then membership including terms of office as chairman. He was secretary of the Institute for forty-six years, served on the hospital board, the Horticultural Society and the Cemetery Trust. He was also chairman of 1st Mt. Lofty Scout troop and pastmaster of the Sir Samuel Way Masonic Lodge.

13. FRANK CHARDON, died 1969.

A storekeeper and restauranteer who conducted a business on the present site of Bi-Lo in Stirling (originally the site of Moss's Wirrilda jam factory), Chardon was a public-spirited citizen. He was pioneer chairman of the Stirling Oval Committee.

14. SNOW FAMILY TOMB. FRANCIS H. SNOW, died 1930.

Merchant, metal broker and patent agent, Snow lived at St Wilfreds (now Beechwood), a house built in Teutonic style. In his extensive garden his staff of fourteen gardeners developed specimens from all over the world, including rhododendrons and azaleas. On his initiative and at his expense, Japanese Cherry trees were planted in Belair National Park.

15. SIR CONSTANTINE TRENT CHAMPION DECRESPIGNY

He lies here with his first wife, Beatrix. An eminent pathologist Sir Trent was a lecturer at the Adelaide University's medical school. He served as a medical officer at Gallipoli in World War I, winning a D.S.O. In 1937 he was instrumental in setting up the Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science. He lived at St. Barberie on Mt. Lofty.

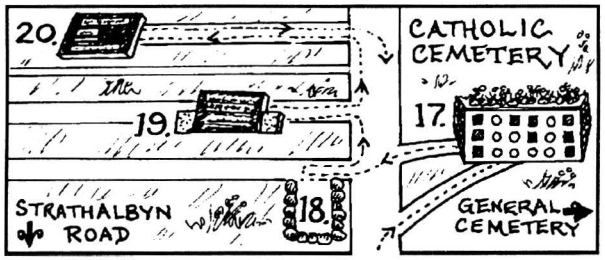
'Proud of his ancestry he spoke slowly with a superior manner which isolated him from his associates and patients, especially women. Nevertheless his intellectual gifts as a diagnostician and his knowledge of scientific medicine were outstanding in his time. A daughter-in-law said that he looked upon medicine as a detective looks upon crime, never ceasing to hunt for clues.'

The family name was originally Champion, the Decrespigny had been added to indicate more nobility.

16. EUSEBIUS WILSON JUN.

Father and son took up land at Mylor under the Cotton Plan (settlement of working men on twenty acre blocks. His father, Eusebius Senior, was appointed by an organisation called the Homestead League to be Inspector of Blocks). In this capacity he would advise other blockers and listen to their grievances. His position later became a government appointment. Wilson Road, Mylor, is named after the family.

Now leave the General Cemetery by the eastern gate and walk down a pleasant leafy pathway to the Catholic Cemetery (established 1905).



17. WHIBLEY MEMORIAL GARDEN

This lovely garden features walls designed to contain the caskets of citizens who have been cremated. This beautiful trellised area commemorates the name and work of DAVID WHIBLEY, who was responsible under the direction of Town Clerk, H.C. Bennett for transforming the borders of Stirling main street into luxuriant gardens.

18. HARRY MACCAFFREY

There is no headstone but this is the location of the first burial in the cemetery. Harry McCaffrey was the infant son of popular Mylor School Head Teacher, Bernard MacCaffrey. Little Harry, the sixth of eight MacCaffrey children was interred here on January 9th 1906.

19. MICHAEL MORAN

Stirling butcher Mr Moran was a leading Catholic layman. A member of the old Crafers District Council, he also served on the Stirling Council, being elected Chairman in 1951. He held a seat on the Stirling Hospital Board for many years.

20. LILLIAN SCHUMANN

Mrs Schumann was the instigator and the inspiration of the annual Stirling Districts Combined Nativity presentation first held in 1967. The re-enactment attracts more than a thousand people every year to Stirling's Apex Park.

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AN HISTORIC WALK AMONG THE HEADSTONES OF THE STIRLING DISTRICT CEMETERY

The Stirling East Cemetery was opened in 1879. Before that burials had been made on private property, in the scrub and later in churchyards.

The first person to be buried in the Cemetery was Mrs Henry Fullgrabe. Indeed she was interred before the cemetery was properly laid out and only on the understanding that if the roads and footpaths happened to cross her grave, she would be exhumed at Mr Fullgrabe's expense!

In 1951 the cemetery was renamed the Stirling District Cemetery and handed over to the Council in 1985. This walk highlights just a few of the more significant people in the history of the district who are buried here.

1. STEPHEN GOULD (and family).

Stephen died in 1889. It is believed that he ran a small inn on the Old Mount Barker Road before 1854. In 1855 he moved to the new coach road (the present Mount Barker Road), where the new township of Stirling was being built. There he was granted a licence to operate an hotel he called 'The Halfway House', which eventually became the Stirling Hotel.

2. ELIZABETH BELL, died 1909.

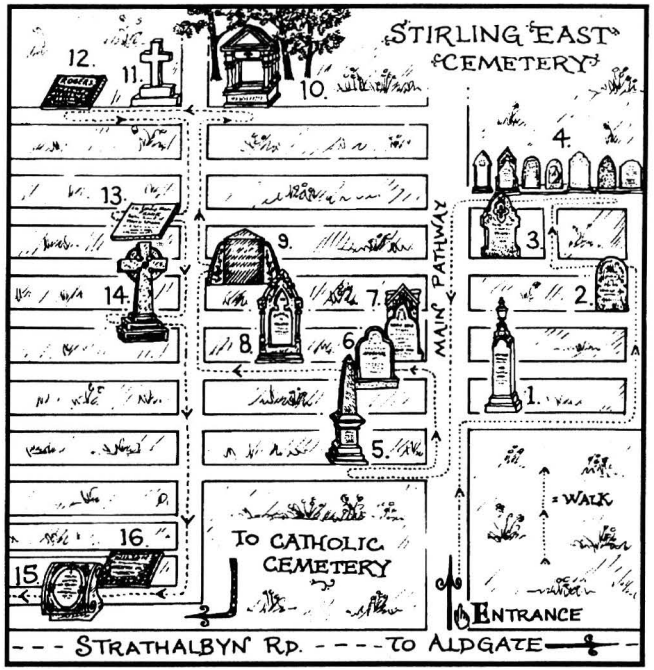
It is believed that this was the lady who established 'Bell's Hall' behind her greengrocery shop in the main street of Aldgate, which is no longer there. This was the main place for meetings in Aldgate before the Aldgate Oval Hall (1913) and Aldgate Memorial Hall (1958) were built. Dances were held at Bell's Hall. Mrs Bell sometimes referred to it as 'Bell's Dancing Academy.'

3. ROBERT BOWES, died 1903.

Bowes, a contractor, miner and restauranteur, owned the property of Braeside in Stirling East. In 1877 he opened a restaurant on the present site of Ed Harrys Menswear.

4. ROW OF ELEVEN HEADSTONES.

When the Ashton Memorial Church was sold in 1986, it was decided to preserve the remaining headstones in the church cemetery by relocating them here. They mark the graves of some of Stirling's earliest pioneers. The first is that of John Milford, pioneer storekeeper, postmaster, district clerk and churchman, whose shop was in the same building as the present Siemers Restaurant.



5. GEORGE WOODROFFE GOYDER (1824 - 1898).

The most important person buried in this cemetery. Goyder was Surveyor General of South Australia from 1861 to 1894. He was responsible for exploring and surveying at a time of great rural expansion. He surveyed the site of Darwin (N.T.) in 1869. Living at 'Warrakilla' at Mylor, he promoted the township of Mylor (established 1892) and the development of this cemetery. Mourners at his funeral included Hon.Thomas Playford I, Charles Dumas (scholar and founder of the Mt Barker Courier), Robert Barr Smith, David Murray, Frank Stone and Eusebius Wilson.

The Adelaide Observer wrote, 'The remaining passages of the burial service were recited by the Rev. P.C.W. Wise of Crafers, the mourners took their final glance into the tomb and all was over. Before the shadows of even had begun to fall, the cold earth 'hid the buried friend'. But not from the memory, for his name endureth in his own immortal works.'

6. ROBINSON FAMILY.

A baker and storekeeper in Stirling East from 1873 - 99, Thomas was also a Crafers Councillor and school board advisor. The old bakehouse survives on the corner of Pepper Avenue and Braeside Road. James, his son who was also in the bakery business, was killed in a traffic accident (horse) on German Town Hill.

7. DR DONALD MCLACHLAN.

A general practitioner resident in Aldgate 1885 - 1901, Dr McLachlan concerned himself with the youth of the district, founding the Young Men's Improvement Society in Stirling. He was also president of the Stirling Institute.

8. GEORGE CULLEN, murdered 1902.

Cullen was the victim of the unsolved murder case on 'Murder Hill' in Milan Terrace between Aldgate and Stirling. A solitary old man who is said to have carried around a considerable fortune on his person, George was done to death with an axe in the basement of his home. Was it a passing tramp who killed him perhaps for his money, or was it someone closer to him ?

The mystery has never been solved.

9. GEORGE LEMAISTRE.

A blacksmith shop was established in Aldgate by Richard Hawkins shortly after he had opened his Pump Hotel in 1864. In 1883 F.J. Andrewartha took over this business, specialising in the wheelwright's craft. George Lemaistre was the blacksmith here for nearly fifty years.

10. TEESDALE SMITH TOMB.

Born in 1858 Henry Teesdale Smith established a reputation as a railway contractor in Western Australia building among other things the line from Port Hedland to Marble Bar. Coming to South Australia he was responsible for the Adelaide tramway system (1909) and a number of South Australian country railway lines. He lived at his mansion, Arthur's Seat, on Mt Lofty (destroyed in the Ash Wednesday fires). He was a generous employer and a benefactor of many charities. As an M.P. in W.A., he gave away the whole of his parliamentary salary.

11. RUDD FAMILY

Alfred, grandson of pioneering Bridgewater settler, James Rudd. At the top of the headstone is a plaque in memory of Lt. Lloyd Rudd, killed in action in Syria 1941. He was a leading S.A.N.F.L. player with the Port Adelaide Football Club.

12. SIDNEY ROGERS M.B.E.

A founder member of the Stirling R.S.L., Mr Rogers had a long, impressive record of service to the district. His fifty years of association with the Stirling Council included the overseership and