,
And broke effulgent into endless day .

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According to the Sydney Gazette her funeral was the largest in the colony as she was cast in Natures happiest mould , inasmuch as she possessed in an eminent degree the pure principles of Christian philanthropy and she supported every institution calculated to lessen the sum of human misery.

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Although tombstones notices are considered as the flattering testimonial of friendship and affection it is not often that a Governor erects a monument to one of his servants but Governor King set a noble example of gratitude when he raised a tomb to one who served him well

SACRED TO THE MEMORY

of

MRS JEANETTE DUNDAS,
Housekeeper to His Excellency
GOVERNOR KING

Whose family deeply lament
~~affectionate and faithful~~

the loss of a faithful , affectionate servant,
which character the deceased maintained ,
during a service of fifteen years .

OBIT DECEMBER 22nd 1805.

AGED 47 YEARS.

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The Sydney Gazette Of Sunday June 22 1805 writes This day at noon died ~~Mrs Jeanette Dundas~~ ~~The Housekeeper to His Excellency Governor King~~ ~~and her family~~ "On Monday evening were interred the remains of Mrs Jeahette Dundas whose death we notice with regret on Sunday last. At four in the afternoon her numerous friends assembled in the apartment at Government House appropriated to their reception and at five a funeral procession formed at which his Excellency and family attended and accompanied by several officers and persons of the first respectability whose presence added to the solemnity of the occasion"

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The following inscription is on the tomb of one of the Colonial Botanists.

BENEATH THIS STONE
LIES THE MORTAL REMAINS OF
PETER GOOD
BOTANIST OF H.M.S. INVESTIGATOR
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
ON SATURDAY 12th JUNE 1803

The Botanist Peter Good, died on board H.M.S. Investigator. on 11 June 1803 two days after the vessel arrived from Timor from an attack of dysentery. On Monday the 13th the burial took place. The body was brought on shore and the obsequies were attended by Doctor Matthew Flinders and a number of officers from the vessel the procession to the cemetery from Sydney Cove was joined by a number of civilians. A party of Marines from the ship fired three volleys over the grave.

Not far from this grave was one head stone bearing the following description.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
WILLIAM THOMPSON
BOATSWAIN'S MATE OF SHIP SOMETSHIRE
DROWNED IN SYDNEY COVE
NOVEMBER 11th 1814
AGED 50 YEARS.

Near the middle of the cemetery was a very large tomb stone fully ten feet high bearing the longest inscription of any tomb in the cemetery which read as follows.

"Memory of Zachariah Bowie, of the 48th Regt

Who after the fatigue of a long voyage was unfortunately drowned (in a fit of despair) at Sydney Cove, on the 6th of September 1817.
aged 35 years.

In defence of his country he valour displayed
At Talavera was wounded, but never dismayed.
When prisoner was taken, his sufferings were great
But his life was prolonged to an untimely fate,
Deprived of his senses he wandered to the coast,
His life, alas! by sad mischance was lost.
His body was recovered from the deep,
And here in hopes of bliss he sleeps."

The following inscription appears on the head stone erected to Captain Putland son of Lieutenant Putland who married the daughter of Governor Bligh.

S SACRED
To the Memory of
JOHN PUTLAND Esq
Capn of H.M.S. Porpoise.
Chief Magistrate throughout this territory and
Aid De Camp to His Excellency
GOVERNOR BLIGH
Departed this life
January 4th 1808.
Aged 27 years.
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A very fine tomb stone near old St Andrews School House bore the following epitaph

SACRED TO THE MEMORY  
OF  
JAMES BLOODWORTH  
SUPERINTENDANT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS  
since the foundation of the colony  
ALSO SERGEANT OF THE SYDNEY LOYAL ASSOCIATION  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> 1803  
AGED YEARS

UNIVERSALLY RESPECTED BY ALL CLASSES OF THE COMMUNITY  
The Sydney Gazette records a public funeral



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A Constable and China  
Mender but Death his  
Genious has suspended  
His China Broke o well  
A Day and Crates of ware  
His turned to clay

~~The express and appropriate xxxxxx following xxxxxx will xxxxxx~~

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXXX WINTERS CHARLES XXXX OSON~~

~~SECRET~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

MARY, Wife of NATHANIEL COTTON  
Sergeant in His Majesty's New South  
Wales Corps , Who departed this life on the  
28th day of February, 1808, in the 28th  
year of her Age , She has left her husband  
and three children to erect this  
stone as a Monument to her Memory .

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Do not regret your loss , tho' it will  
Be felt severe , and when you pass this  
Place do not come Crying here .

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JOHN GRIFFITHS  
Sergeant in the New South Wales Corps  
who departed this life  
November 17th 1803  
Aged 28.

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Next to this tomb was a headstone with this epitaph

SACRED JOURNAL MEMOIR OF  
JOHN DAVIS

Private Royal Veteran Company formerly  
New South Wales 102nd Regiment  
Who departed this life on the  
8th day of October 1814  
Aged 68 years.

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Another tomb almost adjoining had the following epitaph.

He lyeth the body of David Jones

DAVID JONES

Quarter Master Sergeant--~~Major~~ of the New South Wales Corps

Who departed this life

JANUARY 20 1795.

Aged 45 years

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Strange to relate there was a headstone close to this bearing the following inscription.

In memory of

WILLIAM JONES

Private-in N.S.W. Corps.

who died 18th January 1795

aged        years.

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At this spot which was near St Andrews Scotch Church a tomb read as follows.

Sacred to the

memory of

Mr. WILLIAM PACKER

late sergeant of the 102nd Regiment

who departed this life

November 28th 1816

aged 47 years.

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The following tomb records two deaths by lightning.

Sacred to the memory of

DENNIS REARDON

aged 19 years

and

WILLIAM MEREDITH

aged 15 years

suddenly killed by lightning

under a tree at the Brickfields-

on Saturday 26th October 1793.

"There is but a step between me and death" Samuel  
verse 3 chap. XX.

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Here is epitaph on the stone near the St Andrews School.

Beneath this stone lies the mortal remains of

RICHARD HUDSON

Sergeant-Major

New South Wales Corps.

who departed this life

On 6th March 1796.

aged        years

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Another tomb alongside this one read as follows,-

Here lies the body of

JAMES BOHANNON

A Private in N.S.W. Corps.

who died New Years Day 1795

aged        years

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Another soldiers grave had a tomb with the following inscription on.

Another In loving remembrance of

--PRIVATE JOHN WEST

A Drummer in of the N.S.W. Marine Corps

who departed this life

10th June 1795

Aged years.

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An amusing epitaph read as follows,-

Here lies the remains of

JAMES WHELAN-JONES NATION

A Private of the N.S.W. Corps.

who died

On Sunday The 15th September 1793

Aged years

With solemn delight I survived

The Corps when the Spirit was fled

Happy's the penitent sinner

& Longs for to lie in His stead

His languishing head is at rest

his thinkings & sorrows are o'er

that quiet & musical breast

Will Ne'er be afflicted no more"

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Here the inscriptions to two of the principal ladies of the settlement.

SACRED TO

THE MEMORY OF

Mrs. MARGARET BUNKER

WIFE OF CAPTAIN EBOUR BUNKER

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE

APRIL 3rd 1808

AGED 40 YEARS.

ALSO

HER DAUGHTER

ISABELLA LAYCOCK

WIFE OF CAPTAIN THOMAS LAYCOCK

LATE OF HIS MAJESTY'S 97th REGIMENT

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE

MAY 13th 1817

AGED 30 YEARS

Weep not our husbands and children dear

We are not dead, but sleeping here"

Here this stone covers two of the best

of wives & tenderest of mothers amiable

in their lives and in death are not divided.

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Here is the record of one crushed to death,-

In memory of

JOHN WILLIAMS

Killed by the wheel of a timber carriage

passing over his head at the Brickfields.

On July 1st 1796

Aged years

Another stone was dedicated "TO MARGARET WEBSTER" wife of Corporal

William Webster of the N.S.W. Corps who died 20th June 1795 aged 38 year"



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Among the oldest headstones in the cemetery bore the following inscription

BENEATH THIS STONE  
ARE THE REMAINS OF  
RICHARD DORE ESQUIRE  
JUDGE ADVOCATE OF THIS TERRITORY  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
ON THE 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1800  
AGED YEARS.

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The Judge Advocate was an Attorney of the Queen's Bench England and was the first professional gentleman appointed to the courts of Australia. Such an appointment was highly essential to the courts of the colony and when he reached Port Jackson on the 18th May 1798 Governor Hunter appointed him his secretary for the regulations and despatches. He was appointed secretary on the 22nd June 1798 but he was hardly more than six months in the capacity of secretary when he had a violent collision with the Governor over his official actions and complaints from the public. Dore charged the excessive fees of court and issued writs of arrest without the sanction of a Civil Court of jurisdictions. On the 21st February 1799 Governor Hunter removed him from the

Secretaryship as Dore had shown partisanship with several officials against the Governor. He was a scholar and a gentleman but unfortunately allied himself with one Michael Robinson a convict attorney whom he appointed secretary or clerk. In April 1799 Governor Hunter laid down a grant of one hundred acres of land Mulgrave Place but resided at the Judge Advocate Office in Macquarie Place. His wife and family arrived early in 1799 but he was frequently ill and Doctor Balmain and Mr. R. Atkins often performed his duties as Magistrate during his indisposition. On 13th December 1800 he died and was succeeded in his office of Judge Advocate by Mr. Richard Atkins brother to Sir George and General Benger and who performed the situation of acting Judge Advocate during the absence of Captain Collins the former Judge Advocate.

Not far from this stone was one inscribed

SACRED TO THE MEMORY  
OF JOHN BROCK  
ENSIGN OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES CORPS  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
ON JULY 6th 1797  
AGED YEARS

Leaving a widow and young family to lament their loss

Ensign Brock came out in the transport and had some unpleasant difference with the officers of the ship. Over some convict woman being suffered on the quarter deck. Brock was a hot tempered man and given to use insulting language. He arrived in Sydney on the 2nd June 1797 in very ill health and died 6th July following leaving his wife and family in great distress.

Not far from this tomb was one inscribed as follows, -

SACRED TO THE MEMORY  
OF  
THOMAS DAVIES  
LIEUTENANT IN THE NEW SOUTH WALES CORPS  
DIED JANUARY 21  
1806  
AGED 45 YEARS.  
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here are a number epitaphs on various stones .

Sacred to the memory of  
JOHN BARROW  
Midshipman  
of H.M.S. Armed-tender Supply  
who departed this life January 10th 1795  
aged      years  
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The memory of  
MARY WATSON  
Wife of William Watson  
Private in N.S.W. Corps  
Who died the 11th January 1795  
Aged 32 years  
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The memory of  
JOHN IRVING  
assistant surgeon to this territory  
who departed this life  
On 3rd September 1795  
Aged 41 years  
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sacred to the memory of  
WILLIAM PEATE ROE  
who died 29th May 1795  
aged 54 years  
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sacred to the memory of  
JOHN SMITH  
seaman of ship Indispensable  
who was murdered in a riot by one  
David Lloyd  
who shot him with a pistol in self-defence  
On Tuesday 4th July 1796  
and he departed this life on the 9th of the same month  
this stone was erected by his mess-mates  
aged 28 years  
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Erected to the memory of  
JOSEPH LUKER ?A CONSTABLE  
assassinated  
August 19th 1803. aged 35 years  
Resurrexit in Dea  
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Midnight virgils are not more  
Cold sleep & peace succeed  
The paines of death are past and o'er  
My wounds no longer bleed  
But where my murderers appear  
Before Jehovahs throne  
Mine will it be to vanguard there  
And theirs to endure alone.

At the head of this stone which was four feet in height the cross head  
and bones appear as memento with the addition of a cutlass as by a  
weapon of that description the skull of deceased had been most inhumanly  
fractured. s.g.nov. 6 1803



Sacred to the memory  
of  
MARY CHISHOLM  
Wife of  
JAMES CHISHOLM  
Of George street Sydney  
Died December 6th 1817.  
Aged 32 years.

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Sacred to the memory of  
Mr. HENSHAW.  
Of Castlereagh Street Sydney  
Died October 27th 1817.  
Aged      years.

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Sacred to the memory of  
THOMAS LAYCOCK  
Wife of Lieut. Thos Laycock  
of the N.S.W. Corps  
Died Monday 12th 1817.  
Aged      years.

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HERE LIETH THE BODY  
of  
ANNE MARIA CROSSLEY  
of Pitt Street Sydney  
Who departed this life  
On 24th September 1817  
Aged 52 years.

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Mrs. UNDERWOOD.  
Wife of Joseph Underwood  
of George Street  
Boat-BUILDER  
Died February 3rd 1818.  
Aged      years.

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Sacred to the memory of  
ROBERT JONES  
Assistant superintendent of police which snuation he filled with  
with credit to himself & much Satisfaction to the public for  
a perino of seven years  
Died August 8th 1818.  
Aged 44 years, .

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Sacred to the memory  
ELIZABETH WHITTLE  
Wife of Sergeant Major Whittle  
formerly of the N.S.W. Corps.  
102sd Regiment Foot  
Died December 21st 1817  
Aged 62 years

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Sacred to the memory of  
MARTHA JOKES  
Wife of Edward Jokes  
Died September 1st 1817  
Aged 50 years

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Deceased and her Husband arrived in the colony with the first  
fleet and they were the first couple married in N.S.Wales  
The Marriage ceremony being performed by the Rev. Johnson on  
23rd March 1788 under a Marquee

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Sacred to the memory of  
ELIZABETH MARTIN

Wife or widow of John Martin who left the colony on  
January 16th 1816 for Batavia in the brig Amelia  
(Commanded by Captain Show) which vessel has not since  
been heard of.

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Sacred to the memory of  
STAFFORD LETT.

Who arrived in this colony in the year 1799  
and died in 24th November 1817

Aged 30 years

He leaves a widow and 3 children to lament his loss

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Sacred to the memory of  
DANIEL M'CALLUM

SURGEON

DIED AUGUST 5th 1818

AGED YEARS

DECEASED ARRIVED IN THIS COLONY IN THE FRIENDSHIP FROM  
IRELAND IN 1798.

He was a good man and administered relief as far as his talents  
permitted in the bleak recesses of suffering poverty  
He was universally known & respected

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A tomb assured the reader that  
A sudden change she in a moment  
fell she had not time  
To bid her friends farewell  
Think nothing Strange  
Chance happens unto all her  
Lot today tomorrows yours may fall.

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sacred  
to the memory of  
JOHN DRIVER  
who departed this life  
On February 28th 1810  
Aged 38 years.  
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Sacred to the memory  
of  
ROBERT CHAPMAN  
A Marine late of H.M.S. Investigator  
died June 21st 1803  
Aged 45 years  
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Sacred to the memory  
of  
MOUIE

A native of Otaheite  
died August 7th 1803  
Aged about 35 years  
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sacred to the memory of  
JOHN SAMUEL CLARKE  
A soldier of the N.S.W. Corps  
Died December 4th 1803.  
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Sacred to the memory of  
WILLIAM CURR LONG  
Band-master of the N.S.W. Corps  
Died October 19th 1804  
Aged      years  
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Sacred to the memory of  
WILLIAM TOUGH  
Merchant

Died February 11th 1805  
Aged      years  
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Sacred to the memory  
ROBERT SIDAWAY  
Late Baker  
Died 18th October 1809  
aged 52 years  
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He was a true Philanthropist a valuable member of society and was  
universally respected.

He was one of the first inhabitants of this colony.

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Sacred to  
the memory of  
ELIZABETH MANN  
Died October 3rd 1806.  
Aged      years  
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EPITAPHS IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CEMETERY IN DEVONSHIRE St.  
Sacred to the memory of MR WILLIAM CHAPMAN, plumber and  
gasfitter, who departed this life on June 18th 1810, aged 45  
years, and has left a disconsolate widow and nine children.  
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Sacred to the memory of Mr JOSEPH HASEL who died 10th December  
1838, aged 68 years.

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Sacred to the memory of ANDREW OLIVER, Obit 29th March 1841.

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E, Chinhall, April 7th 1825, aged 62 years, M<sup>rs</sup> RY C<sup>h</sup>INALL, died June  
June 21st 1825 aged 58 years, also, JANE ANN NOBLE granddaught<sup>r</sup>  
of the above died June 25th 1841, aged 45 years.

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BENEATH THIS TOMB, are deposited the remains of, MRS MARGARET  
SILK, who departed this life August 11th 1827, aged 56 years,  
Also the remains of her son JOHN NOBBS, who departed this life  
August 22nd 1827, aged 25 years, Also the remains of PAT SILK,  
who departed this life April 18th 1831, aged 39 years, Also re<sup>po</sup>  
repose the remains of JOSEPH NOBBS, late of York Street Sydney  
who departed this life December 12th 1844 aged 90 years, after  
a residence of 45 years in this colony. (Verse, And I heard a  
voice from Heaven saying &c)

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Here lieth the remains of HANNAH COOPER, wife of DANIEL COOPER,  
merchant of Sydney who departed this life June 8th 1836, aged  
62 years. She was a kind friend, and liberal benefactor and  
died in a certain hope of future happiness, Her ashes rest  
here in Peace.

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This stone was erected by Captain A. Smyth, 39th Regiment,  
Sacred to the memory of his affectionate and dearly beloved  
wife ANNIE SMYTHE, who in meekness piety and faith, resigned  
her soul to her Maker, on 25th June 1826, when off the island  
of Tristan De Acumba, in the passage from England to this  
colony, aged 27 years.

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Sacred to the memory of SARAH the wife of LAUNCELOT IREDALE  
who died 9th August 1828 aged 44 years

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Masonis Arms, Sacred to the memory of GEORGE LANE, many years  
Tyler of the Australian Lodge, No 260, by whom he was sincere<sup>ly</sup>  
respected as a good and faithful member of the craft. He  
departed this life June 28th 1835, aged 63 years. Peace be to  
his ashes.

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Glory be to God in the highest, Here lies the body of MR  
STEPHEN MURPHY, who departed this life, May 16th 1818, aged 52  
years, Also his son STEPHEN who departed this life November  
14th 1814, aged five months, also ALICE FLYNN wife of JAMES  
FLYNN, who departed this life June 4th 1835 aged 50 years.

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Sacred to the memory of John Jaques who died October 22nd 1820.

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Here rests the body of Mrs HANNAH HANSON, wife of CAPTAIN  
THOMAS HANSON commanding H<sup>is</sup> Majesty's Colonial brig  
LADY NELSON who died 20th May 1828 aged 71 years (Verse)



EPITAPHS IN CEMETERY IN DEVONSHIRE STREET. CHURCH OF ENGLAND.  
Sacred to the memory of NATHANIEL CAVANOUGH, ESQ, who died ~~1804~~  
January 28rd 1828, aged 67 years.

Sacred to the memory of WILLIAM WILSON, Commander of the ship Australia, who departed this life 10th February 1827.

Sacred to the memory of NATHANIEL DAWSON, of Pitt Street , who  
departed this life , 1826, aged 55years.

Sacred to the memory ,of THOMAS COLLICOTT, who died January 10th 1834, aged 67 years, also MARY COLLICOTT, born 9th January 1769, died 15th January 1857, also, MARY, EMMA, LUCY, third daughter of George and Jane Allen, born 12th May 1831, died 9th May 1861 also, WALTER BOURNE, fourth son of George and Jane Allen , born ~~12th May 1831~~, 31st March 1839 died 7th April 1867 also, ARTHUR LINDSAY, son of A.H.C. Macafee, and grandson of the Hon. George Allen, born 18th May 1868, aged 16 months, also, also child of G.W. and Marian Allen,

In memory of JOHN SAMPSON ESQ., sometime His Majesty's Solicitor General, who departed this life deeply regretted, on the 27th October 1829, aged 32 years, Restored by his nephew Charles Sampson of Newtown, 1882.

DEATH. Suddenly at his residence Pitt Street Sydney, on Tuesday last the 27th Instant, JOHN SAMPSON ESQ. Solicitor General, of New South Wales.

CORONERS INQUEST. SUDDEN DEATH OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL.

We have the melancholy task of announcing the awfully sudden death of John Sampson Esq our lately highly esteemed ,Solicitor General ,which took place about halfpast twelve on Tuesday mornongv, at his residence in Pitt Street,An inquest was held on the same evening at the Talbot Inn,before T.S.Smeatman the Coroner,and the following respectable jury,-The Hon. Judge Dowling,foreman,and Messrs E% Sparke,C.Gray,J.Hatley,J.Holt, G,Williams,J.Dickson,J.Wiltshire,J.Andrews,S.Clayton,L.Iredale Back Thomas Barker.The witnesses consisted of the Clerk and the domestics of the deceased,and Doctors Bland and Macternon,From the testimony of the medical gentlemen it appeared that Mr Sampson's death had been caused by pulmonary disease,his lungs being in so confirmed a state of decay ,that he could not possibly have existed long .The jury returned a verdict of "died by the visitation of God. "

Mr Sampson had been in the colony only eighteen months ,having arrived by the Asia on the 13th March 1828. Though not endowed with superior talents he was faithful and zealous in the discharge of his official duties ;in private life his character was irreproachable ,and his disposition was so amiable as to win the esteem and friendship of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Syd. Gazette, Thursday October 29th 1829.

Sacred to the memory of EDWARD MASON ,who died September 12th 1828,aged 56 years.ALSO,ELIZABETH ANN WOOD,of Glenwood Gleben who died 26th September 1872,aged 80 years.

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EPITAPHS IN CHURCH OF ENGLAND CEMETERY IN DEVONSHIRE STREET.  
Sacred to the memory of, MR. WILLIAM SMITH, formerly one of the  
Missionaries, of the South Sea Islands, by the ship Duff,  
in the year 1796, and late of the, Commissariat Department,  
who departed this life on the 19th May 1824,  
aged 48 years, leaving a widow and numerous family, to deplore  
the loss of an affectionate husband, ~~a~~ kind parent and  
society at large, of one of its most useful and honorable  
members. ALSO, PRISELLA SOPHIA SMITH, third daughter of the  
above, who died 28th November 1829, aged 19 years and 10 months

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In memory of ELEANOR, wife of COLOUR SERGEANT WILLIAM HUDSON,  
of H.M. 48th Regiment, died 28th April 1822, aged 36 years.

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Sacred to the memory of, CAPTAIN JOHN CASEMENT, of 39th  
Regiment, Bengal, native Infantry, departed this life May 9th  
1825, aged 54 years.

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In memory of MR THOMAS RUSHTON, died 24th December 1822,  
aged 78 years.

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Here lies the body of, ANNAMARIA CROSSLEY, the much lamented  
wife of GEORGE CROSSLEY, who departed this life, the 24th  
September 1817, aged 52 years. ALSO, GEORGE CROSSLEY, GENT, who  
departed this life, March 19th 1823, aged 75 years.

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Sacred to the memory of, THOMAS REIBEY, who departed this life  
on 5th May 1811, aged 36 years, ALSO, ALICE WILLS, wife of  
THOMAS WILLS, who departed this life 28th September 1823, aged  
20 years and nine months. ALSO, ALICE WILLS infant daughter of  
above who departed this life April 11th 1824, aged 11 months  
and 5 days. ALSO MARY wife of the above THOMAS REIBEY born 12th  
May 1777, ~~died on the 30th May 1855~~ (Verse) died 30th May 1855.

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Sacred to the memory of, JOHN TRACE, who departed this life  
July 1st 1823, aged 82 years. (Verse.)

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Sacred to the memory of, JOHN LLWELLYN, who departed this life  
September 8th 1814, aged 48 years, ALSO, MARY LLWELLYN, wife of  
the above JOSEPH LLWELLYN, who departed this life, 6th July  
1827, aged 61 years, ALSO, MARY BRAY, daughter of the above, MARY  
LLWELLYN, by her first husband JOSEPH BRAY, who departed this  
life March 16th 1815.

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Sacred to the memory of MATTHEW GIBBONS, who departed this  
life, 31st January 1832, aged 36 years, ALSO, CHRISTINA GIBBONS,  
daughter of MATTHEW and CHARLOTTE SELINAGIBBONS, who departed  
this life 22nd June 1827, aged 14 months and 14 days, ALSO,  
Likewise MATTHEW JOHN, GIBBONS, father and grandfather, of the  
above, died 20th July 1835, aged 69 years, ALSO, Here lieth the  
body of MARGARET GIBBONS, a very old resident of this colony,  
formerly of Horncliff near Norham in the county of Durham,  
who departed this life 5th September 1841, aged 76 years.

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EPITAPHS IN CHURCH OF ENGLAND CEMETERY IN DEVONSHIRE STREET.  
Also to the memory of CAPTAIN THOMAS HANSON, who departed  
this life 30th January 1837, aged 74 years, This monument was  
erected by his most intimate friends Mr and Mrs Cadman of  
George Street Sydney.

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Sacred to the memory of WILLIAM TERNAN, who departed this life  
January 5th 1845, He arrived in this colony, A.D. 1870 deeply  
regretted, by a numerous circle, of friends and relations.

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Sacred to the memory of, JOHN GRANT ESQ. of Nairn in Scotland,  
of the firm of BETHUNE AND GRANT,, of Hobart Town,  
who departed  
this life, December 11th 1825, Obit 33 years.

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Within this vault which he had, himself caused to be erected,  
as the resting place of his, family are interred the remains  
of, SIR JAMES DOWLING, KNIGHT, Chief Justice of New South Wales  
who departed this life, on the eve of his embarkation, for  
~~England~~ Europe on the 27th September 1844, in the 57th year of  
his age, having been appointed to the Bench, in 1827 and Chief  
Justice in 1838, He held the offices of a judge for the long  
period of seventeen years, During the whole of which, he  
discharged its duties, with the most unwearied zeal and  
assiduity, with an independence and impartiality, a pure and  
ardent love of justice, and an earnest desire to do right,  
rarely equalled, and which cannot be surpassed,.  
In memory of MARIA, the wife of James Dowling Esq., a Judge of  
the Supreme Court, Obit 23rd August 1834, Aetat 49 years,  
Also, of their daughter MARIA wife of, GEORGE BLAXLAND ESQ, of  
Newington, Obit 14th December 1834, Aetat 19 years,  
also, ANNIE DOWLING, obit 7th January 1836, aged 17 years,  
also, ARTHUR HENRY HODGSON, obit 18th March 1848, aged 10 months

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Within this vault also rests the remains of, GEORGE BLAXLAND,  
second son of JOHN BLAXLAND, of Newington, New South Wales,  
born at Newington Kent England, on 14th May 1802, married 8th  
April 1834, to MARIA the eldest daughter, of, SIR JAMES DOWLING  
Chief Justice, of the Supreme Court in this colony, died at,  
Brougham Lodge, Sydney, October 10th 1855.  
The tomb is a column or pyramid of stone 20 feet high, with a  
turret on sides, and marble slab on one side with the wife's  
epitaph

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Sacred to the memory of MR SAMUEL TERRY, of Pitt Street Sydney  
who died 22nd February 1838, aged 62 years, Also,  
EDWARD TERRY son of the above, obit 28th November 1838, aetat  
27 years. Also,  
ROSETTA, the kind and beloved relict, of the above SAMUEL  
TERRY, who departed this life, September 5th 1838, aged 69 years  
OF SAMUEL TERRY HUGHES, grandson of the above, and only son of  
late, JOHN TERRY HUGHES. who departed this life 1865, in his  
31st year also,  
Sacred to the memory Mr JOHN TERRY HUGHES, who departed this  
life, October 17th 1851 aged 49 years and his second daughter  
EMMA SHELDON, who departed this life, August 5th 1841, aged 2  
years, And MARTHA THERESA, who departed this life September  
9th 1841 aged 9 years and 9 days,



EPITAPHS IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CEMETERY IN DEVONSHIRE ST.  
In memory of our beloved and affectionate mother, ESTHER  
HUGHES, widow of the late, JOHN TERRY HUGHES, who died 29th  
August 1873, aged 70 years,  
A square tomb within iron railings .

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Sacred to the memory of MR JOHN CADMAN, who departed this life  
in Sydney, the 12th day of November 1848, at the advanced age  
of 90 years and 10 months, He has been a resident of Sydney for  
55 years, the whole of which time, he has held responsible  
situations, under Government and for the last twenty five  
years, he was principal superintendent of Government Boats,  
and the Dockyard, Sydney, At the departure of Sir George Gipps,  
from this colony, he resigned, not at his age wishing to,  
serve any other Governor, in consequence of which the  
establishment conducted by him for so many years was entirely  
broken up. He was respected by all who knew him. He left a wife  
and two daughters to deplore the loss of an affectionate  
husband and father. "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

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Sacred to the memory of JAMES MILEHAM ESQ. Justice of the  
Peace, and Assistant Surgeon, of this territory, who died  
September 28th 1824, aged 40 years, X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X  
uninterruptedly occupied in the services of his King and the  
community in which he lived evincing in the discharge of his  
important public duties or those of private life, that good  
sense, probity and justice which while they attached to him  
every person who knew him did honor to him as an individual,  
and were not less honorable to that society of which he was  
long continued both as an officer and respected member, this  
stone was dedicated by his much afflicted widow.

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Sacred to the memory of, JAMES BRYAN, who departed this life  
15th January 1845. He was the first to introduce Gas into  
this part of the world, having arrived in 1839 under  
agreement with the Company in whose service he died.

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Sacred to the memory of, SARAH THORNTON, who departed this life  
November 23rd 1827, aged 37 years Also,  
MR SAMUEL THORNTON ? RELIS of the above Obit 15th March 1842,  
aged 60 years.

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RICHARD DRIVER, Senr. DIED AGED .

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Sacred to the memory of MRS MARGARET BUNKER, wife of Captain  
Ebour Bunker, who departed this life April 3rd 1908, aged 40  
years, also,  
Her daughter ELIZABETH LAYCOCK, wife of Captain Thomas  
Laycock, late of His Majesty's 97th Regiment, who departed  
this life May 18th 1817, aged 30 years, Weep not our husbands  
and children dear, We are not dead but sleeping here, Here this  
stone covers two of the best of wives and tenderest of  
mothers, amiable in their lives and in death not divided.  
Sacred to the memory of THOMAS LAYCOCK Esq, departed this  
life at house Cottage Vale Bringelly, November 7th 1823. aged  
37/years 37 years .also ,  
His wife MARGARET LAYCOCK, who died at her house, Cottage  
Vale Bringelly, January 25th 1822, aged 26 years.



EPITAPHS IN CHURCH OF ENGLAND CEMETERY IN DEVONSHIRE ST .  
Sacred to the memory of MARY ANN HOWE, who died February 18th  
1834, aged 20 years .

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Sacred to the memory of Hannah Laycock , who departed this  
life May 5th 1831, aged 73 years and 4 months.

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Sacred to the memory of, COMMANDER JAMES BRISBANE, who  
arrived in H.M.S. Warspite , and departed this life after a  
long illness on 19th December 1826, aged 52 years.  
A square tomb with rails.

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Sacred to the memory of, ELIZABETH , beloved wife of CHARLES  
TOMPSON, who departed this life 19th March 1822, aged 30 years  
Also

CHARLES TOMSON, who departed this life on 10th January 1871 aged  
87 years. also,

JANE the beloved wife of CHARLES TOMSON, who departed this  
life on 29th October 1871 aged 77 years, Also,

HANNAH the beloved wife of CHARLES TOMSON THE YOUNGER who  
died at Elmside 12th January 1874 aged 69 years, also,

Sacred to the memory of, ELIZA BOGGIS, who died August 21st  
1820 aged 68 years, . (Buried in same tomb as Tomson's)

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Sacred to the memory of , Mr ABRAHAM HUTCHINSON, many years  
Superintendent of Government Mills, who departed this life  
6th May 1822, aged 81 years, also to,

Sacred to memory of WILLIAM HUTCHINSON ESQ. who departed  
this life ~~8th~~ July 26th 1846 aged 73 years, also,

WILLIAM HUTCHINSON JUNIOR, who died July 14th 1849 aged 41  
years, also,

To memory of MARY HOLDEN wife of JOHN ROSE HOLDEN, ESQ, who de  
parted this life December 14th 1849 . aged 40 years.

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Also to REV. THOMAS HUTCHINSON, brother to above who departed  
this life September 18th 1849 aged 32 years, also,  
ELIZABETH the beloved wife of ARTHUR HUFFINGTON ESQ, who  
departed this life 20th August 1849 aged 43 years. Adjoining  
tomb to the foregoing within the iron railings is one , viz, -  
Sacred to the memory of, DAVID BEVAN, many years an auctioneer  
in Sydney, who departed this life 23rd October 1823, aged 73  
years, also

JOHN HOLMES who departed this life March 1826 Aged 58 years,

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Sacred to the memory of the REV. GEORGE INNES, Master of the  
KING'S SCHOOL, died September 1832, aged 29 years,

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Sacred to the memory of ROBERT CAMPBELL of Bligh Street,  
who was born in February 1789 , Died 5th October 1851.

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Sacred to the mamory of MARY LYONS , wife of SAMUEL LYONS, Auc\*  
who died April 1832,

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Sacred to the memory of JOHN OXLEY , born 1781 , died May 1828

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Sacred to the memory of ALLAN CUNNINGHAM ?

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