



BEAMISH Archdeacon Peter Teulon

Parents: John Beamish and Maria Teulon

Birth: 11 January 1824, Cork, Ireland

Death: 20 August 1914 Stanhope Grove Camberwell

Marriage: 1856 at Mortlake Isabella Mary Bews, b 1821 d 1913

Immigration: Arrived Sydney 26 July 1847 on the *John Fleming*. Travelled to Melbourne on the *Diana*, arriving 16 March 1850. In June he shipped to Geelong and rode to Warrnambool

Children:

1. Mary Teulon b 1857 d 1904 m 1879 Henry Buncombe Bruford
2. Emma Cusack Russell b 1861 m 1896 John Alf Johnstone b Ireland
3. Francis Teulon b 1863 m 1888 Charlotte Emma Aspinwall
4. Ellen Henrietta m 1888 Cecil Roberts Knight

Place of Residence: The Rectory Christ Church Warrnambool and 21 Stanhope Grove, Camberwell

Education: Trinity College, Dublin - graduated with honours in 1846

Death and Burial:

The Argus, Friday 21 August 1914

BEAMISH.- On the 20th August, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr J Alfred Johnstone, Stanhope Grove, Camberwell, the Ven Archdeacon P Teulon Beamish, D.D., LL.D., TCD, in his 91st year.

Buried at Boroondara Cemetery - Church of England Section, Grave No. 379 (a, b and c). Isabella Mary is in the same grave

Obituary:

The *Warrnambool Standard*, Saturday 22 August 1914.

A link with the early history of Victoria and particularly of the Church of England, has been severed by the death of Archdeacon Beamish, which occurred on Thursday, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr J Alfred Johnstone, of Stanhope Grove, Camberwell. The reverent gentleman, although he had reached the age of 90 years, enjoyed good health until shortly before his death. Archdeacon Peter Teulon Beamish, a distinguished scholar of Dublin University, was the son of Dr Beamish, of Killinear House, in County Cork, Ireland. He was born in 1824, and in 1847 emigrated to Sydney. Two years later he came to Victoria, and Dr Beamish was appointed vicar of the parish of Warrnambool, which extended then west to Hamilton and east to Geelong. He continued as vicar here for a period of 45 years, when he resigned on the advice of Dr Nettleship, the London oculist. In 1878 he was made Archdeacon of Warrnambool by Bishop Thornton, with jurisdiction over a considerable part of the Western District. When first he visited Melbourne from Warrnambool he had to journey on horseback all the way, and steer by the compass. Every river had to be forded, as there was not a single bridge existing. He was the senior Anglican clergyman in Australia, and the last surviving member of the first Church Assembly held in Australia. He married Isabella Mary Bews, daughter of Captain John Bews, of the 73rd Highlanders, and sister of the Countess Roberts, in 1856. She died a few months ago. His surviving children are Mrs J Alfred Johnstone, of Stanhope Grove, Camberwell, and Mrs Cecil Knight. The flag was flown at half-mast from the tower of Christ Church yesterday as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Dr Beamish.

Life: Born on 11 January 1824 at Killinear House, Bandon, County Cork, Ireland, and baptised on 23 January 1824, the son of Dr John Beamish, MD., and his wife Maria Teulon, daughter of John Teulon of Cork. Arrived Sydney in 1847 and was ordained Anglican on September 19th 1847. Of extremely 'low church' Protestant views he disagreed with Bishops Broughton and Tyrell on Baptismal Regeneration. He left Singleton Parish and later Dapto Parish and then he and his friend Thomas Francis Cusack Russell, a Trinity Colleague travelled to Melbourne early in 1850. Bishop Perry appointed him to parish priest (Deacon) Warrnambool and Russell to be priest at Coleraine. They went by ship to Geelong and rode over the western plains to Lake Bolac - Russell continued on and Beamish rode to Mount Shadwell and met with Robert Burke and continued on to Warrnambool and was put up at Craig's Warrnambool Hotel. His parish extended from Port Fairy to Cape Otway and inland to Hamilton. Anglican worship began in a Liebig Street building which became Duirs and Worrall. From there Church services went to the Rectory site. The population when he arrived was 250 but he maintained 12 religious bodies were represented, and most attended his church. By 1853 the population had risen to 948 and the new site was sought. The site of the Royal Hotel was offered, but the vicar preferred the prominence of the present site over the town. The present church was opened in 1856.

Dr. Russell (Vicar of Hamilton) his friend - officiated at his wedding at Mortlake in 1855.

In 1879 Peter Beamish was made an Archdeacon. Ill health and failing eyesight caused his retirement in 1895. He had a lively interest in the parish until his death in 1914 at the age of ninety.

Beamish Street is named after Peter.