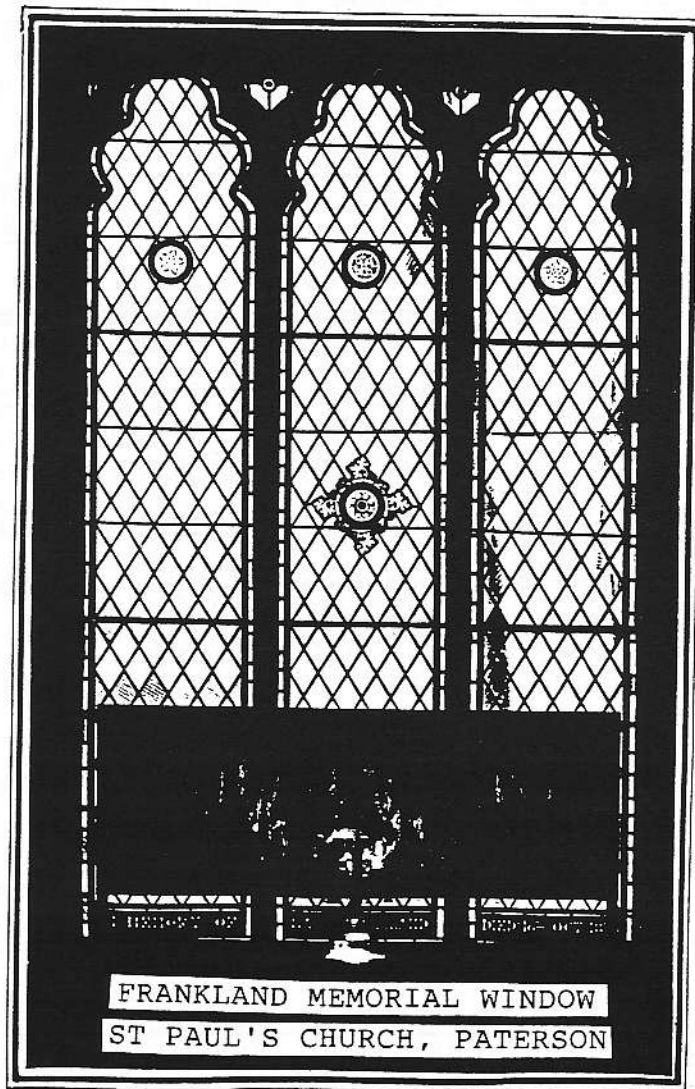




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TOTAL FIELD DAYS 3 4 5 May

MAY 2 - MEETING - HERITAGE ADDRESS - JACK SULLIVAN
" GEORGE TOWNSHEND - TREVALLYN"

4 - WORKING BEE - ALL WELCOME!

JUNE 6 - MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER - BERT CLODE
"OUR FAMILY LIFE IN PATERSON"

8 - OUTING - PATERSON VALLEY

JULY 4 - MEETING - PHIL LEAK - SLIDE EVENING
(ALWAYS INTERESTING TOPIC!)

COVER

FRANKLAND MEMORIAL WINDOW - ST PAUL'S CHURCH, PATERSON
"IN MEMORY OF MARY FRANKLAND, DIED OCTOBER 16, 1873"

This window was a gift from Mr George J FRANKLAND.

Installed in St Paul's Church of England, Paterson - 1897

Photo - Jack Sullivan



SESQUICENTENARY OF
THE CONSECRATION OF
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,
PATERSON....

Sunday, 26th November, 1995
marked a Special occasion
for the township of Pater-
son, for on 27th day exact-

ly one hundred and fifty years ago, the then Bishop of Australia (and of Calcutta) had consecrated St. Paul's church in Paterson. This occasion saw the fulfilment of almost seven years of hard work by the Incumbent of the Church, Rev. John Jennings-Smith.

When the Paterson River area was declared a Parish in 1839, Rev. Jennings-Smith, newly arrived from England with his wife and nine children, became its first Rector. He was not a young man, only having entered the Church after many years as a School master, but he was determined to use his Ministry to bring the Church's message to the scattered settlers in the new Colony. His Parish extended over the miles of land from the tiny township of Paterson to the headwaters of the Paterson and Allyn Rivers. This area of rough bush land he covered on horse-back, bringing the Church's message to the struggling settlers, performing marriages and baptisms in the homes as he went the long miles.

Rev. Jennings-Smith believed his first priority was to build a church, but it would be almost three years before this project could commence. A report in the "Sydney Herald" of 15th Jan., 1842 stated that .."the first stone of the Episcopalian Church in this township was laid by Rev. J. Jennings-Smith on 6th January, 1842"
The site selected for the Church on the original town maps had been in the area now occupied by the former school masters house, but was not deemed suitable by Rev. Jennings-Smith (notwithstanding the fact that the foundation stone for the Church had already been laid by Bishop Broughton) After some negotiations land in Duke Street was purchased from Lieut. Frederick Bedwell and this became the site for the new Church.

Through hard economic times Rev. Jennings-Smith and his struggling parishioners worked to erect the Church, but lack of funds impeded progress and it was only by the Rector's generosity in supplying funds that allowed the work to continue and finally put the roof on the church.

On 26th November, 1845 Bishop Broughton Consecrated the tiny Church of St. Mary's-on-Allyn and the following day arrived in Paterson to perform the same ceremony at St. Paul's Church. Sadly, Rev. Jennings-Smith did not live long after the realisation of his ambition for he was killed in a fall from his horse and carriage in September of 1846. His grave in the cemetery

serves to remind us of the dedication of this man of the Church. The building itself has aged gracefully and the mellowed sandstone walls of the Church gives to visitors and worshippers alike, a feeling of quietness and permanence and stability - elements so often lacking in today's hurried world.

CELEBRATING THE SPECIAL DAY!!!

The day of the Special Service celebrating this 150th Anniversary of the Church dawned fine and clear, and the early morning saw many arriving to share morning tea before the Service commenced at 11 am. Rev'd George Garnsey, present Incumbent of St. Paul's Church, assisted by Rev'd Henry Vercoe were on hand to welcome the visitors. The Rural Dean of Paterson, Rev. Peter Rushton of St. Mary's church, Maitland was the Special Guest for the Service and the usual Morning service was greatly enhanced by the Children's School Choir and other singers and musicians.

As well as local families, many people who had previously lived in Paterson arrived from far and near; others whose forebears had been married or baptised in the Church, and still others came to visit the graves of long-buried relatives.

On display were photographs of marriages which had taken place in the Church long ago, as well others of more modern times, newspaper cuttings, books etc., and the display loaned by our own Historical Society was a center of attention.

Mrs. Bessie Graham of Woodville was present and had the distinction of being the only surviving grandchild of a couple who had been married in the Church in 1845, just two months before the Church was consecrated. Mrs. Graham is the Grand-Daughter of Reuben and Sarah Sivyer, of Eccleston, and at the age of almost 92, she delighted in the days events and added a tangible link with the Church's past History.

A quiet young man with his wife and two small children introduced himself as the Great-Great-Grandson of Rev. John Jennings-Smith and was delighted to learn something of the history of his ancestor, and even more pleased with the additional history we were able to send him later.

Sharing a picnic-style lunch in the School of Arts gave visitors a further opportunity to renew friendships and meet with folk they once knew, and the day concluded with a Musical Concert in the Church which was enjoyed by a most appreciative audience.

Pauline M Clements



S. PAUL'S CHURCH, PATERSON, AND THE OLD RECTORY.

From a painting executed about 1900.

St Paul's Church of England Paterson

In 1897, a major works project was undertaken to refurbish St Paul's which was then fifty-two years old. Mr J. W. Scobie of West Maitland was engaged to supervise the work that was considered necessary.

Some time prior to this date, the church administrators sold a narrow corner allotment of land. (Was this the allotment whereon the old school/church building stood and the CBC Bank was subsequently erected?). The money realised from the land sale was used to build the new Sunday School which cost about £250 to erect. The balance, or part thereof, was put towards essential restoration and repair to the church and parsonage. Additionally, the parishioners raised more money from a flower show and a sale of work, and other parishioners were invited to contribute directly.

St Paul's was closed for four months - apparently from July to October 1897.

The old shingled roof of the church was replaced with an iron one. The walls were kalsomined in a French grey. All the old large windows were taken out.

The new eastern window put in was of cathedral glass in diamond squares with a small ornament in the centre of each of the three divisions, and across the bottom was the inscription - 'In memory of Mary Frankland, died October 16, 1873'. This window was a gift from Mr George J. Frankland.

The other four new windows were also of cathedral glass, but of a lesser quality to the Frankland window. In each of the two divisions belonging to each of the side windows, there was an opening panel for the purpose of ventilation. All five windows were protected on the outside by wire guards.

Mrs Theophilus Cooper of Gostwyck provided new linoleum for the floor around the Communion table, the reading desk, and pulpit, and also provided new cushions for the chairs and footstools near the Communion table and prayer desk. A new Communion cloth was bought by subscriptions from the parishioners. The whole of the church furniture was re-varnished.

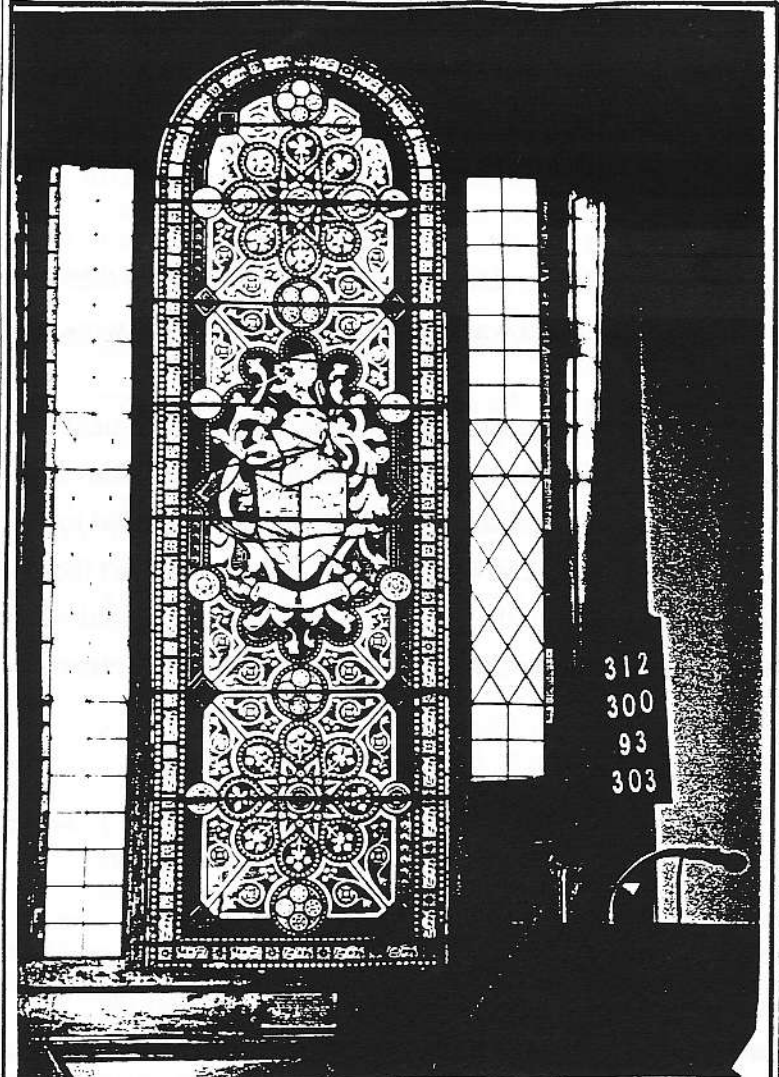
The parsonage was also attended to by renovations that made it much more comfortable to its occupants.

The contractor for the work was Mr John Irwin.

These repairs and renovation cost the sum of £238 of which about £85 was spent of the parsonage, £46 on the four windows, and the remainder on the body of the church.

Source: Paterson News, Maitland Mercury 6 November 1897.

Contributed by Cynthia Hunter



JENNINGS SMITH MEMORIAL WINDOW
ST PAUL'S CHURCH, PATERSON

Photo - Bill Anderson



REV. JOHN JENNINGS SMITH,
M.A.,
First Incumbent of Paterson.
From a portrait lent by
Miss T. Milner Stephen

INTERESTING VISITORS: PAULINE CLEMENTS

The stained-glass window in St Paul's Church is always admired by visitors and is much treasured by the parishioners, however we have known very little about it. To try and rectify this, I took the chance of writing to the historical society (if there was one) in the area of Queensland mentioned on the plaque beneath the window. In time a letter came back from a great-granddaughter of the Selwyn Smith who had given the window to the Church. My letter was referred to another member of the family, a great-great-grandson of Rev. John Jennings-Smith, Mr Selwyn Shand. I learned that the window was originally made for a home built in Melbourne in the 1850's and was removed from the home in the 1920's. It was rescued from an auction by a member of the Smith family and given to St Paul's in 1929. After our correspondence, Selwyn and Joy Shand came to visit Paterson and I was pleased to be able to show them the Church, the window and Rev. Jennings-Smith's grave. As well as the Jennings-Smith connections, the Shand family lists Major Edward Johnson among their ancestors, so they were very interested to see "Annandale". Our walk-about also included a visit to the Museum and the visit concluded with a promise from Mr Shand to forward a copy of a book being prepared on the family of the Johnsons.

A stonemason's business was once situated on the site of the present Court House Hotel where headstones were cut for use in St Paul's graveyard. Chips of stone are still occasionally found.

DEATH ALBERT SWAN OF "LEMONGROVE", PATERSON
 ALBERT SWAN d. 16.1.1895 at Coolgardie, W A
 MAITLAND MERCURY EXTRACTS: HARRY BOYLE & JACK SULLIVAN

SAD DEATH AT COOLGARDIE.—We regret to learn that Mr. Albert Swan, a fine young man, of great promise has succumbed to typhoid fever at Coolgardie. Mr. Swan, who was the fifth son of Mrs. Swan, of Lemongrove, Paterson, went to Coolgardie in 1893, and at the time of his death was engaged in a commercial enterprise, his search for gold having proved unsuccessful. He contracted the malady at Coolgardie; and, according to the scant accounts so far to hand, he received from his friends such nursing as they could give, but it proved unavailing. The poor young fellow lies in a grave in the Western Australian desert, another victim to the rude conditions and primitive arrangements of a pioneer mining community. Young Swan was highly esteemed not only in the neighbourhood of his birthplace on the Paterson, but in Newcastle and Morpeth, where he had made a large circle of friends, and was honoured for his probity, industry, and manly and exemplary character. He was in many respects a pattern to those around him, and the sad circumstances of his death will awaken a general sympathy with his grieving relatives. *MM. 11. 2. 1895*

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PATERSON.
 It is with very deep regret that we have received the tidings of Mr. Albert Swan's death at Coolgardie. Mr. Swan, while a resident of this district, was a member of the Paterson Cricket Club—one of the youngest members, but not the least in estimation, for he was a great favourite with the whole club. In his business and in his social life, Mr. Swan had endeared himself to all by his geniality and frankness, and there is real sorrow in our midst since the announcement of his death in Monday's Mercury, and sincere regret that so splendid a young man, so pleasant and congenial a friend, should have fallen a victim to the raging typhoid at Coolgardie, and die far away from home and loved ones. Our heartfelt sympathy is with his sorrowing mother and loved ones at Lemon Grove in this so sad bereavement.

DISTRICT NEWS.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

PATERSON. *MM. 11. 6. 1895*

A tablet has been erected in St. Paul's Church, Paterson, to the memory of Mr. Albert Swan, by his sorrowing friends. It is of white marble, on a black foreground, placed on the West wall of the church, and bears the following inscription, the Masonic emblems being engraved beside his name:



TO THE BELOVED MEMORY

OF

ALBERT EDWARD SWAN

BORN AT LEMON GROVE, PATERSON.

DIED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA,

JANUARY 16TH, 1895.

AGED 31 YEARS.

Calm on the bosom of thy God,
 Brave spirit, rest thee now;
 While with ours thy footstep trod,
 His seal was on thy brow.

This tablet is a nice memorial of the young fellow whose death is so deeply regretted, and who is buried far away from friends and home, and it is good to know that his name has been placed on the walls of the church with which the days of his boyhood and early manhood are associated, and where deep in the hearts of those who mingle there to worship, his name will ever be held in beloved memory.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PATERSON.

TO UNDERTAKERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED.

ALL PERSONS REQUIRING GRAVES in the CEMETERY ATTACHED TO THE ABOVE CHURCH are requested after this date to apply to the Sexton, RICHARD MARTIN, who alone is authorised to make the necessary preparations.

J. P. LUKE,
 J. G. SMITH,
 W. C. RODGERSON, } Church-
 wardens.

Paterson, 2nd June, 1884.

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SOCIAL REPORT:

- MAY 2: Jack Sullivan presented a very fine address on one of the district's pioneers, George Townshend. A vote of appreciation was offered by President Cameron. Jack's Heritage Address will be published by the society in the coming year. It was announced that the 1997 Heritage Address would be presented by Cynthia Hunter titled, "Settlers of the Paterson River".
- MAY 18 (in lieu of May 4): The three Paterson churches were visited; St Columba 1884, St Ann's 1840, and St Paul's 1845. Judy and Doug Styman's cl868 home in Church Street provided a surprise for those of us who had not seen the air raid shelter set high on the back of their block. Built for use in WW1 as a means of shelter for the school children opposite, up to 40 children would take part in weekly shelter drill. At St Paul's, Harry Boyle caught Pauline Clements unawares when he presented her with the first copy off the press of her recently completed St Paul's Burial Listing. A visit to Sally and David Rogers, "Elms Hall" Vacy (cl868?) and then on to the Anderson's for lunch completed a great day - the rain just holding off!
- MAY 26 (in lieu of June 8): John Laczkowski very kindly organised a visit to Maitland Gaol where he is employed and possibly soon to be closed. An excellent number of members attended John leading the party on what was an outing "with a difference". At supper John had on display his research material, the foundation of work soon to be used on a history of the gaol - well done John!

OPENING THE NEW HARMONIUM IN ST PAUL'S CHURCH, PATERSON:

MAITLAND MERCURY 7.11.1876: HARRY BOYLE

On Sunday last, special services were held, morning and evening, in St Paul's Church, Paterson to consecrate a very handsome new harmonium, which has after many years of waiting been procured for the use of the choir. The instrument is enclosed in a solid oaken case, and has a tone at once sweet and powerful. Alexandre is the maker, and the instrument was especially selected in Sydney by a gentleman who performed his commission admirably. The cost of the harmonium, in the church, was £37.5s.

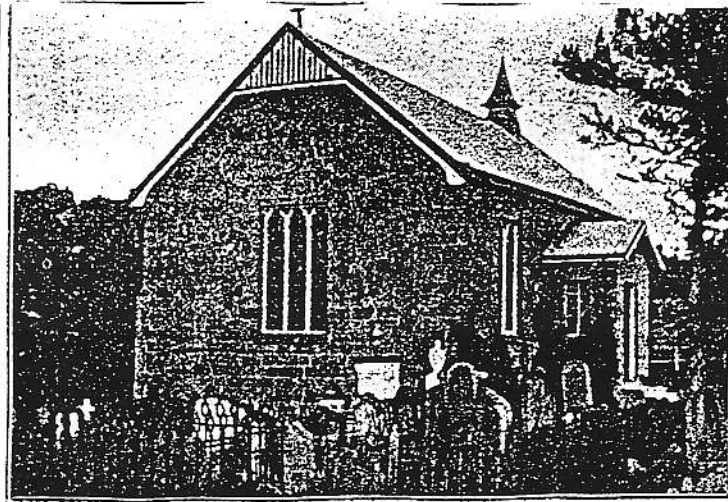
The musical service was taken on Sunday forenoon, by Mrs Griffiths of West Maitland, the eldest daughter of Mr John Swan, of "Lemongrove". For some years previously to her marriage, Miss Swan was organist at St Paul's, and the compliment of asking her to open the new instrument was thought a proper one to pay her.

MAITLAND MERCURY EXTRACTS : HARRY BOYLE - 22.5.1883

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—This holiday is now close at hand, and preparations are being made by the loyal denizens, especially by the young folk of this territory, to commemorate the natal day of our gracious sovereign by fireworks, cricketing, dancing, &c., &c. Owing to other events and the engagements of the amateurs, the concert committee of our School of Arts have found it expedient to postpone for awhile the concert at Vacy on the evening of this day. We have no doubt that due notification will be given of the date on which this concert will be held.

DID YOU KNOW?

May 24 may be just an ordinary day to most of us, but to STAN FRY it was Queen Victoria's birthday (1819-1901), the day STAN set his fire for winter! Thanks Cameron.



S. PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH, PATERSON

Photo

Rev. H. M. R. Rupp

BURIAL LISTING OF ST PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND, PATERSON, 1839 to 1900 - Compiled by Pauline Clements.

Over a period of three years with the assistance of friend and society member, Shirley Threlfo and husband Eric, Pauline has compiled a record of burials with headstone inscriptions, photos and histories from 1839 to 1900, a fine publications to which all historical societies aspire ... and the good news is that the first print has sold out and a waiting list grows daily! Nearing completion is part two from 1901 which will be printed later this year and for which orders are being taken.



RIGHT REV. W. G. BROUGHTON,
Bishop of Australia, 1836-1848;
Bishop of Sydney, 1848-1853.



The old Schoolhouse built and used as a church prior to the erection of S. Paul's From an old photograph lent by Mr E. Wilson

EXTRACTS FROM BISHOP BROUGHTON'S DIARY: VAL ANDERSON

In the year 1839, the Right Reverend William Grant Broughton, DD, the first and last Bishop of Australia, established the Parish of Paterson, and appointed the Rev John Jennings Smith, MM (Camb) as the first Incumbent.

"...on the following morning, setting out early, I went twenty-three miles to Paterson, and there, on the twenty-seventh of November, consecrated the church of St Paul, with the adjoining burial ground; and in the afternoon held a confirmation. This church is a capacious, solid stone building, fitted up with great care internally..."

"...After the service above 150 of the parishioners were entertained most liberally in the garden of the parsonage; and after singing the evening hymn, departed well pleased with the events of the day. The building which had previously erected as a church will now serve as an excellent school-room; and the parochial establishment is completed by a very excellent parsonage house and garden adjoining the church."

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND

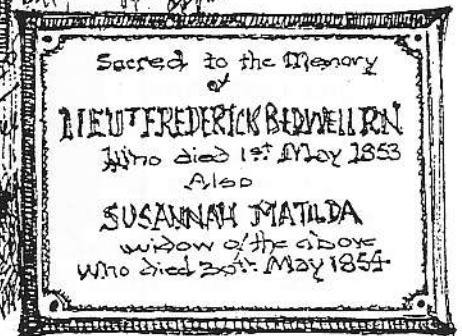
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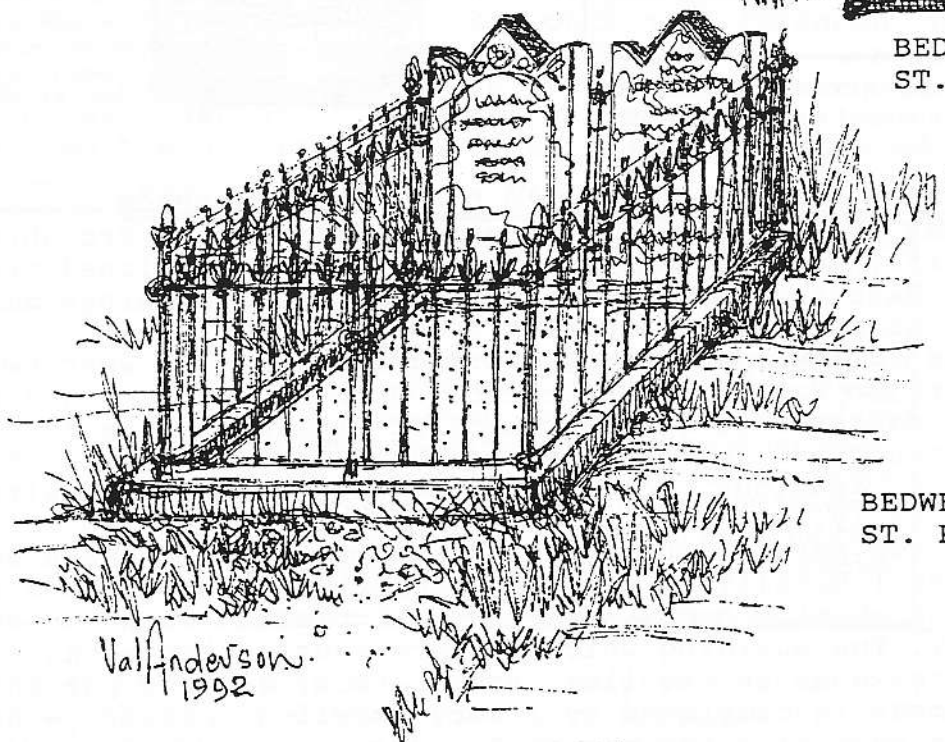


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



Sacred to the Memory
of
MIEUT FREDERICK BEDWELL RN
Who died 1st May 1853
Also
SUSANNAH MATILDA
widow of the above
who died 25th May 1854

BEDWELL PLAQUE
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



BEDWELL GRAVES
ST. PAUL'S CHURCHYARD

Vall Anderson
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