

G. GOODENOUGH, James G

In 1873, Goodenough was appointed Commodore of the Australian station. He played a key role in bringing Fiji into the British Empire. He died in 1875 upon the HMS 'Pearl', his flagship, from poison arrow wounds received at Santa Cruz Island in the New Hebrides. (refer also to Sign 3 – History Trail)

H. CLARKE, William Branwhite (Rev.)

Rev. Clarke was the founding rector of St. Thomas' Church from 1843 until his retirement in 1870. He was an eminent scientist, as well as a theologian, and regarded as the father of Australian geology. Clarke made many famous discoveries for the Government, including the Hunter River coal fields and gold in Hartley Valley and Bathurst.

I. BENT, Ellis / OVENS, John

Appointed Deputy Judge-Advocate in NSW in 1809, Bent arrived in Sydney on the same vessel as Governor Macquarie. He was the Colony's first practising barrister-at-law.

Ovens came to Sydney as an ensign on the 73rd Regiment, and by 1810 was a Lieutenant and Engineer-in-Charge of public works. In 1823, Ovens explored the upper Murrumbidgee and Monaro district and helped John Oxley survey Twofold Bay.

J. The Crib

(refer to Sign 5 – History Trail)

K. WILLIAMS, James Hartwell

The first US Consul appointed to Sydney in 1836. He arrived on the 'Tartar' in 1836 to take up his official duties. The broken headstone was reconstructed in 1991 and erected on a slate slab on the exact site of his burial plot. A bronze plaque commemorating the 110th anniversary of his death was unveiled by the U.S. Consul General in 1992.

L. MCLEOD, Hannah

The first matron of Crown Street Women's Hospital, Hannah was the daughter of William McLeod, a master mariner. Trained in Newcastle, it is said she lived 'a perfect life, unselfish and merciful'. Her broken monument was restored and re-erected on the exact site of her burial in 1992.

The Sexton's Cottage Museum

Open: February to December

- Thursdays: 1pm – 4pm

Admission: free (donations welcome)

The Museum holds information about the history of the park and those who are buried there.

The Museum is located within the grounds of St. Thomas' Rest Park at 250 West Street, Crows Nest.

Tours

Group tours are available by appointment. For further details contact Stanton Library. Detailed tour notes are also available from the Sexton's Cottage Museum.

More information about the Rest Park and its occupants is available from Stanton Library. Phone: 9936 8400 or email: library@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

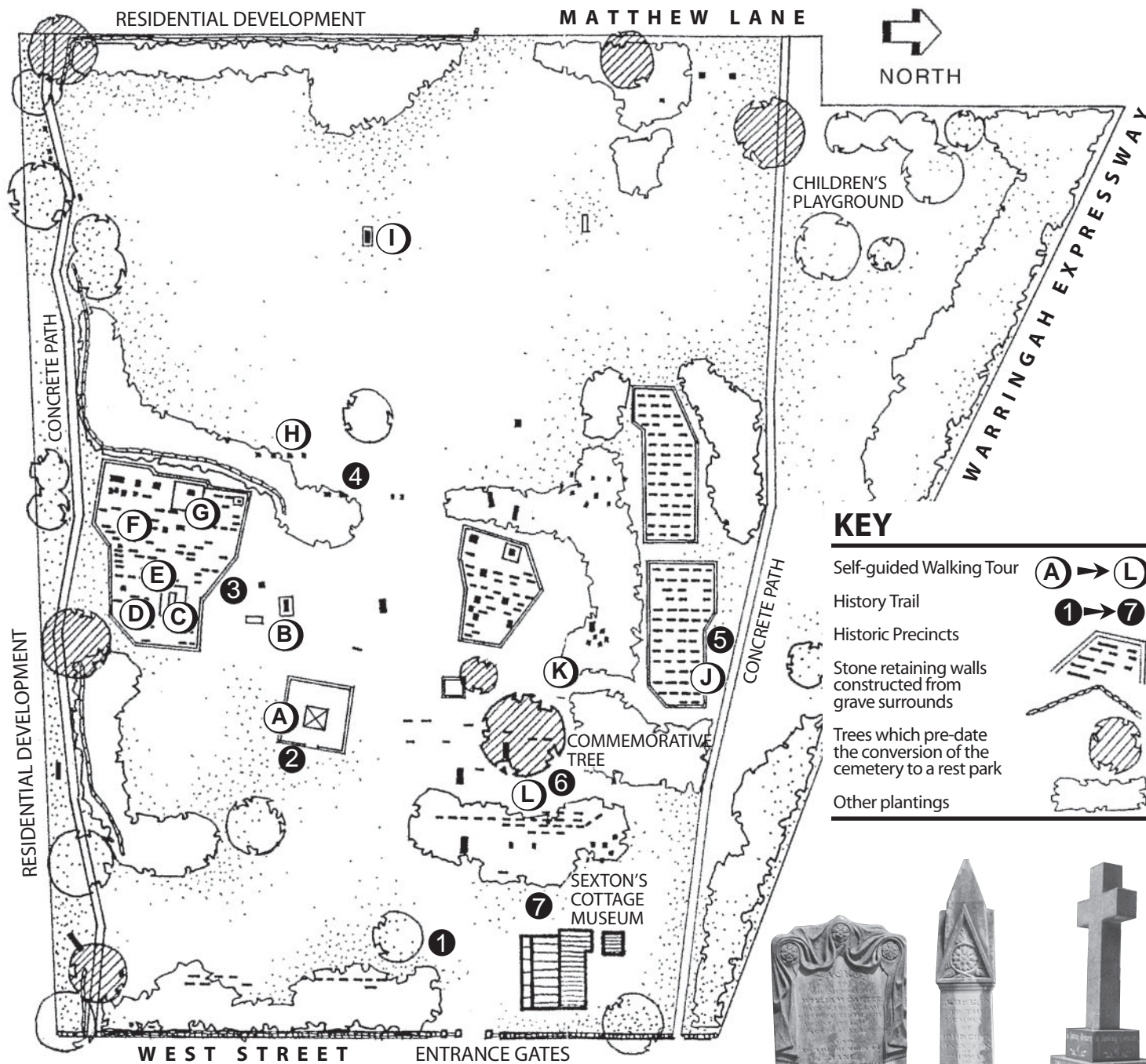


St. Thomas' Rest Park

Self-guided walking tour notes

This self-guided walking tour will tell you about some of the people buried in St. Thomas' and give you a brief snapshot of life and death in Australia in earlier times.

These tour notes complement the interpretive history trail which starts at the entrance gates to the Rest Park on West Street.



A. BERRY/WOLLSTONECRAFT

(refer to Sign 2 – History Trail)

B. MORIARTY, Merion

In 1842 Moriarty was appointed Harbour Master in Sydney by the British government, and he arrived to take up the post in 1843. His duties included control of ports, lighthouses and pilot vessels. From 1860 he represented Braidwood in the Legislative Assembly. His monument was restored by descendants of the Moriarty family and North Sydney Council.

C. STANLEY, Owen

Born in England in 1811, this explorer and navigator served on a number of survey ships in South America, the Straits of Magellan and in the Mediterranean. In 1846 he was made Commander of the survey ship HMS ‘Rattlesnake’, and undertook hydrographic surveys of New Guinea waters. He died of a fever aboard the ‘Rattlesnake’ in 1850. The Owen Stanley Ranges bear his name.

D. BARNEY, George (Lieutenant Colonel)

Born in London in 1792, Barney arrived in Sydney in 1835. He held a number of posts including Commander of the Royal Engineers and he designed Victoria Barracks. He was responsible for the completion of Fort Denison, Circular Quay, Cockatoo Dock and Darlinghurst Gaol.






E. MARTENS, Conrad

A topographical draughtsman on the survey ship ‘Beagle’ with Charles Darwin, Martens arrived in Sydney in 1835. He designed the first St. Thomas’ Church and sculptured its font. A celebrated water-colourist, his record of Sydney and the Harbour in the mid-nineteenth century is significant from a historical point of view. His daughter Rebecca sketched many early views of the North Sydney region.

F. HOLTERMANN, Bernard Otto

Born in Germany, Holtermann arrived in Australia in 1858. At Hill End, his Star of Hope Syndicate discovered the world’s largest specimen of reef gold ever found. He built an impressive mansion in North Sydney, complete with tower, on the site of what is now Shore School. It is from this tower that he commissioned the famous Holtermann collection of late 19th century panoramas of Sydney Harbour.

KEY

- Self-guided Walking Tour 
- History Trail 
- Historic Precincts 
- Stone retaining walls constructed from grave surrounds 
- Trees which pre-date the conversion of the cemetery to a rest park 
- Other plantings 