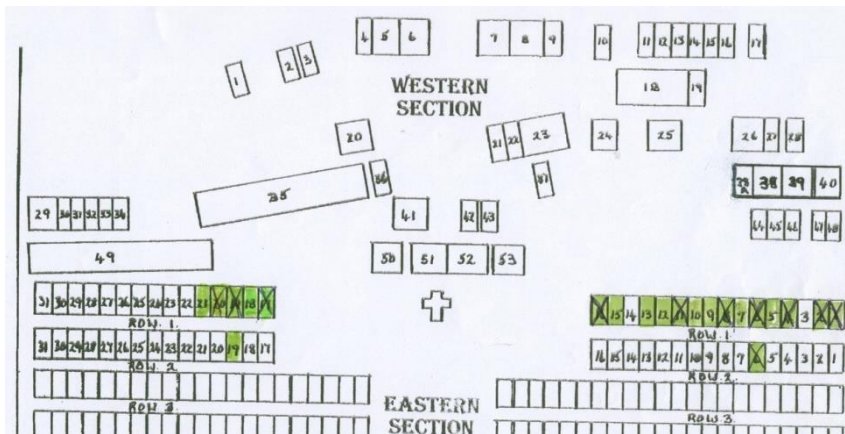


ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH NORMANVILLE

Established 1858



The Church's earliest death record is that of five-year-old Samuel Harvey, who drowned at Rapid Bay on 22 March 1869 when living with his grandparents. His parents were Samuel and Elizabeth Hasting Doyle Avery Harvey, born Cormack. Cormacks of Second Valley were kin to the Honners, a pioneer Catholic family, as David Cormack married Kate Honner at St Joseph's Church, Willunga in 1868.

Row 1, plot 1

Mary Johnson née Mallaine died 26 March 1875 at 56 years at Delamere. She was a native of County Cork, Ireland, and the wife of John Johnson, a pensioner probably with the British Army. Like many family names, Mallaine was possibly misspelt due to Irish pronunciations and illiteracy.



Row 1, plot 5 book symbolising faith with relief carving of rope symbolising eternity

Margaret Kelly or Granny Kelly as she was affectionately known, was a widow for more than 30 years, and lived to be a centenarian. Margaret and her sister Ellen Dahill wed Kelly brothers, William and John, who emigrated from County Kilkenny with siblings on the 'Omega' in 1857. Margaret's parents Patrick and Margaret disembarked the 'South Sea' in 1855 from County Cork with their six daughters. Daughters married into the Comerford, Cheesman and Attrill families. Bridget, the daughter of William and Margaret Kelly, wed George, a son of Ted and Mary Backshall; Mary Backshall was born a Hefferon (see Row 1, plot 16).



Row 1, plots 13-14 relief flowering vines and ivy symbolic of spiritual rebirth

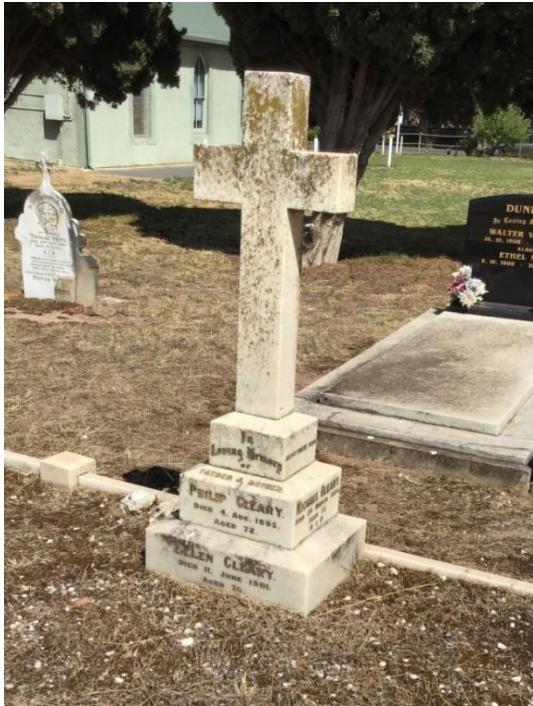
The headstones of the Hefferon sisters Mary and Honora (Anora) are next to that of James Squires who was Mary's second husband (her first husband was Edward Backshall and they had twelve children) and Anora's third husband (her first was Henry Gibbons and her second J.W. Britten). The Hefferons (Hefferans) were from

County Cork and arrived in 1855 on the 'South Sea' as did a large number of Irish families and single men and women. Their father Patrick was skilled with the scythe and sickle, and built a permanent home for his wife Ellen, seven girls and a boy in 1857. The siblings of Mary and Anora married members of the Walshs, Murphys, Hannans and Nielsons. James Squires' grave is plot 15.



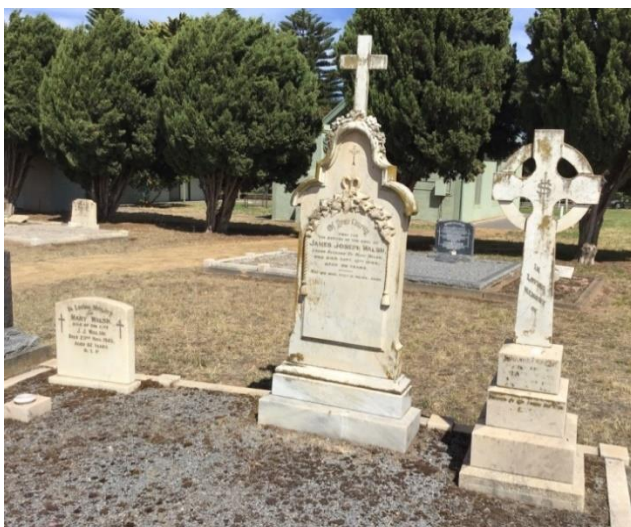
Row 2, plot 18

Philip and Eleanor (Ellen) Cleary, sons William and Michael, and daughter Hanorah Mary (Nora) died 4 February 1935 (unmarked). Ellen Keating emigrated as a servant girl on the 'South Sea' in 1855 and married Philip a few years later. Michael was born in Yankalilla and attended the Josephite Catholic school in Main Street (active 1867 to 1874 and for a short period after), and later Wattle Flat public school. Nora was the last of the Clearys who had lived at Wattle Flat for more than fifty years. In her retirement, Nora resided in a five roomed residence in Main Street, Yankalilla, part Section 1180.



Row 3, plot 23 Irish Cross inscribed with Christogram and ornate stone inscribed with Irish Cross and Christogram and relief flowers and ivy-entwined rope

Richard and Johanna Walsh held Section 1587 at Bishop's Flat to the north east of Second Valley. Natives of County Limerick, they disembarked in 1850 from the 'Fatima' with baby daughter Mary. There are headstones for Johanna, her surviving son and daughter-in-law. Richard died at a private hospital and is buried at West Terrace cemetery Catholic section. Three graves are unmarked; possibly those of infant sons. Daughters Mary, Johanna, Ann and Ellen married sons of the Honners, Hefferons, Feehans and Clarkes. Son James Joseph wed Mary Teresa Baker who emigrated from County Clare to keep house for her uncle Michael Baker JP of Normanville. Their eldest son Richie said that he and his three brothers did not go to school as they took lessons at home.



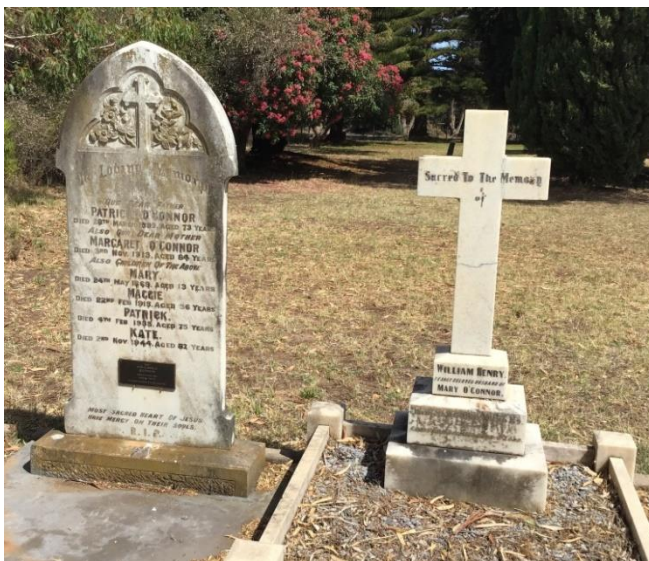
Row 3, plot 26 relief carving of rope on a book-shaped stone symbolic of faith

John and Johanna (née Dahill) Comerford farmers of Normanville and Bald Hills died on 20 August 1915 and 28 April 1912. Brothers John and Michael followed their elder sister Mary to South Australia. Mary Comerford Ahern immigrated in 1855 and her brother John, in 1858, on the 'Frenchman' from County Kilkenny. Johanna arrived in 1855 on the 'South Sea' with her Dahill family from County Cork. A daughter Mary married William, son of the O'Connors of Second Valley. John Comerford was authorised to read burial services at St Peter's Church in the absence of a priest.



Row 3, plots 29-34, several unmarked; relief carvings of an ornate cross, leaves, two flowers and four buds which may represent family members

Patrick and Margaret Connors disembarked the 'Aliquis' in 1855 from County Galway and their eldest child Mary was born after arrival. Mary died at 13 years and hers is the second burial in the cemetery, 24 May 1869. The O'Connors lived on a section between Second Valley and Poole's Flat (present day Wirrina), and raised two sons and three more daughters. Second son William married Mary Comerford, daughter of John and Johanna, and lived at Normanville. The O'Connors had a long association with the Church and, notably, Annie the youngest was a benefactor, as her bequest enabled the building of the Annie O'Connor Centre.



Row 3, plot 35

Ahern monument: William and Mary (née Comerford) immigrated in 1857 and 1855; William on the 'Gilmore' from County Cork with his brother John, and Mary on the

'Grand Trianon' from Kilkenny. In the early years William was a 'road man' in the Great Gorge area together with compatriots John Sheehan, Thomas Callaghan and James Quinn. The Aherns raised three sons and five daughters; another son James died at eight months. Their offspring contributed to civic and parish affairs; principally John Francis was a long-term Clerk of the District Council and daughters Mary and Margaret worked in the Post Office. The older Ahern children attended the Josephite Catholic school in Yankalilla and after it closed, they went to the public school.



Row 4, plot 49

Lawless memorial plaque: the family lived at Randalsea for many years and it was not until 1927, that three Lawless brothers and sister Ellen left for Myponga following a formal farewell reception in Memorial Hall. All five brothers, married sisters Kate Hamlyn, Mary Hickey and Margaret Young, and unmarried sister Ellen (Maria Helen), are buried in plot 49. Parents Patrick and Mary emigrated on the 'Frenchman' in 1858 from County Galway and settled at Poole's Flat. There were several Irish families in the area—O'Connors, Caseys and Sheas who were farm and domestic labourers, and contract shearers, on large farms like Randall's at Second Valley, and later Sells' Second Valley Station and Yo-Ho at Rapid Bay.



Row 3, plot 24

Margaret Pyne died in 1887 leaving John a widower for 30 years. John Pyne arrived on the 'Frenchman' in 1858 from County Cork and married Margaret Hannan, who arrived on the 'South Sea' in 1855, at Willunga in 1860. In the early years he worked as a shepherd and went on to own three sections at Wattle Flat. Baptisms and masses were held at the Pyne home by priests from Willunga. The Pynes considered education important and sent their children to schools at Yankalilla, probably that run by St Joseph sisters, and Wattle Flat. Daughters Jane and Kate became teachers and both taught at Wattle Flat; youngest daughter Mary Genevieve predeceased her father. Elder sons left farming to youngest son David. Although crippled as a result of a fall from a gum tree, he maintained the farm with the help of his sister Kate until it was sold in 1927.



Row 3A, plot 42

Clarke memorial plaque: John Clarke disembarked the 'Tam O'Shanter' in 1836 and, in 1840, he wed fellow Irish emigrant Catherine Taggart. He took up land at Wattle Flat and was an early JP in the district. John provided building materials for the erection of St Peter's Church in 1858. Prior to this, priests from Willunga celebrated Mass, baptisms and marriages in the Clarke home; at times, John conducted

christenings and weddings. The Clarkes raised seven sons and four daughters. Descendants believe St Joseph sisters taught the girls at their school in Yankalilla. Son Thomas married Sarah Fergusson of Carrickalinga Hill and Sarah's brother Allan wed Thomas's sister Alice. Thomas and Sarah are buried in St Peter's cemetery (plot 51). Fergusson elders, John and Margaret, lie in unmarked graves at St Peter's. Margaret died a widow in 1905 at daughter Sarah's Lovely Valley home.

