
Stained Glass Window at Toorak St. John's Anglican Church



Toorak St Johns Anglican Church Grice Memorial Boer War



Toorak St Johns Anglican Church Grice Memorial centre panel



Toorak St Johns Anglican Church Grice Memorial First World War

Location

86-88 Clendon Road, Toorak, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Heritage Study/Consultant

Vic War Heritage Inventory - Stained Glass Memorial Windows Study, Bronwyn Hughes, 2013;

Architect/Designer

Unknown,

Hermes Number

196920

Property Number

Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM Commemorative Roll; AWM PO8936.003; *Argus*, 14 May 1903, p.9; 20 June 1916, p.4; *Mornington Standard*, 9 January 1902, p.3; *Sydney Morning Herald*, 22 June 1916, p.8.

Memorial Window Subject

St. Michael Christ St. George

Memorial Window Text

Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life

Memorial Window Inscription

LH To the memory of Capt. George Grice, 2nd Scottish Rifles. Killed at Tweefontein S. Africa 26th Dec. 1901 RH
To the memory of Major Thomas Gerald Grice 2nd Scottish Rifles. Killed at Hebuterre, France 15th June 1916.

Memorial Window Description & History

This window is a stunning example of the art of stained glass, which was designed by an English firm, as were several of the windows at St. John's Anglican Church. George Grice was the eldest of the four sons of John and Mary Grice of South Yarra; Thomas was the youngest. George Grice is also commemorated by memorial windows at Trinity College Chapel and Melbourne Grammar School.

George Grice was born on London on 9 January 1879, and educated in Victoria. He was a student at Trinity College 1896-1897 before he joined the British Army in 1898. He served with distinction in the South African campaign in the Cameronians, the 2nd Scottish Rifles, 11 (Home Counties) Battalion Imperial Yeomanry and mentioned in dispatches by Lord Roberts. He was wounded in the battle at Tweefontein on Christmas Day 1901 when the English camp was surprised by a night attack by De Wet: he died the following day.

Thomas Gerald Grice attended Geelong Grammar School and Clifton College, England. In 1902, he joined the 60th Rifles but retired from the army in 1908 to settle at Inverell, NSW. Following his eldest brothers footsteps, he joined the 2nd Battalion, The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). He was killed in action in France on 15 June 1916, aged 32, and was buried at Couin British Cemetery, France. His father established the Thomas Gerald Grice Scholarship at Geelong Grammar School, which was open to the sons of officers who died in service to their country.

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