

CONSECRATION OF STANLEY CEMETERY

- 1840s** 3 acres of land set apart for a cemetery and church. ½ an acre was set aside and fenced in as a general burial ground for the Settlement.
- 1872 Feb 03** One acre, including the previously enclosed land was granted to the Bishop of the Church of England in the Falkland Islands & the Colonial Chaplain of the Falkland Islands for a cemetery or burial ground of the dead of all religious denominations. The land so granted was then consecrated.
- 1888** Cemetery increased to: East to West 6 chains & 80 links; North to South 6 chains & 50 links. One acre of land, on the Eastern side of the cemetery, the entire length from North to South to be used exclusively for the burial of Roman Catholics. One acre of the southern part of the cemetery to remain unconsecrated for those who are not members of the Church of England or do not wish to be buried in consecrated land. The remainder of the extension to be duly consecrated.



Stanley Cemetery 1890

- 1892** The portion of the land granted to the Church of England ceased to be vested and was then vested in the Governor of the Falkland Islands.
- 1914** The Burial Board is given the power to allow portions of the Cemetery to be consecrated subject to the approval of Governor in Council.
- 1916** The Cemetery Trustees considered an extension to the Cemetery an urgent matter. An extension was agreed and that as soon as it was fenced sheep to be placed on the plot to eat down the rough grass. (*Sections, from Nth to Sth, O, M, N, J, K & L – M & N Roman Catholic*)
- 1917** A portion in the North West of the extension to be reserved for the burial of Roman Catholics. Permission requested from the Governor to have the south west and north east blocks consecrated for members of the Church of England.



Bishop Every, Dean Smith, Reverend Hobley

- 1918** Bishop Every consecrated part of the new part of the cemetery, measuring 150 feet from the south fence and 102 feet from the east boundary of the old cemetery, on the afternoon of Sunday 20 January 1918.
- 1919** The Catholic Bishop consecrated the portion of the new cemetery allotted to Catholics Saturday 20 September 1919 at 3pm. (*Presumably sections M & N*)
- 1922** Catholic cross erected in Cemetery.
- 1940s** Cemetery was extended again and sections, from Nth to Sth, P, R, Q & S added – R Roman Catholic. Q & P consecrated by Bishop Weller.
- 1943** The consecrated ground for Catholic burials included the strip of ground from the RC Cross to the north wall. Revd Lowe advised that the ground near the north wall (*Section O*) had been consecrated by Bishop Weller for C of E burials. If further land was required later for Catholic burials another portion should be consecrated for this purpose.
- 1944** Ground consecrated by the Catholic Bishop could not be utilised by any other denomination without the Bishop's consent. A cemetery plot had been wrongly consecrated therefore a plot on the eastside of the Cemetery, being the same size as the plot in dispute, should be reserved for Catholic burials. The Catholic plots to be marked at each corner to avoid any further misunderstanding.
- 1961** Only 24 grave plots left by March. Cemetery extended to the east – 400' long by 255' deep. Ground consecrated by the Bishop Saturday 22 April 1961. (*Sections, from Nth to Sth, T & U*)
- 1962** By May there had been no burials in the new extension and there were only ten plots left for Protestants.