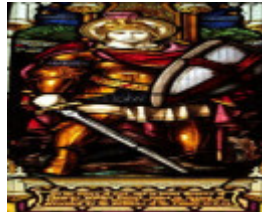

Stained Glass Window at East Laen Methodist Church



Hawthorn Church of Immac Conception St Patrick 1922



East Laen Bacchus Marsh Basset



East Laen [Bacchus Marsh] St George detail



East Laen Bacchus Marsh Basset inscription

Location

unknown, East Laen (Donald), YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE

Municipality

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE

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	Dancey, George H, Brooks, Robinson & Co, Wheildon, William,
Hermes Number	196700
Property Number	

Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM Roll of Honour; NAA: B2455, Basset MW; *Argus*, 21 November 1924, pp.17-18. Personal communication Ray Brown email 30 December 2010.

Thanks to Ray Brown for discovering the present whereabouts of the building and photography and to Lil Kirk, Honorary Archivist, Donald History Group

Memorial Window Subject

Crown and Palm St. George Dove of Peace

Memorial Window Text

unknown

Memorial Window Inscription

To the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Maurice Walker Basset, killed in action at Ypres, France on August 9th 1917. This window is presented by the members of the Family, 16-11-24.

Memorial Window Description & History

In 1924, a new Methodist church was built at East Laen in the Donald district, at a cost of £1000. It replaced the old church that had stood for 43 years. On Sunday 16 November the opening morning service was conducted by the Rev. DJ Flockhart and during the afternoon the Rev. JW Crean unveiled a stained glass window, presented to the church by the family of Mr. and Mrs. CR Basset, in memory of their brother Maurice, who was killed at Ypres in 1917. Brooks, Robinson & Co. received an order from BM Basset in October 1924 for a window in three lights. The central light measured approximately 77 x 17 inches and the two flanking lights 66 x 17 inches. The subject of *St. George* was depicted with head bowed and poised to slay the dragon beneath his feet. The emblems in the side windows represented Victory over Death and Peace. The window was ordered from Brooks, Robinson & Co. by BM Basset, in October 1924, which suggests that the firm moved very smartly to complete the job in time for the unveiling. The church stood on the site until 1960 when it was moved to Gell Street, Bacchus Marsh and then to its present site as a hall for St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Bacchus Marsh.

Maurice Walker Basset, a farmer of Laen in the Wimmera district, enlisted on 2 September 1915, aged 27. He embarked on HMAT *Persic* at Melbourne on 22 November 1915. He served with a number of Field Artillery Brigades and was with 5th Field Artillery when he was killed in action on 9 August 1917. He was buried in Belgium at Dickebusch New Military Extension. Relatives visited the grave in 1921 and placed a plaque and flowers, a most unusual event in the first years after the war.

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