

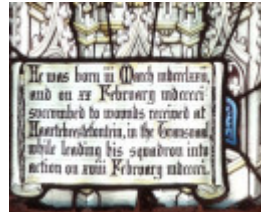
Stained Glass Window at Learmonth All Saints' Anglican Church



-Learmonth-All-Saints



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Location

High Street, Learmonth, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT 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

Kempe, Charles Eamer,

Hermes Number

196660

Property Number

Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

South Australian Register, 22 February 1900, p.6; *Taranaki Herald*, 4 October 1895, p.2;
<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz>; <http://www.bwm.org.au>; www.cerchi.net/wycliffe/drawings.html

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Memorial Window Subject

St George / St. Alban

Memorial Window Text

S'tus Alban proto martyr Angliae

Memorial Window Inscription

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Wilfred Campbell Wilson, Lieutenant Northumberland Company, Imperial Yeomanry, second son of Sir Samuel Wilson Kt. of Ercildoune; his brothers Clarence and Herbert dedicate this window. He was born iii March mdccclxxii, and on xx February mdcccci succumbed to wounds received at Haartebeestefontein, in the Transvaal, while leading his squadron into action on xviii February mdcccci.

Memorial Window Description & History

All Saints' Anglican Church, then known as Wycliffe Church, was opened on Sunday 20 January 1861 by the Reverend HN Wollaston, who had replaced the first Vicar, the Reverend Postlethwaite the previous year. The building was designed and supervised by Ballarat architect, HR Caselli and the Learmonth Historical Society has his plans drawn on silk in its collection. The window was ordered by two of Lieutenant Wilson's four brothers, Clarence Chesney and Herbert Haydon Wilson, both of whom served in South Africa. The design by Charles Eamer Kempe (1837-1907) depicted *St. George* and *St. Alban*, thus closely tying the Wilson family to England and the South African cause. The Kempe rebus, a small wheat-sheaf, can be seen in the left hand light near St. George's right foot. Two stained glass Boer War memorials in All Saints' Church commemorate two men of the district who joined completely different units, but who ultimately fought in the same battle at Haartebeestefontein (also spelt Hartbeestfontien) and died within days of each other.

The Imperial Yeomanry was a volunteer force formed on the basis of English counties and received Royal Warrant on 24 December 1899. The 15th Company of 5 Battalion, Northumberland Company arrived in South Africa on 27 February 1900. The war was not going well for the British under Lord Methuen and the pass near the village of Haartebeestefontein proved a difficult obstacle, although the British were to prove victorious. Lieutenant Wilson, one of the more experienced officers in his company was wounded during the fight on 18 February 1901, and died two days later. The men from the Northumberland Yeomanry who died on service are commemorated on the Barras Bridge War memorial and in the Cathedral, Newcastle, UK.

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