

FoHC Heritage Report April 2023 to April 2024

The heritage team of Liz Lane, Carol Sullivan, Matt Bury, Jackie Rooney, Maggi Martin, Angela Levy, Sue Standing, Sophie Watts and Pat Brownbill continued the work of identifying and writing about everyone buried in the cemetery. At the end of April 2024 all 1960 burials had something written about them and most had a full life story including details of where they lived, what they did and where they died.

Matt has written blogs on the 'The Crimean War' and 'The East India Company' which have relevance to some of the buried. Pat has produced a breakdown by sector of the occupations of the buried. Carol wrote about the typhoid victims and Sue has given talks about the work of the cemetery to groups including the Goring Gardening Society. Carol, Jackie, Angela and Maggi have taken part in cemetery open days showcasing stories of the buried. Sue worked closely with Sarah Nathaniel to bring to life the war dead at our Remembrance Service.

Sue and Maggi have written heritage articles for the Worthing Journal. Carol has written stories for the bi-monthly magazine "Inside Goring" which have had extensive interest. Since the start of the magazine, 23 stories have been published.

We have our own dedicated 'HeeneCemetery.org.uk' family tree in 'Ancestry'. All our burials have a record in this tree which are each linked to an average of six family members bringing the total number of records to over 14,000. The screenshot below is our Ancestry record for Margaret Harriet McCarthy nee Ronayne.

The screenshot shows the Ancestry profile for Margaret Harriet Ronayne Heene 1829M. The profile includes a portrait of an elderly woman, her name, birth date (15 Feb 1869), birth location (Dungourney, Cork, Ireland), death date (15 Aug 1950), and death location (Palace Court Hotel, Worthing, West Sussex, England). Below the profile are tabs for 'Facts', 'Hints', 'Gallery', 'LifeStory', and 'Explore'. The 'Facts' tab is active, showing a timeline of events from 1869 to 1877. The 'Sources' tab shows various records such as the 1911 England Census, 1939 England and Wales Register, and Ancestry Family Trees. The 'Family' tab shows parents (John Ronayne and Bridget Fitzgerald), siblings (Michael John Fitzgerald, Ethel Katharine McCarthy, Herbert Edmund McCarthy, and Muriel Harriet McCarthy), and spouse and children.

Year (AGE)	Event
1869 (AGE)	Birth 15 Feb 1869 • Dungourney, Cork, Ireland 3 sources
1870 1	Birth of sister Cornelia Ronayne (1870-1953) 04 Mar 1870 • Dungourney, Cork, Ireland
1871 2	Birth of brother Edmond Phillip Ronayne (1871-1949) 10 May 1871 • Dungourney, Cork, Ireland
1872 3	Birth of brother John William Ronayne (1872-1952) 1 Jul 1872 • Dungourney, Cork, Ireland
1874 4	Birth of sister Mary Teresa Bridget Ronayne (1874-1935) 01 Jan 1874 • Donickmore, Dungourney, Cork, Ireland
1875 6	Birth of brother Joseph Michael Ronayne (1875-1943) 1 Apr 1875 • Dungourney, Cork, Ireland
1877	

From April 2024 we have started work on finding new information about the burials including photographs, family information and wills. The work on wills is possible because we have been successful in gaining a grant from the Council's Infrastructure Levy. We also have plans to write about notable family members of the buried and to write more blogs including one on Worthing's glasshouse heritage.

Pat Brownbill September 2024

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