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SCOTS AT ST KILDA CEMETERY

On Sunday 7 April, Mary Reid led a tour of the graves of significant people of Scottish ancestry. Scots have played an important role in the growth and development of Melbourne and Scots of many professions are buried in the cemetery.

Edward Khull, born in Glasgow in 1805, arrived in Melbourne with his wife and four children in August 1848. By 1851 he had been appointed government printer. However, after gold was discovered he left for the goldfields and set up as a gold broker, producing weekly reports on the gold market. Once the banks began to buy gold on their own account, Khull, who had begun to deal in stocks and shares, gave more of his attention to share-broking, regularly producing share price lists and stimulating interest in the area. He was one of the founding members of Melbourne's first Stock Exchange. However, he became a victim of Victoria's first speculative market in mining shares, and was involved in insolvency proceedings in 1860. His active career did not long survive these experiences and he went into retirement. He died aged 79 in May 1884.

Archibald James Campbell was born in 1853 at Fitzroy, the son of Scottish immigrants from Glasgow. He is best known for his work as an ornithologist. His interest in nature was aroused in childhood at Werribee where he lived with his grandparent until he was ten. Egg-collecting was his first love and his interest in birds was further inspired by the work of John Gould. He was for many years active

in the Field Naturalists' Club of Victoria and by 1896 his collection of eggs represented 500 species. In quest of bird lore he travelled throughout Australia, often under rough conditions. He scientifically described and named over 30 Australian birds, publishing many papers in various scientific publications. These formed the basis of his major work 'Nests and Eggs of Australian Birds' (1900) which is still useful today. His collection of eggs is now held by the National Museum of Victoria.



some of the participants on the tour

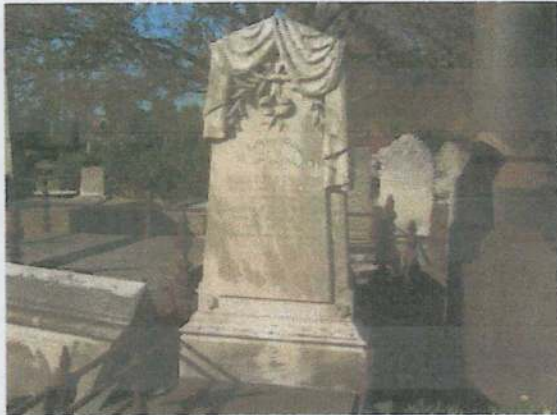
John Lang Currie was born in Selkirkshire in 1818 and migrated to the Port Phillip district in 1841. By borrowing money from his family he was able to buy the 129 sq km Larra run near Camperdown in the Western District and 1500 sheep for 750 pounds. After a difficult start he prospered as a sheep-breeder and wool-grower. In the 1860s he established the 'Larra lustre' breed of merino sheep. Within ten years the success of the 'Larra lustre' wool had made him rich and famous. He also went into textile manufacturing, becoming Chairman of the Victorian Woollen and Cloth

Manufacturing Co. Unlike other Western district pastoralists he had no interest in politics and declined several invitations to stand for the Victorian Legislative Assembly.

WHAT A WAY TO GO!

On Sunday 19 May, as part of Law Week, Elizabeth Hore took a very well-attended tour looking at unusual deaths and a history of the Melbourne Morgue.

We heard of the tragic fate of **Violet Edwards** who at 22 died at the dentist after being administered chloroform for a dental procedure.



The grave of Violet Edward

Then there was the irony of the death of **Edward Samuel Parkes** who survived the famous train crash at Jolimont in 1881 only to be one of the six people killed in the crash at Windsor in 1887 caused by an airbrake malfunction.

Police Constable Richard Johnson was at home on Sunday 12 October 1902 when an intruder entered. Johnson gave chase on his bike and was shot and killed. The murderer then shot himself rather than be apprehended. His body was then placed in a formalin bath and displayed at the morgue for identification (as was common practice.) He was finally identified as a George Shaw. A memorial to Johnson was paid for by his police colleagues and his widow received a pension of 100 pounds a year.

Flying Officer Herbert Warland, a passenger on a de Havilland DH 60 Moth, was killed when the aircraft hit a tree on take-off near Wangaratta on a flight from Point Cook to Richmond in NSW in 1929. A married man aged 24, Warland lived at Caulfield. The pilot, flight-Lieutenant Thomas Swinbourne, survived the crash.



A two-seater de Havilland DH 60 Moth, similar to the one in which Warland died

FORTHCOMING TOURS

Sunday 23 June 2pm 'Personalities of the Past' - a history of St Kilda Cemetery. Find out about the Cemetery from its beginnings and visit the graves of some of the notable people buried there.

Sunday 25 August 2pm 'Booksellers, Authors and Literatti' Do you love curling up with a good book? Are you interested in Australia's literary history? Come and hear about anarchy and rage, court cases, libel snobbery and scandal. Graves visited include some of Melbourne's most famous and eccentric booksellers, early writers about Port Phillip District, historians, pioneer authors and much more.

Meet at the Main Gates on Dandenong Road. Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members. Bookings required. Ring 9531 6832 or visit www.foskc.org.

Annual General Meeting

This will be held on Sunday 22 September. As the Library Community Room is not available, the meeting will be held at the Betty Day Centre, 67 Argyle St, St Kilda.