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## CEMETERY ENTRANCE SIGNS NOW IN PLACE

Generous funding from the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board enabled installation in March of signage at each of the three entrances to the Cemetery: the upper / viewing platform entrance (left below); the main /Mount Street entrance (middle below); and the lower / Waiteata Road entrance (right below). This represents achievement by the Friends of a major objective of the Cemetery Conservation Plan.



It was standing room only at the Museum of Wellington City & Sea, as local history was celebrated with the launch of *Maritime Memories of Mount Street Cemetery* on 26 February.

### Maritime history

The collection of Mount Street's maritime stories - of adventure, and poignant misadventure, on the high seas and the harbour—was researched and compiled by maritime historian and archivist Ken Scadden.

Ken delivered a lively lecture on the subject of the book

which was enthusiastically received by the more than 80 people present. The audience then moved to the Museum boardroom for the official launch, presided over by Ann Neill, General Manager Central Region, Heritage New Zealand (formerly the New Zealand Historic Places Trust). *Maritime Memories of Mount Street* was published by the Friends of Mount Street



From left: Friends' President Karen Adair, Ken Scadden holding the book, and Ann Neill of Heritage New Zealand at the launch



Cemetery, of which Ken Scadden is a founding Committee member. The genesis of the book was a presentation on the topic which Ken Scadden gave as a fundraiser for the Friends in 2012, which had held a large audience enthralled. The book is now available for purchase (\$20) by contacting Ken: [ken@maristarchives.org.nz](mailto:ken@maristarchives.org.nz) Ken has very generously donated all proceeds to the Friends of Mount Street Cemetery.

## Hannah née McCarthy and Martin Minogue

... By Hilda McDonnell



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PROFILE:  
an  
occasional  
series

A number of families represented at Mount Street Cemetery operated hostleries in the city and were no doubt local identities.

In many cases the licensees were women, perhaps often through needing to provide for families where the father had died prematurely.

Hilda McDonnell has researched the lives of these early Wellington publicans, and this is the first of a series of their stories that we will feature in the Newsletter.

**Sources:** Maggie Flynn, McCarthy/O'Brien descendant; NZPO Directory 1904; Stone's Wellington Directory 1905: 1913-14; Probate Hannah Minogue dated 1915.

**Below:** Shops on upper Cuba St, 1904-08.

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Hannah McCarthy was born in 1851 or 1852 in England, the daughter of Alexander McCarthy and Hannah McCarthy, formerly Sheehan. Alexander's mother was née Roach[e]. While they had married in an Anglican church in London in 1842, in New Zealand the family clearly followed Roman Catholicism.

Hannah came to New Zealand with her parents in late 1859, and they are also interred at Mount Street Cemetery, along with Hannah's sister Mary, who married mariner Captain Patrick O'Brien. Mary was also a publican, as were the other sisters Maria (later Dwyer) and Catherine (later known as Kate Herbert notwithstanding marriages to Messrs Sharkey and Blick), who conducted her own business as a publican in Cuba Street and elsewhere. Brothers were Thomas and Alexander junior (Alick).

### Married by Father O'Reily

At the age of 21, Hannah McCarthy married Martin Minogue, aged 27, in the Catholic Chapel of the Nativity of Our Lord, Boulcott Street, Wellington [later the site of St Mary of the Angels].

Martin Minogue was born in Ireland and had been in New Zealand for two years at the time of his marriage. He was working as a labourer, while Hannah was a domestic servant. Hannah and Martin were married by Father JJP O'Reily on 19 October 1871. It appears that Martin later had a business association on

the west coast with his brother-in-law, the wealthy Catholic philanthropist Martin Kennedy (see *Dictionary of NZ Biography*), who had married Mary Minogue in Australia.

### Early tragedy

Sadly, Martin Minogue died aged 35 of consumption (tuberculosis of the lung) on 8 June 1879 on board the *Luna* in Wellington harbour. At the time of his death Martin was described as a merchant. He was buried in Mount Street Cemetery, funeral rites by Father P Kerrigan. Hannah was left with three sons and three daughters.

### Star & Garter hotel

Little is known for certain about the intervening years; however, it appears that Hannah lived on the west coast for some time. By 1903, "Mrs Hannah Minogue" was recorded as the proprietor of the Star & Garter Hotel at the top of Cuba Street. She relinquished the lease of the Star & Garter in 1907. Under Hotel Sales at 6 August 1907, the *Evening Post* noted: "valuation of the furniture and effects of the Star and Garter Hotel, Cubastreet, Wellington, on account of Mrs. Minogue, to Mr. Dooley, late of Waitara" [*Evening Post*, 22 August 1907]. Hannah never married again. She died on 7 December 1914 at 24 MacDonald Crescent, Wellington, aged 63 years. She was buried at Mount Street with her husband and her son, Francis Martin Minogue, who had died aged 36 on 7 May 1911. Hannah was survived by two sons and three daughters.

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
MARTIN MINOGUE  
FRANCIS MARTIN  
MINOGUE  
HANNAH MINOGUE

Headstone at Mount Street  
Cemetery

Her will, dated 14 July 1914, named her son James Alexander Minogue of Wellington, electrician; daughter Katie Arthur, wife of George Arthur "at present of London, England, engineer"; grandson Francis Kevin Kennedy Minogue, "son of my deceased son Francis Minogue"; and daughters Alice Hannah Gertrude Minogue and Marcelline Minogue.

### Property

Itemised in Hannah's will were her properties in Clyde Street, Island Bay, and the MacDonald Crescent house in which she died. A Deceased Estates list for September 1916 included: "Hannah Minogue £2,470", a significant sum for those days [*Evening Post* 10 October 1916].

The Minogue house in MacDonald Crescent was on the north side, near The Terrace intersection. It is interesting to note that four doors up from the Minogues in MacDonald Crescent in 1913-14 lived the four Freyberg boys, brothers of the future Governor-General of New Zealand, Bernard, Lord Freyberg.

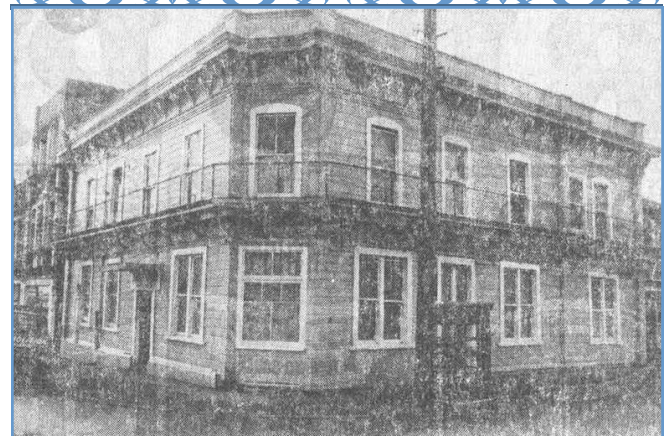


OF  
YOUR CHARITY PRAY  
FOR THE SOUL OF  
HANNAH  
BELOVED WIFE OF  
ALEXANDER McCARTHY  
WHO DIED JUNE 17 1890  
AGED 79 YEARS  
We have loved her during life  
Let us not abandon her now  
until she enters everlasting bliss  
ALSO  
ALEXANDER  
HUSBAND OF THE  
ABOVE  
WHO DIED JUNE 4 1895  
AGED 80 YEARS  
ALSO OF MARY  
DAUGHTER OF THE  
ABOVE  
AND WIFE OF PATRICK  
O'BRIEN  
DIED MARCH 28, 1905,  
AGED 63 YEARS  
Merciful Jesus give eternal rest  
to her soul

Headstone next to Hannah Minogue's

The Star & Garter Hotel (not to be confused with the Star Hotel in Lambton Quay) was located in upper Cuba Street, on the northeast corner of the intersection with Webb Street. It was later a rooming house called Clarence House, before demolition in 1976.

Photo: *Evening Post*, 10 August 1976, p 2



It was built in around 1880, so was about 20 years old when Hannah Minogue became the proprietor/lessee. In 1880, the Hotel Sales reported by sales agents Dwan Brothers in the *Evening Post* (13 August, p 4) included the purchase of the lease of the Star & Garter Hotel by JT Wilkins, who described the hotel at this time in 1880 as “quite new, recently erected”.

#### Cuba Street renumbered

*Wise's Directory* of 1903 lists the Star & Garter Hotel, 168 Cuba Street, proprietor “H. Minogue”. However, by the time of *Wise's Directory* of 1909-10, when “Hy. Dooly” [*sic*] had become proprietor, it is listed as standing at 303-305 Cuba Street. In other words, Cuba Street was renumbered during this time, reflecting its continued development.

#### A favourite hotel

In *Old Wellington Hotels* [1974, Millwood Press], Pat Lawlor describes the Star & Garter as “a favourite of the ‘jug-and-bottle’ people in the small local cottages”. Pat Lawlor reported that, after the 1908 poll and the area (along with Johnsonville) subsequently going “dry” in 1909, the hotel, with more than 25 bedrooms, became a lodging house.

The *Evening Post* of 10 August 1976, carrying the photo above, reported that “bulldozers will move in this week” to demolish the building. The intention of the owner was to have “the site turned into a used car-park”. And indeed, it remains something similar today—the asphalt home of a car and truck rental business.

#### An old Wellington identity . . . [NZ Tablet, June 1895]

An old Wellington identity in the person of Mr Alexander McCarthy passed away on 4th June at the ripe age of 80 years. Some few weeks ago he was taken unwell but nothing serious was anticipated until within a few days of his death, when on the day named at 12 o'clock he quietly passed away, having received all the sacraments of our holy religion. Mr McCarthy was born at Limerick, and when quite a young man went to London, where he was engaged for some years in the soap manufacturing business. He came to Wellington with his wife and family some 35 years ago in the ship Harkaway, and for many years was employed by the Provincial Government, but on the abolition of provinces in 1876 his services were transferred to the general Government, and ever since he had been engaged at the Parliamentary buildings. He was kindhearted and genial, and possessed a great fund of humour, and was fertile in racy sayings and a great favourite with all. For years past he had acted as the special attendant of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and was a great favourite with both the Hon Sir Maurice O'Rourke and the Hon Major Steward. Indeed the latter, being in Wellington, and hearing that his old friend was unwell, paid him a visit. Sir M. O'Rourke, being informed by telegraph of the death of his faithful attendant, at once wired his deep regret, and his sympathy and condolence to the members of his family. Mr McCarthy, especially during session, seemed to enjoy a charmed life, for at his great age he was always up and about at all hours, and was ever ready to attend on members and others whose business took them to the Parliament buildings.



Above: Looking south towards upper Cuba Street, circa 1910. Photo: SC Smith. Turnbull Library ref. 1/1-019835-G

## 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 of the *Friends of Mount Street Cemetery*.

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Please indicate the type of membership for the year 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015:

<b>Individual</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Religious Order</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Corporate</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Donation</b>	<b>\$ _____</b> ( <i>Donations of \$5 and over are tax deductible</i> )
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>

***Payment Options*** (Note: all payments will be receipted)

*You may send a cheque made out to Friends of Mount Street Cemetery to:*

Friends of Mount Street Cemetery  
Archdiocese of Wellington  
PO Box 1937  
WELLINGTON 6140

*You may pay directly to our bank account:*

Friends of Mount Street Cemetery  
02-0536-0003285-015 [BNZ]

(If you choose this option please indicate your name in the reference field and don't forget to email us with your address details so we can send you a receipt and keep you informed of progress with the project.)

***If you have ancestors buried in the Cemetery please provide details if you have not already sent these to us.***