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△ Prints of the Friends' logo, painted by Sir Michael Fowler, are available for purchase.

# Mount Street Cemetery Newsletter

## Burial list updated—1100+ names

In August 2010 we uploaded a preliminary burial list to our website, containing more than 700 names.

With further research and much helpful information from descendants, we have been able to update the list, which now contains over 1100 names.

### Many infants, young children

Many new names are of infants and young children.

We have also begun to clarify cases where people were interred at the other, very small, burial grounds for Catholics in early Wellington - at Ohariu Valley, Kaiwharawhara, etc, and we will continue to publish these few records alongside the Mount Street burial list.

If you would like a print copy of the updated list, please contact Karen Adair. We will continue our research to further confirm the burial list.

### Repair of heritage picket fences

We notified you in a previous newsletter that we had received a grant from Wellington City Council to repair two wooden picket fences around graves close to the main pathway.

The specifications for the repairs have now been completed by Ian Bowman, conservation architect, and we hope to have the repair work completed in the new year.

### Original entranceway

Wellington City Council asked us to remove the line of tall trees on the southern boundary which were entangled with the power lines.

However, we retained two impressive karaka trees which stand at either side of the original southern entrance.

Our intention is to revert to this original entranceway, with only a small amount of repaving and refencing required.

Roseaie de l'Hay—the heritage rose now planted around the priests' graves at the top of the Cemetery.  
[Photos this page: Karen Adair]

### Celtic Cross Restored

The heritage stonemason has now reinstated the beautiful



Celtic cross on the Dunne grave, and it can be seen quite clearly from down on the main path.

### Heritage Roses

Some families have asked if they can plant a rose on their ancestor's grave and we would encourage a heritage rose to be planted. On Labour Day, descendant and rose expert Imogene Keenan and family planted the lovely heritage rose Bourbon Queen on the Brogan grave (see p 2-3).



## Rugby World Cup—Mount Street played its part



Michael Pringle at Pilliet's grave.  
[Photo: Nathanael Yew]

As members will know, we were asked to provide a brochure about the French history of Mount Street Cemetery for visitors to the Rugby World Cup.

Our brochure profiled the two French Marists Frs Petitjean and Sauzeau, Bishop Viard's assistant M.Yvert, and Walter Pilliet, whose descendant Michael Pringle is a member of the Friends. To assist visitors to find the French graves, we decorated them with the tricolor flag for the duration of the RWC.

The French priests' graves.

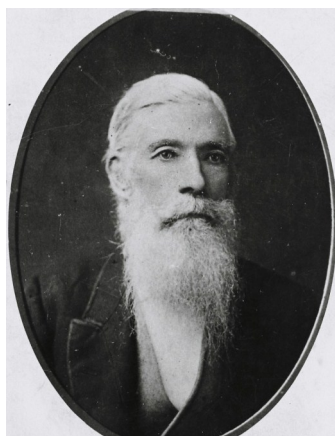


## Patrick and Emma Brogan



**ANCESTOR  
PROFILE:**  
an  
occasional  
series

... by descendant Gavin Kane



**Patrick Brogan**

*Reading in the February Newsletter about the efforts of the defence forces in looking after the graves of past military men reminded me of others who had served, and are buried at Mount Street as well. My great-great grandfather Patrick Brogan is buried there alongside his wife Emma.*

Patrick Brogan was born in Dublin in 1821, the son of bootmaker Peter Brogan and his wife Ann nee Doran.

### **99th Regiment of Foot**

He enlisted in the 99th (Lanarkshire) Regiment of Foot in 1841 and was posted out to Australia. The 99th gained a reputation of being unruly to such an extent that another regiment (the 11th) was assigned the task of keeping them under control.

In 1845 Patrick's regiment came to New Zealand, along with the 65th ("Hickety Pips"), and took part in the first land wars.

The 99th Regiment saw action in the Hutt Valley campaign, including Battle Hill (6 to 13 August 1846).

### **Marriage in 1846**

In between the military engagements Patrick found time to meet Emma Philps, and they were married on 1 November 1846 in Wellington. The regiment returned to Hobart and Patrick remained in service until 1852.

### **Shoemaker by trade**

A few years later they returned to Wellington, where Emma's family lived, and in 1857 bought land on the east side of Molesworth Street opposite the gates of Parliament, where Patrick set up a bootmaker's shop.

He is listed in the Wellington Street and Trade directory of 1865 as a shoemaker at these premises. Patrick's Catholic connections remained strong, and reputedly Mother Aubert used his workshop to create some of her famous medicines.

### **Land in Wainui**

In the 1860's Patrick made a claim for land under the Waste Lands Act 1858, due to his military service, and was granted 60 acres in Wainui (now a part of Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki). Patrick died of hepatitis in 1878 at the age of 57, leaving behind his widow Emma and nine surviving children.



**Emma Brogan  
nee Philps**

Emma Philps was born in 1831, the daughter of John and Catherine (nee Rutter) Philps, who are both buried in Bolton Street Cemetery.

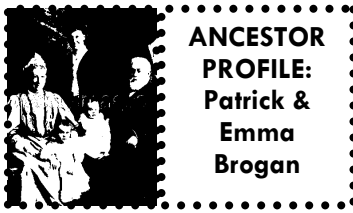
John, Catherine and their children Frances, Emma and Jacob arrived in Wellington in 1841 aboard the *Lord William Bentinck*. The Emigrants' register lists them as recommended by the Hon. A. Tollemache. Their former place of residence and work was Ham, Surrey, where John was an agricultural labourer. Ham House and estate were owned by Tollemache.

Emma and Patrick Brogan had 11 children altogether. Emma died on 15 July 1907. She was highly regarded in her community, as her obituary (*Free Lance* Vol. 3 No. 369, 27 July 1907; top right opposite) makes clear.

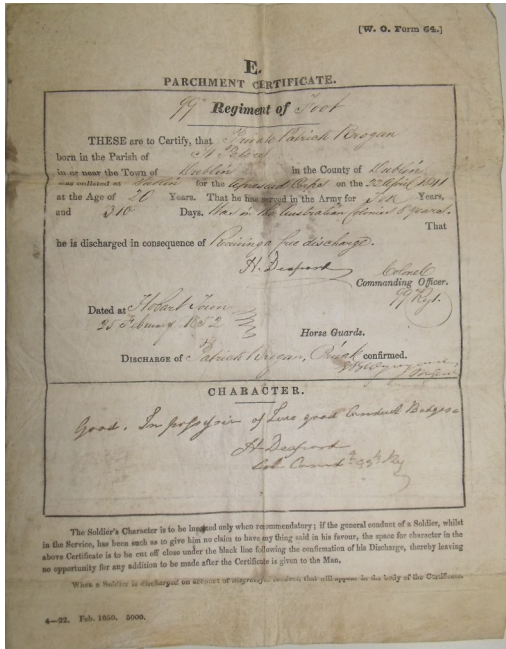


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PROFILE:**  
Patrick &  
Emma  
Brogan



△ Patrick's discharge papers from the 99th Regiment of Foot show his Character to have been "Good. In possession of five Good Conduct Badges."

Molesworth Street, Wellington, 1939, with Patrick Brogan's bootmaker's shop still visible  
[Photo: Turnbull Library, Ref. MNZ-1775-1/4-F]



**EMMA BROGAN  
WELLINGTON**

The news of the death of one of the earliest parishioners of the Thordon parish (writes a Wellington correspondent), in the person of Mrs Brogan, relict of the late Patrick Brogan, Quarter-master of H.M. 99th Regiment, will be received with sincere regret. The deceased lady, who arrived in Wellington with her parents on June 1, 1841, had a keen recollection of the troubles and trials of the early pioneers in the settlement in and around Wellington during the Maori raids. She was a daily and devout attendant at Mass in St. Mary's, now the Basilica, for fifty years and her genial face will be missed by many. Suffering during the last year, her death was not unexpected. Her suffering was borne with that fortitude and forbearance to be found only in one who had implicit confidence in the Faith. The deceased, who was 76 years of age, leaves five sons, three daughters and 36 grandchildren. One daughter is the wife of Mr.B.F.Whitaker, Catholic bookseller of Wellington-

**R.I.P**



## FRIENDS OF MOUNT STREET CEMETERY

The *Friends of Mount Street Cemetery* was established in 2010 to preserve, protect and enhance the heritage of the Mount Street Cemetery for the benefit of all. Consecrated by Bishop Pompallier in 1841, the Mount Street Cemetery was the first Cemetery in Wellington for Catholic burials, and contains the graves of about 1100 Wellington pioneers.

You can become a member of the *Friends* now by payment of an annual subscription. Any additional donations are very welcome. As we are a registered charity, all donations of \$5 and over are tax-deductible. All funds received will be put towards the on-going work of protecting, conserving and maintaining the Cemetery for the benefit of all.

By becoming a member:

- Your subscription/donation will help to preserve this important part of Wellington's heritage.
- You will be informed of the on-going work through the *Friends'* newsletters.
- You can assist in the voluntary work, including research and working bees.
- You will learn more about this unique and precious area in the heart of Wellington.

Your financial support would be greatly appreciated for this important heritage project. Please direct any enquiries you may have to: Karen Adair, President, Friends of Mount Street Cemetery, Email: [mountstreetcemetery@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:mountstreetcemetery@wn.catholic.org.nz)

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I would like to become a member/renew my subscription to the *Friends of Mount Street Cemetery*.

Name:

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Please indicate the type of membership for the year 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012:

<b>Individual</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$20</b>
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***If you have ancestors buried in the Cemetery please provide details if you have not already sent these to us.***

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