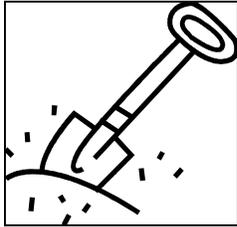


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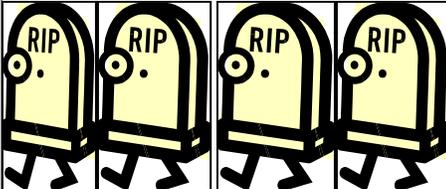
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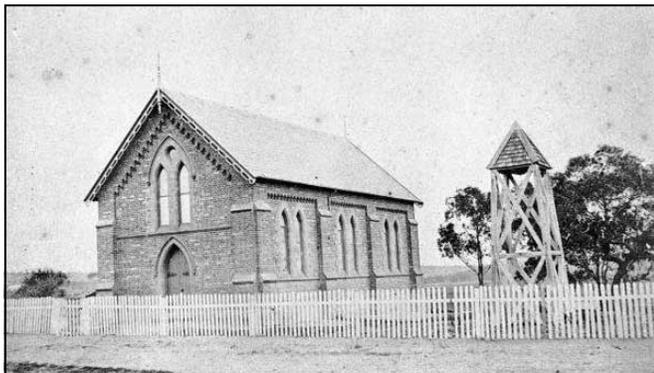
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Presbyterian Church
Casterton
Circa 1880



Presbyterian Church of Casterton, Scots Church

The Presbyterian Church of Casterton began with the first minister preaching in the districts of the Grange, Wannon and Glenelg. He was Rev Alex Laurie, who settled in Portland in 1842.

The first Presbyterian service in the Casterton District, of which any record exists, was held at Wando Vale by Mr Laurie, in 1843. His successor was the Rev Thos Richardson.

The history of the the Casterton Church really begins with the Rev R Sutherland, who was settled in the district as minister of Casterton.

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OBITUARIES

TAKEN FROM THE CASTERTON NEWS

BURIED MAY 13TH 1939

Passed away

Mrs Annie Jeffreys

The death occurred very suddenly on Saturday afternoon at her residence "Lyndhurst" Henty Street Casterton of Mrs Annie Jeffreys , relict of the late Mr John Jeffreys. The deceased had sustained a broken leg and severe shock in a motor accident near Kerang on the evening of Monday 24th April, and after

treatment at the Kerang Hospital by Dr R Munro, formerly of Casterton, with her daughters, Mrs Ethel LEake and Miss Elma Jeffreys, who also sustained injuries in the accident, she was brought to Casterotn on Tuesday evening last. She appeared none the worse for the long journey, and her condition was regarded as satisfactory, but about 9.15pm on Saturday she quietly passed away.

Mrs Jeffreys was a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Charles Cox and was born at Portland on November 11th 1854 and was thus 84 years of age. Her husband, Mr John Jeffreys, died some years ago, and there are three daughters and two sons as follows: -

Ethel (Mrs John Leake, Casterton) , Maude (St Kilda), Robert (Marong) , Ernest and Elma (Casterton). One daughter, Alice, is predeceased.

One brother, and three sisters survive, as follows: -

Mary (Mrs McDonald, Sandford), Elizabeth (Mrs Mitchell, Sandford), Maggie (Mrs Retchford, Melbourne) and Mr James Cox (Sandford).

Deceased was well and highly respected in the town, being one of the most active lady workers for the Casterton hospital at the time when the annual bazaar was held and supporting the first move to establish it, and continuing as a strong supporter at all times.

The Ladies Benevolent Society which did untold good work for many years in the early days of Casterotn was also well supported by deceased, who through all her many activities found time to be an active member of the Church of England supporting all its organizations and regularly attending the Church services. In her case, Scripture can be aptly quoted " She rests from her labours and her works do follow her".

The funeral took place this afternoon, a large number of sorrowing friends following her remains to the Casterton New Cemetery where the interment took place. The coffin bearers were four nephews of the deceased; Messrs Russell Cox, Richard Mitchell, Edgar and Claude Jeffreys. The Rev Leslie Burgess conducted the burial service, and Mr C A Anderson carried out the mortuary arrangements.

To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source,
a tree without a root.
Chinese Proverb

VICTORIAN CEMETERY RECORDS: A Brief Overview

Files and records are held by the following government agencies on the many cemeteries that are known.

* **Department of Human Services [DHS]:** The Cemeteries and Crematoria Unit of the Dept holds files on public cemeteries including plans, correspondence, yearly reports by the cemetery trusts and information on burials. The files, nor the Unit, hold burial records. There are 561 public cemeteries administered by 526 cemetery trusts in Victoria. A small number of cemetery trusts administer two or more cemeteries. There are also approximately 50 private cemeteries in Victoria that the DHS holds files on due to requests for burials in them. As well there are over 30 cemeteries now closed to new burials, but internments are still being made in existing family plots where Rights of Burial (and space) are held by families. Victoria also has nine crematoria that the DHS oversee.

* **Department of Sustainability of Environment [DSE]:** The Historic Places Section also holds a large database of public cemeteries (ie those mainly on, or were on, Crown Land) providing information on details of the individual cemeteries including plans, location, correspondence, description and heritage listing. The DSE regional offices hold the Cemetery Reserve Files, containing the information noted above. There are approximately 795 public cemeteries and burial grounds identified in the DSE database. These consist of public cemeteries, both open and closed; early cemeteries/burial grounds on public land including those that remain reserved for cemetery purposes but not managed by the DHS.

* **Public Records Office, Victoria [PROV]:** The PROV holds records on some cemeteries and Funeral Parlours in Victoria. You can locate these records via their on-line catalogue or visit their Reading Rooms.

* **Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages- Victoria:** The main resource as to where a burial took place in Victoria is the information on the burial found (in most cases) recorded on the Death Certificate. Still this does not necessarily mean that this is where the final resting place is as burials were reinterred and this final resting place is not noted.

* **Heritage Victoria.** The organisation has brief records on those cemeteries under a Heritage overlay in Victoria. Their records are online.





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Mr Sutherland preached at the Glenelg Hotel, about 1856 or 1857, which was his first service in Casterton.

The Glenelg Hotel, then kept by Mr Chaffey, was a recognized centre for services, christenings and marriages.

Mr A Murray, of Carapook, mentioned Mr Sutherland paying a visit to Runnymede. In good old Scotch style the minister took his hosts meers chaum pipe, and putting His feet on the matel shelf before the fire, as students are Want to do, reveled in a smoke.

His induction to the combined Church of Casterton and Coleraine took place on 23rd November, 1862 and the Casterton portion of the church entered on its second Regular ministry. Though the induction took place in Coleraine, the church was then called Casterton and Coleraine. Separation of the United Church of Casterton and Coleraine did not take place until July 1882.

The first Presbyterian Church of brick construction, was Built at the corner of Henty and McKinlay Streets Casterton in 1865, and served the congregation for 35 years, when it was sold to the Masonic Lodge. The Building, although substantially altered, is still in use. The present church was built in 1908.

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Doris Milward**

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