

Information on past

# Mayors of Invercargill City

and the location of their  
headstones in the  
Invercargill Cemeteries



2015

# MAYORS OF INVERCARGILL

**This booklet provides a brief introduction to past Mayors of Invercargill and locates the burial site of those Mayors who have been buried in Invercargill Cemeteries. To find where the Mayors are buried check the number against their name and refer to the appropriate cemetery plan.**

## **Background**

A public meeting to discuss the establishment of the Invercargill municipality was held on 14 March 1871 in the Council Hall, Kelvin Street. The incorporation of the town of Invercargill was proclaimed in the 'Otago Provincial Gazette' on 28 June 1871. It provided for a Council of eight.

The election for the first Mayor of Invercargill was held on Saturday, 26 August 1871 with William Wood winning the election by 191 votes to 140 for his rival candidate Mr Mitchell (who later became Mayor in 1875 and 1889). Polling for Councillors took place on 5 September 1871 and Council held its inaugural meeting on 11 September 1871, attended by the eight elected Councillors.

Including the present Mayor (*up to 2015*) there have been 43 different Mayors over the past 136 years. For many years a Mayoral election was held each year. Wood served for two terms from 1871-1873, but after that there was a new Mayor each year until 1904 when William B Scandrett began a run of five years.

The Mayoral term was made biennial in 1915 and since 1935; elections for Mayor have been held every three years.

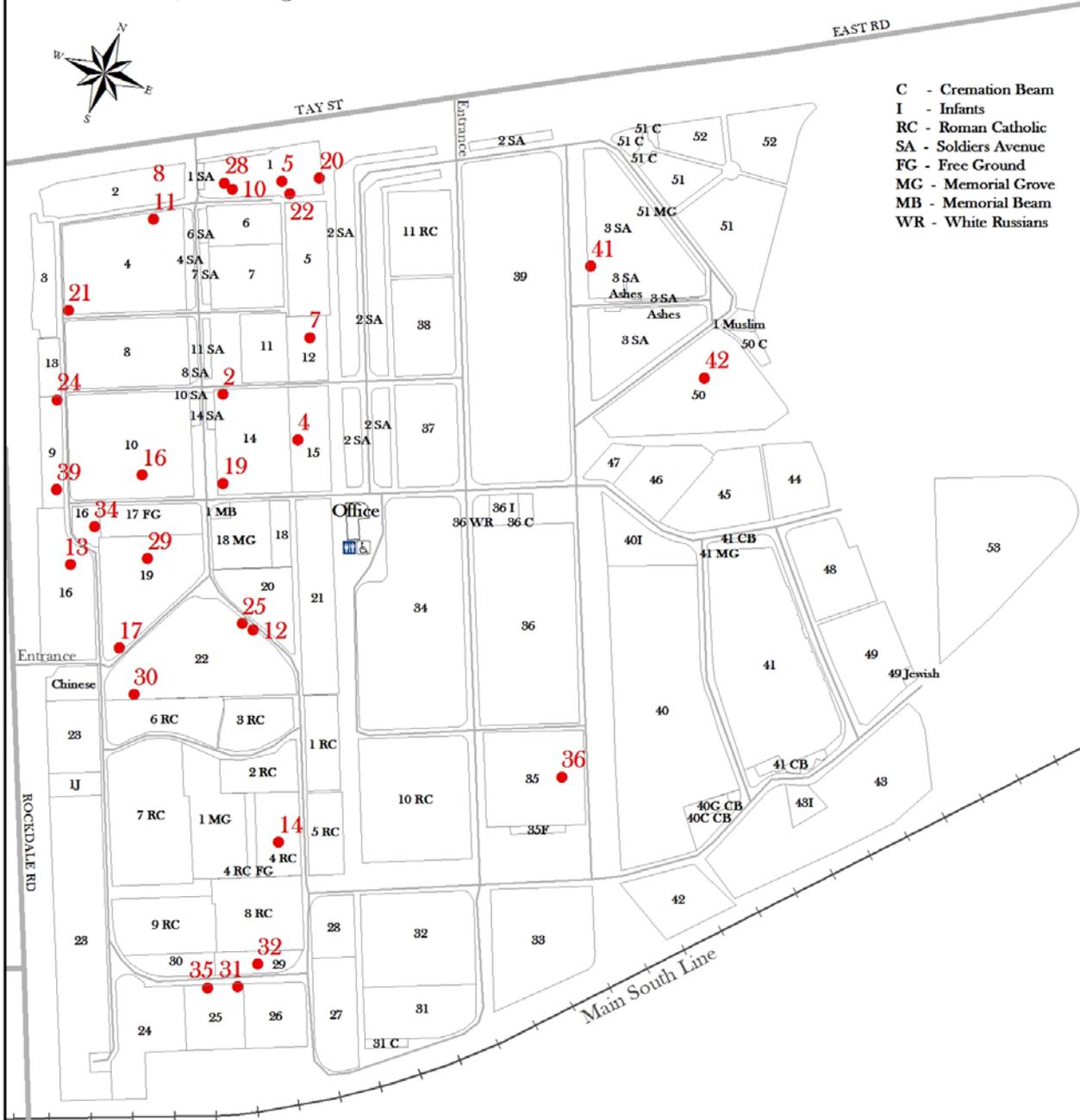
The only woman Mayor of Invercargill so far has been Eve Poole QSO, who served from 1983-1992.

#	NAME OF MAYOR	TERM
1*	Hon William Wood MLC	1871-1873
2	George Lumsden	1873-1874, 1878-1879
3	Thomas Pratt	1874-1875
4	John Walker Mitchell	1875-1876, 1889-1890
5	John Robert Cuthbertson	1876-1877
6*	Joseph Hatch	1877-1878
7	George Goodwillie	1879-1880
8	Nicholas Johnson	1880-1881
9*	Henry Jagers	1881-1882
10	John Kingsland	1882-1893
11	William S Moir	1883-1884
12	George Froggatt	1884-1885, 1902-1903
13	John Lyon McDonald	1885-1886
14	David Roche	1886-1887
15*	EA Tapper	1887-1888
16	Thomas Fleming	1888-1889
17	William Horatio Hall	1890-1891
18	James Walker Bain	1891-1892
19	Duncan McFarlane	1892-1893, 1913-1916
20	Andrew Raeside	1893-1894
21	William Benjamin Scandrett	1894-1895, 1904-1909, 1912-1913
22	John Farquhar Sinclair	1895-1896
23*	Josiah Alfred Hanan	1896-1897
24	Hugh Mair	1897-1898
25	John Stead	1898-1899, 1917-1921
26	James Smith Goldie	1899-1900
27	Charles Stephen Longuet	1901-1902, 1909-1910
28	William Alexander Ott	1910-1911
29	John Frederick Lillicrap	1921-1923
30	Andrew Bain	1923-1927
31	John Miller	1927-1929, 1931-1938
32	John Daniel Campbell MBE	1929-1931
33	Josiah Ralph Hanan	1938-1941
34	John Robert Martin JP	1941-1942
35	Abraham Wachner OBE	1942-1950
36	William Atchison	1950
37	Brian Wilfred Hewat	1950-1953
38	Adam Laurence Adamson OBE	1953-1962
39	Neil Watson OBE	1962-1971
40	Frances Russell Miller QSO	1971-1983
41	Eve Poole QSO	1983-1992
42	David FE Harrington JP	1995-1998

\* Not buried in Invercargill Cemeteries

# Eastern Cemetery

10 East Road, Invercargill



- C - Cremation Beam
- I - Infants
- RC - Roman Catholic
- SA - Soldiers Avenue
- FG - Free Ground
- MG - Memorial Grove
- MB - Memorial Beam
- WR - White Russians



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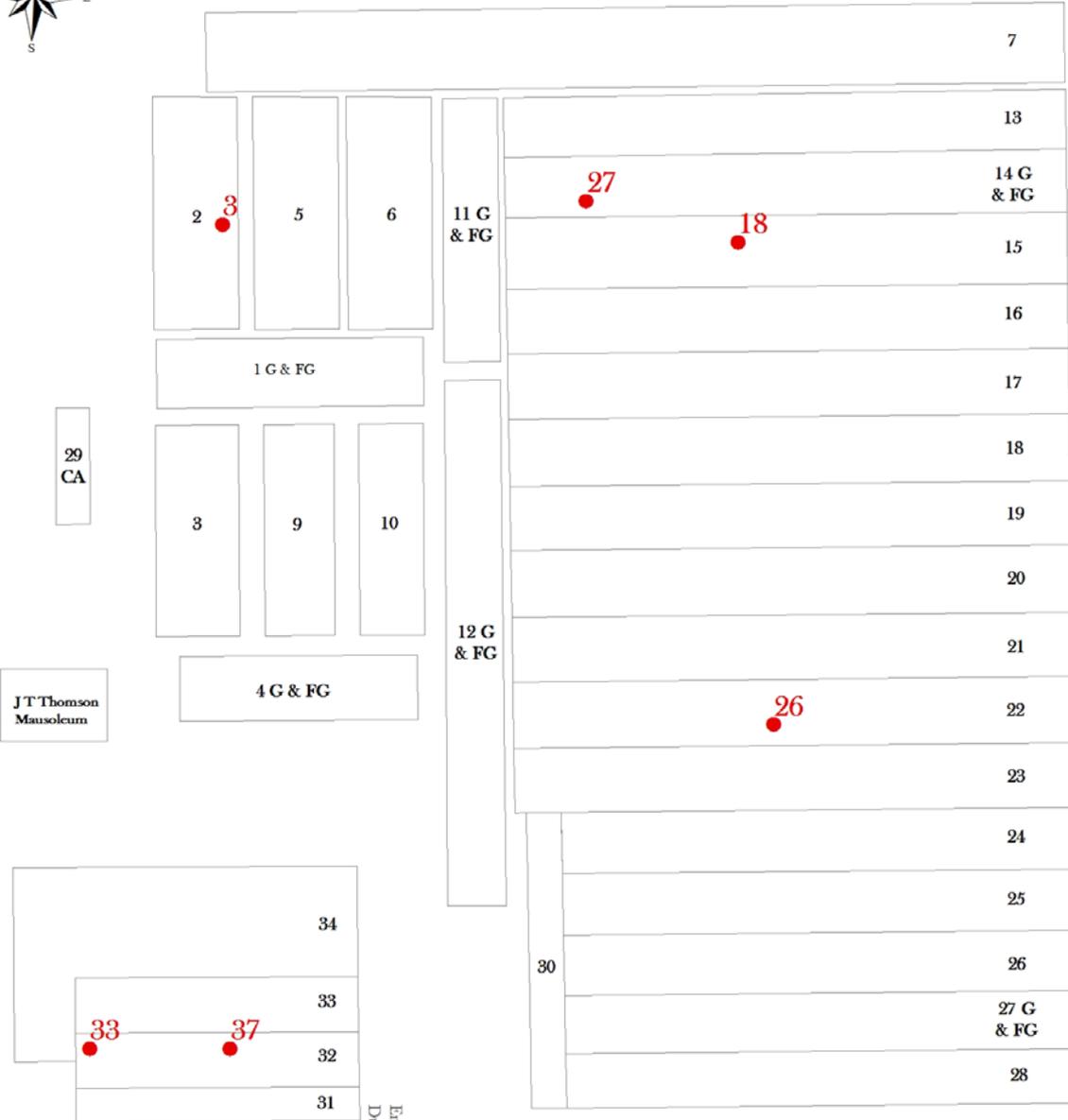
- 2 George Lumsden
- 4 John Walker Mitchell
- 5 John Robert Cuthbertson
- 7 George Goodwillie
- 8 Nicholas Johnson
- 10 John Kingsland
- 11 William S Moir
- 12 George Froggatt
- 13 JL McDonald
- 14 David Roche
- 16 Thomas Fleming
- 17 William Horatio Hall
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- 30 Andrew Bain
- 31 John Miller
- 32 John Daniel Campbell
- 34 John Robert Martin
- 35 Abraham Wachner
- 36 William Atchison
- 39 Neil Watson OBE
- 41 Eve Poole QSO
- 42 David Harrington

# Saint John's Cemetery

70 Durham Street, Invercargill



CA - Clergyman's Area  
 G - General  
 FG - Free Ground



To Drury Lane  
 ←

Entrance From  
 Durham Street

To North Road  
 →

Durham Street



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**3** Thomas Pratt

**18** James Walker Bain

**26** James Smith Goldie

**27** Charles Stephen Longuet

**33** Josiah Ralph Hanan

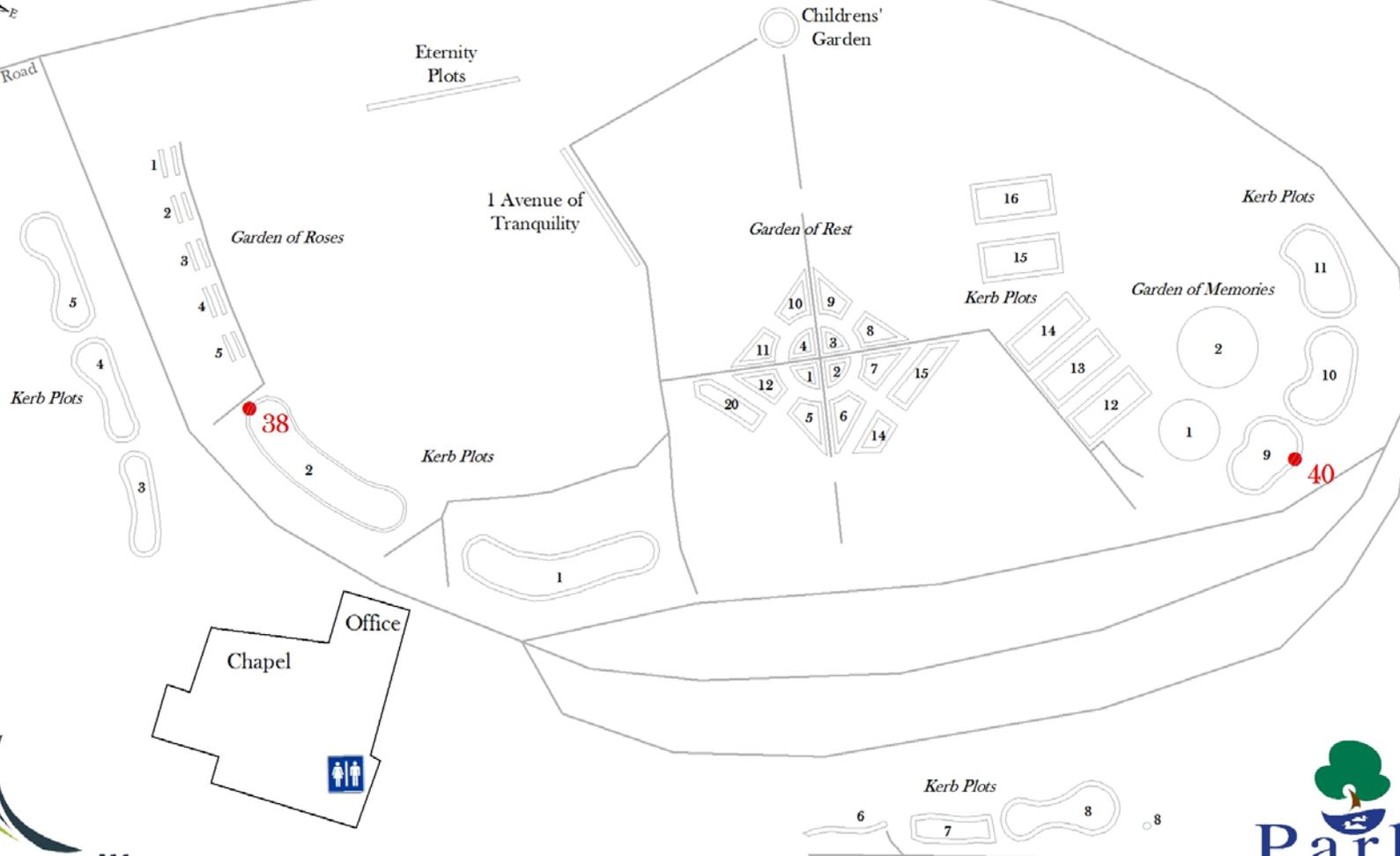
**37** Brian Wilfred Hewat

# Southland Crematorium

Rockdale Road, Invercargill



Entrance  
From Rockdale Road



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**38** Adam Laurence Adamson

**40** F Russell Miller QSO

The Mayors of Invercargill are listed below:

## Hon William Wood MLC

1

(1827 - 1884)

**First Mayor of Invercargill**

**Mayor 1871-1873**

The first Mayor William Wood was born in the Midlands of England in 1827 and emigrated first to Australia and then joined the goldrush to Tuapeka. In the early 1860's he invested his money in land and mortgages in Invercargill. He was a member of the Southland Provincial Council and the last superintendent of Southland, 1869 - 70. Later a member of the Otago Provincial Council, Member of the House of Representatives for Invercargill 1866-70, and for Maitua 1876-78. Appointed to Legislative Council in 1878 and remained a member till his death. While Mayor of Invercargill he turned the first sod of the Maitua railway on 6 September 1872. He died in Wellington in 1884. His wife was Mary Ann Webb.



**NOT BURIED IN INVERCARGILL CEMETERIES**

## George Lumsden

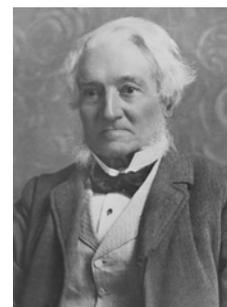
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(1815 - 1904)

**Councillor 1871-1876, 1887-1891**

**Mayor 1873-1874, 1878-1879**

George Lumsden was born in Scotland in 1815. He arrived in Invercargill with his family in 1861 and began business as a watchmaker at the 'Sign of the Clock'. He was a member of the Southland and Otago Provincial Councils and Member for Invercargill 1876-79. Also Chairman of the High Schools' Board and member of Education Board and Land Board. The town of Lumsden, formerly the Elbow, was named after him. He died on 11 February 1904.



**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Plot 1 & 2, Block 14**

**Interred: 12 February 1904**

**Inscription:**

*In Loving Memory of  
Christina Blackwood Anderson  
Beloved wife of George Lumsden  
Who died Dec 1st 1899  
Aged 85 years  
"Faithful until Death" Rev 2.10  
"He giveth his beloved sleep" Psa 127.2  
Also George Lumsden  
Who died Feb 11th 1904  
Aged 88 years and 11 months  
"They shall see his face" Rev XXII.4*

(inscription continues to list daughters)



## Thomas Pratt

3

(1835 - 1910)

**Councillor 1871-1 874**

**Mayor 1874-1875**

Thomas Pratt came to Southland by way of Victoria, Australia. He arrived in Invercargill in 1863 and with James Mentiplay established the first flourmill in the town. He was a member of the firm Hare, Pratt and Co, general merchants and chairman of the Bluff Harbour Board.

**Buried: SAINT JOHNS CEMETERY, Block 2, Plot 8**

**Interred: 8 March 1910**

**Inscription: No Headstone**



## John Walker Mitchell

4

(1832 - 1914)

**Councillor 1873-1875, 1887-1889**

**Mayor 1875-1876, 1889-1890**

JW Mitchell arrived with his wife and children in 1862 from Australia. He had a grocers shop in Esk Street and was later an insurance agent. He contested the first Mayoral election and served for many years on the Council. He was also the first chairman of the Bluff Harbour Board. Died 23 July 1914.

**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 15, Plot 29**

**Interred: 26 July 1914**

**Inscription: Headstone damaged**



## John Robert Cuthbertson

5

(1834 - 1882)

**Mayor 1876-1877**

John Robert Cuthbertson was born in Glasgow in 1834 and came to New Zealand via Melbourne in July 1859. He was a run holder in the Waiau district and later settled in Invercargill where he was partner in the sale yards and agency firm of Macrorie and Cuthbertson. He was for a period the editor of the Southland Times. Served on the Southland Provincial Council and Member for Invercargill 1873 - 1875. Also a Member of first Bluff Harbour Board in 1877. He died on 9 October 1882 aged 48.

**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 1, Plot S**

**Interred: 10 October 1882**

**Inscription:**

*In loving Memory  
Of John Robert Cuthbertson  
Who died October 9th 1882  
Aged 47 years  
"At evening time it shall be light"*

(inscription continues to list children and others)

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(1837 - 1928)

**Councillor 1876-1877, 1880-1882, 1888-1890**

**Mayor 1877-1878**

Joseph Hatch, son of a London merchant who attained the dignity of alderman. He opened a chemist shop in Invercargill in 1863. He was a man of great energy and enterprise manufacturing soap and sheep dip, and trading in rabbit skins for export. He was active in sealing and the penguin oil industry based on the Auckland and Macquarie Islands. He was Borough Councillor for several years, first secretary of the Fire Brigade and Member for Invercargill 1884-87. A stormy participant in local body politics. Once during the Mayoralty of H Jagers, Hatch distinguished himself as a stonewaller speaking for 6 ¼ hours 'without even a drink of water'. He was never afraid to speak his mind. Later he moved to Hobart where he died in September 1928 aged over 90.



In 2007 the story of Joseph Hatch was brought to life with the Auckland Theatre Company's production of 'Hatch or The Plight of the Penguins' by Geoff Chapple. This one man play uncovers the bizarre chapter from New Zealand's rich history when Hatch's penguin oil venture placed him at the centre of an international outcry over cruelty to penguins.



#### **NOT BURIED IN INVERCARGILL CEMETERIES**

His son Albert who died aged 14 from drowning is buried in the Saint Johns Cemetery along with several other members of his family. Their plot is marked with a headstone labelled simply 'Hatch'. Joseph Hatch is buried in the Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Tasmania, in an unmarked grave.

(1838 - 1888)

**Councillor 1871-1879**

**Mayor 1879-1880**

George Goodwillie was born in Fifeshire, Scotland. He arrived in Invercargill in 1861 and established a saddler's business. Member of Town Board and later of Borough Council. Prominent member of Oddfellows Order. Died 1888.



**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 12, Plot 19**

**Interred: 25 June 1888**

**Inscription:**

*'Goodwillie'*



(1841 - 1905)

**Councillor 1877-1880, 1883-1884**

**Mayor 1880-1881**

Nicholas Johnson was born in Cornwall in 1841 of Irish parents. He arrived in Invercargill in 1862. Engaged in sawmilling at Seaward Bush and later as a baker and a hotel keeper in Invercargill. His hotel in Esk Street was taken over by CJ Deschler and he was later licensee of the Crescent and the Club hotels. Died on 15 July 1905 aged 64 years.



**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 4, Plot 1**

**Interred: 15 July 1905**

**Inscription:**

*In Loving Remembrance of my wife  
Catherine H Johnson  
Died 4th July 1895 Aged 51  
And my son, John  
Born 1870, died 1902  
Also her husband  
Nicholas Johnson  
Who died 15th July 1905 Aged 64 years*

(inscription continues to list others - see also WS Moir)



**Councillor 1871-1874, 1878-1880**

**Mayor 1881-1882**

Henry Jagers arrived in Invercargill about 1861 and was a tinsmith and gas fitter. He had a tinsmith's business with Edward Hargin. He was interested in local body affairs from the beginning and was a member of the Town Board.

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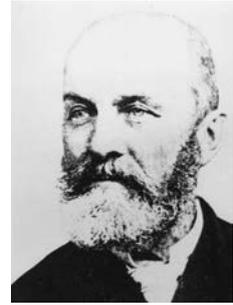


(1829 - 1922)

**Councillor 1877-1882, 1887-1888**

**Mayor 1882-1883**

John Kingsland arrived in 1862 and was a well known proprietor of the Red Boot shop. His first consignment of boots landed from boats on to the banks of the Otepunu Stream. Many sold before they could be moved to his shop. Because of the muddy streets the 'Wellingtons' were in particular demand. He helped to found the Fire Brigade and in his later years was well known as the Grand Old Man in Invercargill. He lived to see the golden jubilee of the Borough. Died on 10 April 1922 aged 93.



**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 1, Plot 15**

**Interred: 12 April 1922**

**Inscription:**

*'Kingsland'*

No mention of John Kingsland on Headstone. Inscription includes information on other Kingsland's buried in the same plot.



(1851 - 1890)

**Councillor 1879-1883**

**Mayor 1883-1884**

William Moir had a fancy goods shop in Dee Street opposite the post office. He was a son-in-law of Nicholas Johnson and his partner in business.

**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 4, Plot 1**

**Interred: 27 March 1890**

**Inscription:**

*In loving memory of  
W.S. Moir  
Born 1851, Died 1890*

Also refer to Nicholas Johnson (8)

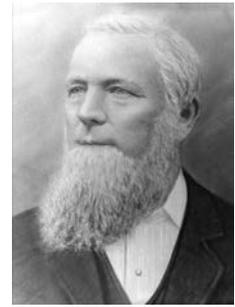


(1840 - 1912)

**Councillor 1876-1883, 1888-1889, 1901-1903, 1905-1907**

**Mayor 1884-1885, 1902-1903**

George Froggatt was born in Shropshire, England. He came to New Zealand in 1864 and to Invercargill in 1867. He opened a butchery business and later had a stock and station agency. He was a member of the Borough Council from 1877 to 1907, chairman of the Education Board, director of the Southland Building Society and president of the Southland A and P Association. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Church. Died 24 July 1912.



**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 22, Plot 96A**

**Interred: 26 July 1912**

**Inscription:**

*George Froggatt  
Who died 24th July 1912  
Aged 72 years*

(inscription continues to list wife and children)



(1835 - 1907)

**Councillor 1879-1884, 1886-1888**

**Mayor 1885-1886**

John Lyon McDonald was born in Forfarshire, Scotland and arrived in Dunedin from Victoria in 1863. Had a store in Riverton before coming to Invercargill in 1877 where he was Southland agent for the Otago School Commissioners. Died 21 October 1907.



**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 16, Plot 33**

**Interred: 21 October 1907**

**Inscription:**

*In loving memory of  
J. L. McDonald  
Who died 21st Oct 1907  
Aged 72 years*

(inscription continues to list wife and children)



## David Roche

14

(1834 - 1913)

**Councillor 1876-1886, 1889-1911**

**Mayor 1886-1887**

David Roche was born in County Kerry, Ireland in 1834. He migrated to Victoria in 1858 where he was successful as a gold miner and was among the first who 'rushed' to New Zealand after discovery of gold in Otago in 1861. He had a store in Athol and in 1874 opened business as a general merchant in Invercargill. Died on 20 July 1913.

**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block RC IV, Plot 109**

**Interred: 22 July 1913**

**Inscription:**

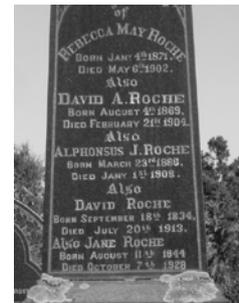
*Also*

*David A. Roche*

*Born September 18<sup>th</sup> 1834*

*Died July 20<sup>th</sup> 1913*

(inscription continues to list others)



## EA Tapper

15

(1847 - ?)

**Councillor 1871-1873, 1884-1887**

**Mayor 1887-1888**

EA Tapper was born in 1847 and belonged to a Hampshire family. He arrived in New Zealand in 1872 and had a sawmilling business with his brother Robert. The business was one of the largest in New Zealand with mills at Seaward Bush, Longbush and Greenhills. The firm had branches in Gore, Dunedin and Ashburton.

**Buried: UNKNOWN**



## Thomas Fleming

16

(1848 - 1930)

**Councillor 1883-1886, 1909-1913**

**Mayor 1888-1889**

Thomas Fleming arrived with his family in Bluff in 1862 aged 14. In 1876 Fleming and his brother in law Peter Gilkison established the successful milling company 'Fleming and Gilkison - Millers and Grain Merchants'. In 1899 the wooden mill was destroyed by fire. Fleming introduced new, state of the art milling technologies which he investigated during several visits to England. Fleming's enthusiasm for innovation is said to have included ownership of Invercargill's first motorcar. He died 14 October 1930 aged 82 years (Watt, 1971; Sorrell, 2006).

**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 10, Plot 168**

**Interred: 17 October 1930**

**Inscription:**

*In Memory of  
Thomas Fleming  
Who died at Timaru  
14<sup>th</sup> Oct 1930*

(inscription continues to list family)

*Mayors of Invercargill*



## William Horatio Hall

17

(1836 – 1916)

**Councillor 1873-1877, 1883-1884, 1887-1890**

**Mayor 1890-1891**

Hall was born in Boston, USA and became a naturalised British subject in 1870. He was partner in the grocery firm of Ekensteen and Hall, and later had an ironmongery shop in Dee Street. He served on the Hospital and Harbour Boards.

**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 19, Plot 151A**

**Interred: 8 October 1916**

**Inscription:**

*In loving memory of William H Hall  
who passed away 5<sup>th</sup> Oct aged 78 years*

(inscription continues to list others)



## James Walker Bain

18

(1841 - 1899)

**Councillor 1889-1891**

**Mayor 1891-1892**

James Walker Bain arrived in New Zealand in 1858, and in 1861 with George Smallfield founded Invercargill's first paper, the Southland News and Foveaux Straits Herald (later the Southland Daily News, also associated with The Southland Times). After spending years trying to manufacture paper from native grasses, he founded the Mataura Paper Mill Company in 1875. He was Member for Invercargill 1879-81 and for 30 years was president of the Southland Building Society. Chairman of High Schools' Board and of the Chamber of Commerce. Died 1899 aged 58 (Watt. 1971; Sorrell 2006).

**Buried: SAINT JOHNS CEMETERY, Block 15, Plot 8**

**Interred: 2 October 1899**

**Inscription:**

Headstone fallen over.



## Duncan McFarlane

19

(1841 - 1918)

**Councillor 1888-1892, 1898-1900, 1906-1913**

**Mayor 1892-1893, 1913-1916**

Duncan McFarlane was born in Linlithgow, Scotland in 1841. At age 16 he migrated to Victoria and in 1878 came to Invercargill with his wife and family. He had a bakery business and was twice Mayor of North Invercargill. Chairman of the Hospital Trust for 16 years. Died on 20 April 1918.

**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 14, Plot 110**

**Interred: 23 April 1918**

**Inscription:**

'McFarlane'



(1852 - 1921)

**Councillor 1890-1893**

**Mayor 1893-1894**

Andrew Raeside was born in Paisley, Scotland in 1852 and came to Invercargill in 1876. He had a pastry cook's business and played a big part in the beautification of gardens along the Otepunui Creek. He died 13 April 1921.

**Buried:** EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 1, Plot 47A

**Interred:** 15 April 1821

**Inscription:**

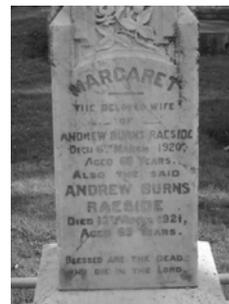
*Margaret The Beloved Wife of Andrew Burns Raeside  
Died 6th March 1920*

*Aged 60 years*

*Also the said Andrew Burns Raeside*

*Died 13th April 1921*

*Aged 69 years*



(1840 - 1917)

**First Town Clerk of Invercargill 1871-1893**

**Mayor 1894-1895, 1904-1909, 1912-13**

William Benjamin Scandrett was born in London in 1840 and arrived in New Zealand in 1855. Came to Invercargill in 1862. His local body record is unusual and outstanding. Member of the Town Board to which he was elected on November 7 1863. Was the first town clerk of the Borough and held the post for 22 years, resigning in 1893 to enter business on his own account. He was a Councillor and Mayor on several occasions. Died 23 September 1917.

**Buried:** EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 4, Plot 145

**Interred:** 26 September 1917

**Inscription:**

*In Loving Memory of  
William Benjamin Scandrett  
Born at Clapham, near London  
Who died at Invercargill  
23 September 1917 aged 78*

(inscription continues to list wife, children and others)



## John Farquhar Sinclair

22

**Councillor 1892-1895**

**Mayor 1895-1896**

John Sinclair was one of the few Mayors of Invercargill who had some practical knowledge of farming. He had been a ploughman and then a farm manager at Mataura. He believed in taking the electors into his confidence. As a South Ward Councillor he held a meeting on October 17 1894 to discuss his views on municipal affairs. He strongly urged the need of purifying the town's water and of adopting a proper system of drainage. He wanted the Council to convert its loans to a longer term in order to reduce interest from 6 to 4½ percent.



**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 1, Plot 53B**

**Interred: 28 May 1926**

**Inscription:**

*In loving memory of John Farquhar  
Beloved husband of Jessie A Sinclair  
Died 26th May 1926 aged 54 years*



(Inscription continues to list wife and son)

## Josiah Alfred Hanan

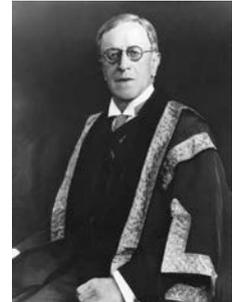
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(1866 - 1954)

**Councillor 1893-1896**

**Mayor 1896-1897**

Josiah Alfred Hanan was born in Invercargill in 1866 and was the youngest man and first professional man to be Mayor of Invercargill. He was also the first Invercargill-born Mayor and was 28 years when he became Mayor. He was a member for Invercargill for 25 years from 1899, and then retired in favour of Sir Joseph Ward. First member from Invercargill to attain Cabinet rank. Minister of Education in short-lived Mackenzie Government of 1912 and Minister for Education and Justice in Coalition Government 1915-19. Member of Legislative Council until it was abolished in 1951. His father was a coachbuilder who arrived in Invercargill in 1863. Hanan resided in Dunedin for the last 20 years of his life and died there on 22 March 1954.



**Buried: DUNEDIN**

## Hugh Mair

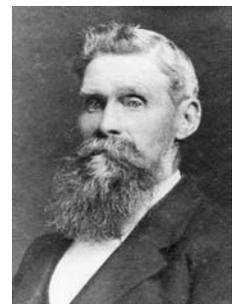
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(1844 - 1915)

**Councillor 1892-1897**

**Mayor 1897-1898**

Hugh Mair arrived in Invercargill in 1863 at age 19. He was a carpenter and established a building business in partnership with his brother, Mathew. They built what is probably the most dominant landmark in the city - the Water Tower, and a number of large buildings.



**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 9, Plot 2**

**Interred: 12 August 1915**

**Inscription:**

*In Loving Memory of  
Hugh beloved husband of  
Catherine Mair  
Died 10th August 1915 aged 71 years*

(inscription continues to list wife and children)



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(1854 - 1922)

**Councillor 1889-1898, 1899-1917**

**Mayor 1898-1899, 1917-1921**

John Stead was born in Girvan, Scotland and came to Invercargill with his parents in 1864 age 10. He drove coaches, trained horses and later was a boot maker and shoe importer. First elected to the Council in 1889 and served on it for 32 years, including three terms as Mayor. He was a supporter of the reclamation scheme over which parts of Stead Street run. He was father of JW Stead, vice captain of the 1905 All Blacks. A tribute paid to him after his death on 20 August 1922 referred to the faithful and enthusiastic service he had given to the Borough over 30 years.

**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 22, Plot 95A**

**Interred: 30 August 1922**

**Inscription:**

*Also of John Stead  
Beloved husband of  
Florence Stead  
Born Cirvan 1854  
Died Invercargill 26 Aug 1922  
(inscription continues to list others)*



(1851 - 1919)

**Councillor 1893-1899**

**Mayor 1899-1900**

James Smith Goldie was born at Kilmarnock, Scotland in 1851. He came out to New Zealand at the age of 21. He represented the well-known Dunedin firm of A and T Inglis, soft goods retailer, first in Oamaru and then in Invercargill. Councillor for nine years. In his younger days he was a keen volunteer. Also interested in work of Friendly Societies. Died 20 September 1919.

**Buried: SAINT JOHNS CEMETERY, Block 22, Plot 21**

**Interred: 22 September 1919**

**Inscription:**

*In loving memory of  
James Smith Goldie  
Beloved husband of Ann Goldie  
Who died 20th September 1919  
Aged 68 years  
Also the above  
Ann Goldie*



## Charles Stephen Longuet

27

(1861 - 1941)

**First Mayor of 'Greater' Invercargill. Constituted 10 January 1910**

**Mayor 1901-1902, 1909**

Charles Stephen Longuet was born in Bluff in 1861. He was a barrister and solicitor, and legal advisor to the Council for many years. Mayor when the Boroughs were amalgamated. A keen gardener and president of the Invercargill Horticultural Society.

**Buried: SAINT JOHNS CEMETERY, Block 14, Plot 14**

**Interred: 11 October 1941**

**Inscription: No headstone**



## William Alexander Ott

28

(1872 - 1951)

**Councillor 1900-1910, 1913-1919**

**Mayor 1910-1911**

William Alexander Ott was born in 1872. He became a member of the Borough Council in 1900. Ott was the first Mayor to be elected (unopposed) for Greater Invercargill. Chairman of Bluff Harbour Board, president of the Invercargill Savings Bank, of the Associated Savings Bank of New Zealand, of the Permanent Building Society, and of the New Zealand Federation of Justices Associations. Founder of WA Ott and Co, Ltd, land agents.

**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 1, Plot 9**

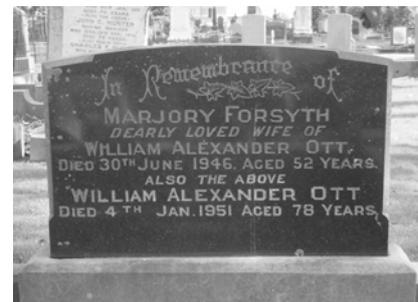
**Interred: 8 January 1951**

**Inscription:**

*William Alexander Ott*

*Died 4th Jan 1951, aged 78 years*

*(inscription continues to list wife and others)*



## John Frederick Lillicrap

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(1866 - 1937)

**Councillor 1901-1906, 1909-1921**

**Mayor 1921-1923**

John Frederick Lillicrap was born in Wellington in 1866. He was a Lawyer by profession. A member of Borough Council for over 20 years with one term as Mayor. Was a prominent member of the Automobile Association. Died on 16 November 1937.

**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 19, Plot 38**

**Interred: 18 November 1937**

**Inscription:**

*Also John Frederick Lillicrap*

*Died 16th Nov 1937*

*Aged 71 years*

*(inscription continues to list others)*



(1856 - 1939)

**Councillor 1900-1901, 1906-1913, 1915-1918**

**Mayor 1923-1927**

Andrew Bain was a native of Aberdeen, Scotland. He came out to New Zealand as a seaman. He settled in Southland in 1879 where he set up business as a builder. He was six times Mayor of South Invercargill, also Chairman of the Bluff Harbour Board and Hospital Board. On his 80th birthday he was presented with an illuminated address signed by four former Mayors - Longuet, Ott, Lillicrap and Campbell, and the then Mayor, John Miller. Died on 21 February 1939, aged 83.



**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 22, Plot 79**

**Interred: 23 February 1939**

**Inscription:**

*Also the above Andrew Bain  
Who died 21st Feb 1939  
In his 83rd year*

(inscription continues to list wife and children)



(1869 - 1938)

**Councillor 1919-1927**

**Mayor 1927-1929, 1931-1938**

John Miller was born in Scotland in 1869. He graduated at the Royal Veterinary College in Edinburgh and after following that profession in Scotland, came out to New Zealand in 1911 and settled in Invercargill as Government Veterinarian. First elected to Council in 1919 and re-elected 1921, 1923 and 1925. Elected Mayor in 1927 by a big majority. A member of many public bodies. In 1929 elected president of the New Zealand Municipal Association. He was one of the city's outstanding personalities. In 1936 he initiated a museum and art gallery as a 1940 New Zealand centenary project. The building in Queens Park opened in 1942. He died on 20 September 1938 as the first Mayor to die in office.



**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 25, Plot 17**

**Interred: 22 September 1938**

**Inscription:**

*In Memory of  
John Miller MRCVS  
Mayor of Invercargill for 9 ½ years  
Who died 20th September 1938*

(inscription continues to list wife and children)



(1887 - 1954)

**Councillor 1925-1929**

**Mayor 1929-1931**

Invercargill proclaimed a City 1 March 1930

John Daniel Campbell was born at Kennington, Southland and began a business career by opening a small cycle shop at One Tree Point. Later he had a similar business in Invercargill. He was first elected to Council in 1925 and served on Council for five years. He was President of the local branch of the Red Cross Society and executive member of New Zealand Red Cross and of New Zealand Joint Council of Order of St John and Red Cross Society. Interested in all classes of sport and physical culture. Was first Mayor of Invercargill City. He died in 1954 aged 67 years.



**Buried: Eastern Cemetery, Block 29, Plot 66**

**Interred: 23 October 1954**

**Inscription:**

*John Daniel Campbell MBE  
Called to the grand lodge above  
21 October 1954 aged 67 years*

(inscription continues to list wife and children)



(1909 - 1969)

**Councillor 1935-1938**

**Mayor 1938-1941**

Josiah Hanan was born in Invercargill in 1909. He was educated at Southland Boys' High School, Waitaki High School and Otago University and was a barrister and solicitor. Elected to Council in 1935 and three years later headed poll and became deputy Mayor. At a by-election on 19 October 1938, following the death of Mr Miller, he was elected Mayor. After returning from active service he was elected Member for Invercargill in 1946. Attained ministerial rank as Minister of Health, but his outstanding work was done as Minister of Justice. He introduced many reforms to the judicial system. His death in July 1969, while on a visit to Australia, came as a great shock to the whole country.



**Buried: SAINT JOHNS CEMETERY, Block 32, Plot 21**

**Interred: 29 July 1969**

**Inscription:**

*Ralph Hanan  
1909 - 1969*



(1870 - 1948)

**Councillor 1917-1921, 1938-1941**

**Mayor 1941-1942**

John Robert Martin was educated at Southland Boys' High School and Christ's College. He carried out the duties of Mayor while JR Hanan was on active service and returned as Mayor unopposed at the 1941 elections. Because of ill-health he retired from office on 26 May 1942. He served as Councillor from 1917 to 1921 and from 1938 to 1941. He was director of Southland Building Society.



**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 16, Plot 29A**

**Interred: 23 December 1948**

**Inscription:**

*John R Martin  
Died 21 Dec 1948 aged 78 years*

(inscription lists others)



(1892 - 1950)

**Councillor 1938-1941**

**Mayor 1942-1950**

Abe Wachner was born in London and came to New Zealand from Australia. He served with the New Zealand Forces in World War I and was wounded at Gallipoli. In Invercargill he had a flourishing boot and shoe retailing business, which he built up from small beginnings, dating from 1919. At the 1941 Council elections he topped the poll and became deputy Mayor. Because of the illness of Mayor Martin he was in fact the Mayor before he was elected to the office on 22 June 1942. He held the office until his death in 1950. He gave a great deal of help to people in difficulties beyond what might have been reasonably expected, and was particularly interested in the welfare of servicemen of World War II. During World War II Mr Wachner established the custom of opening meetings of the Council with a prayer, which had been especially composed for the purpose. He was honoured with the award of the OBE in 1946. He died on 23 August 1950.



Following his death his wife Mabel Wachner purchased and donated to the City Council the block of land that Wachner Place stands on in Dee Street.

**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 25, Plot 8**

**Interred: 25 August 1950**

**Inscription:**

*In Loving Memory of  
Abraham Wachner OBE  
3/181 - Gallipoli  
1892 - 1950*

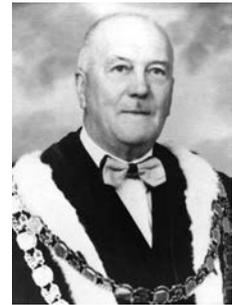


(1881 - 1957)

**Councillor 1941-1950**

**Mayor 1950**

William Aitchison was born in Glasgow. He spent 33 years in business in Invercargill, his shop in the Athenaeum building being particularly well known. First elected to Council in 1941, topped the poll in 1944 and again in 1947 and, therefore, had two terms as deputy Mayor. After Mr Wachner's death he was made Mayor by vote of the Council for the few months till the next election. He was nominated for the office but withdrew because he felt he had reached a time of life when he could reasonably take things more easily. He died on 2 January 1957.



**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 35, Plot 235**

**Interred: 5 January 1957**

**Inscription:**

*Remembrance  
William Aitchison  
Loved husband of  
Vera K Aitchison  
Passed away 2nd January 1957  
Aged 76 years*

(inscription continues to list wife)



(1895 - 1970)

**Councillor 1933-1935**

**Mayor 1950-53**

Brian Hewat was a well-known Invercargill barrister and solicitor. A Councillor from 1933 to 1935. Mr Aitchison withdrew his nomination and Mr Hewat returned unopposed as Mayor in 1950. He considered that the financial policy being followed was wrong and that the city's facilities had been allowed to 'run down'. He initiated a change. During World War I he served at Gallipoli and in France and won his commission on the field in 1917. In World War II he was commander of the Invercargill Battalion of the Home Guard. Member of the executive of the Municipal Association and president of the Southland Law Society. Died February 1970



**Buried: SAINT JOHNS CEMETERY, Block 32, Plot 31**

**Interred: 3 March 1970**

**Inscription:**

*In loving memory of  
Brian Wilfred Hewat  
Beloved Husband of  
Brenda Hewat  
Died 28 February 1970 - aged 75 years  
And the above  
Brenda Hewat  
Died 8 December 1980 - aged 84 years*

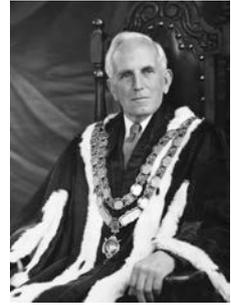


(1884 - 1984)

**Councillor 1941-1953**

**Mayor 1953-1962**

Adam Laurence (Addie) Adamson was born in Invercargill in 1884 and belonged to a family which can trace its association with the town back to 1863. For many years he was in business in the city as an accountant, secretary and sharebroker. Secretary of the Southland branch of the Farmers' Union before that body changed its name to Federated Farmers. Secretary of the Southland A and P Association and of the Invercargill Chamber of Commerce, director of the Southland Building Society. Councillor from 1944 to 1953 when he was elected Mayor. Returned to that office in 1956 and 1959 and retired in 1962. Elected president of the New Zealand Municipal Association in 1960. Awarded an OBE in 1956. He died 21 July 1984, aged 100 years.



**Buried:** SOUTHLAND CREMATORIUM, Block 2, Kerb Plot 196

**Interred:** Ashes interred 17 August 1984

**Inscription:**

*Adam Laurence  
Adamson OBE  
1884 - 1984*

(inscription continues to list wife)

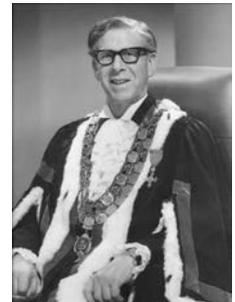


(1905 - 1990)

**Councillor 1950-1962**

**Mayor 1962-1971**

Neil Watson was born in Invercargill on 10 December 1905. His father was a lawyer and he followed in his footsteps and later joined his father's firm Watson & Watson, later Arthur Watson Savage. In 1962, after nine years as Deputy Mayor he replaced the retiring Mayor Adamson and served three terms as Mayor. During his time on Council the city enjoyed rapid growth with a new airport, new water supply, street improvements, a new library, upgrades of gas and electricity systems and trams were replaced by buses. He was awarded the OBE in 1970. After the Council he then served six years on the Southland Harbour Board. He died on 29 April 1990.



**Buried:** EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 9, Plot 21 & 22.

**Interred:** Ashes interred on 15 May 1990

**Inscription:**

*Neil Lachlan Watson  
Died 29 April 1990  
Aged 84 years*

(inscription continues to list other family)



(1914 - 1992)

**Councillor 1962-1971**

**Mayor 1971-1983**

Frances Russell Miller was a surgeon by profession. He had been deputy Mayor for six years before being elected Mayor when he replaced the retiring Mayor Watson. He held the position for 12 years. He was awarded the QSO for services to the community. He died 25 February 1992.



**Buried: (Cremated) Southland Crematorium, Block 9, Kerb Plot 1**

**Interred: Ashes interred 13 July 1992**

**Inscription:**

*Frances Russell Miller QSO  
MBCHB, FRCS, FRACS, Surgeon  
2nd Feb 1914 - 25th Feb 1992  
Mayor of Invercargill  
1971 - 1983  
(inscription continues to list wife)*



(1924 -1992)

**Councillor 1971-1980**

**Mayor 1983 -1992**

Eve Poole was born in Germany but her family fled to Tel Aviv before World War II. She served in the British Eighth Army as a driver in the Auxiliary Territorial Service and so met her husband Vernon Poole, an officer of the 20th Battalion of the 2nd NZEF. They settled in Invercargill after the war.



Eve became Invercargill's first woman city Councillor in 1971. She was first elected Mayor in 1983, and re-elected in 1986, 1989 and 1992. She was a founding member of the Southland United Council and served on the Queens Elizabeth II Arts Council and was also very active in the Cancer Alert movement. She was awarded the QSO in 1982. She was also in the executive of the Municipal Association 1985-88 and the South Island Local Bodies Association; a director of the NZ Local Government Insurance Co; a founding member of the Building Industry Authority; and accepted many other local and national appointments. Eve died on 26 December 1992 in Dunedin Hospital after a brief illness.

**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 3 Soldiers Avenue, Plot 51**

**Interred: 30 December 1992**

**Inscription:**

*Eve Poole  
QSO  
195779 1939-45 DVR  
ATS: British Army  
Died 26.12.1992*



(1936-2009)

Mayor 1995-1998

Born in Invercargill on 10 March 1936, David Harrington was the youngest son of Millicent and Richard Harrington. He attended St Catherine's College, St Theresa's North Invercargill and Marist Brothers High School. He started his working life at the Southland Building Society. In 1960 he began his 35 year career at the Southland Farmers Co-op.

In 1983 he was elected onto the board of the Invercargill Licencing Trust and became chairman three years later. During his term as chairman he was a board member of Dominion Breweries. He ceased chairmanship of the ILT in 1995 and ceased being on the board of the ILT in 1998. During this time he became chairman of the New Zealand Licencing Trust and also a life member.

David also contributed to a number of other organisations, Patron of the RSA, Southland Enterprises, Southland Special Olympics and the Southland Boxing Association.

David served on the St Catherine's school board of trustees playing a leading role in the merger of St Catherine's College and Marist Brothers School to established Verdon College.

In David's later years he was extremely dedicated to Calvary Hospital as its foundation board member.

David was married to Patricia for 51 years having six children Debra, Tony, Louise, Brendon, Paul and Andrew.

**Buried: EASTERN CEMETERY, Block 50, Plot 336**

**Interred: 25 May 2009**

**Inscription:**

*In loving memory of  
HARRINGTON  
David Francis Edward JP  
10.3.1936 - 20.5.2009  
(Inscription continues to list other family)*



## RECENT MAYORS

The current Mayor is Tim Shadbolt who first served as Mayor from 1993 – 1995 and became Mayor again in 1998.

## CEMETERY INFORMATION

### Genealogy Information

For genealogy information and general cemetery enquiries on all Invercargill cemeteries please contact the Cemetery Attendant at the Eastern Cemetery Office between the hours of 8.30 am and 4.30 pm Monday to Friday.

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### General Information

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