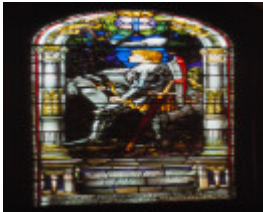

Stained Glass Window at Prahran Wesley College Methodist Hall



Prahran Wesley College Hall
1919_0001

Location

577 St. Kilda Road MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

Municipality

MELBOURNE 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	197037
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Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM Roll of Honour; *Argus*, 13 November 1919, p. 6; 16 December 1919, p.4; NAA: B2455, Coles JH. Letterbook 1/902, NGA Research Collection Canberra ACT. Folio Montgomery ledger William Montgomery Collection, State Library of Victoria.

Memorial Window Subject

Sir Galahad

Memorial Window Text

Young Galahad has gone to fight
In countries o'er the sea
For King and Empire, God and Right and Truth and
Liberty

Memorial Window Inscription

In memory of John Hutchings Coles Gunner 4 Battery A.I.F. who died on active service 28th November 1918.

Memorial Window Description & History

This was the first of a pair of windows designed on the theme of *Sir Galahad* that stained glass artist William Montgomery (1850-1927) installed in Wesley College's Hall. The headmaster, Mr. LA Adamson ordered the window in June or July 1919 and the window was unveiled in December the same year. The cost of the window was just under £80. Montgomery based the design on GF Watts' painting, *Sir Galahad* - a logical and popular choice for soldier memorials. The figure of *Sir Galahad* embodied the best qualities of the Australian soldier and was particularly appropriate for this secular location, where a saint may have appeared out of place. The window was unveiled in the Hall on 28 November 1919.

John Hutchings Coles was a 20 year old student when his mother, Mrs. LMS Coles gave her consent to enlisted in the forces on 11 August 1915. He embarked on HMAT A20 *Hororata* on 27 September 1915 as a gunner. He served with various Field Artillery units although his service was interrupted by several bouts of illness during 1917 and 1918. On 17 October 1918 he was hospitalised again and admitted to 2 General Hospital at Havre with bronchio-pneumonia and by 25 November his condition was reported as 'dangerously ill'. He died three days later and was buried in the Ste. Marie Cemetery Le Havre.

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