Stained Glass Window at Barrabool Hills Holy Trinity Anglican Church

Barrabool Hills Holy Trinity Anglican Church, St John, William Montgomery 1919

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Location

410 Merrawarp Road, Barrabool Hills [Ceres], GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG 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	Montgomery, William,
Hermes Number	196796

Property Number

Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM Roll of Honour; NAA B2455, Lamb John James; B2455, Mann, John Norman; *Argus*, 20 September 1918, p.1; *Argus*, 16 September 1919, p.8; Miles Lewis (et al), *Victorian Churches*, National Trust, Melbourne, 1991.

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Memorial Window Subject

St. John

Memorial Window Text

n/a

Memorial Window Inscription

A.M.D.G. and in memory of John James Lamb and John Norman Mann killed in action in the Great War 1914-1919

Memorial Window Description & History

The church is recorded by the National Trust as one of Victoria's oldest rural churches (1855) with chancel, vestry and porch added in 1857 to designs of Shaw & Dowden. The memorial east window was unveiled on Sunday 14 September 1919 by the Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. Lowther Clarke, who travelled to Geelong to conduct services and dedications at Belmont and Barrabool on the same day. The window, designed and made by William Montgomery, included the badge of Australian Commonwealth Military Forces which was inserted prominently above the inscription to the two men. An Honour Roll was also dedicated on the same day.

John James Lamb was 18 years old when he enlisted, with the consent of his parents Ada and John, on 15 July 1915. After only a month with 57 Battalion he joined 58 Battalion and proceeded to France on the *Transylvania*, disembarking at Marseilles on 23 June 1916. Private Lamb was reported wounded and missing on the 19 August 1916, after the battle of Fromelles and his family heard of his death from his mates and Chaplain FF Williams of 58 Battalion (who returned his bullet-holed wallet), well before any official word came from the army. A court of enquiry, held in September 1917, pronounced him 'killed in action'. He was buried 'in the vicinity of Fleurbaix' and is now honoured at the VC Corner Australian Cemetery and Memorial, Fromelles.

John Norman Mann was a 19 year old farmer when he enlisted on 14 July 1915, with the consent of his mother, Mrs. Jenny Mann of Ceres. As part of reinforcements to 29 Battalion, he travelled to France on the same day as John Lamb. Mann was wounded in action on 25 July but returned to duty only to suffer from chilled feet, soon followed by trench feet, and then influenza, all of which required hospitalisation for periods of time. He was promoted to Lance-Corporal on 4 October 1917 and killed in action on 29 August 1918 after just over three years service. He was buried at Eterpigny Communal Cemetery Extension, a few miles south-south-west of Peronne in France.

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