

MARYSVILLE CEMETERY MYTH

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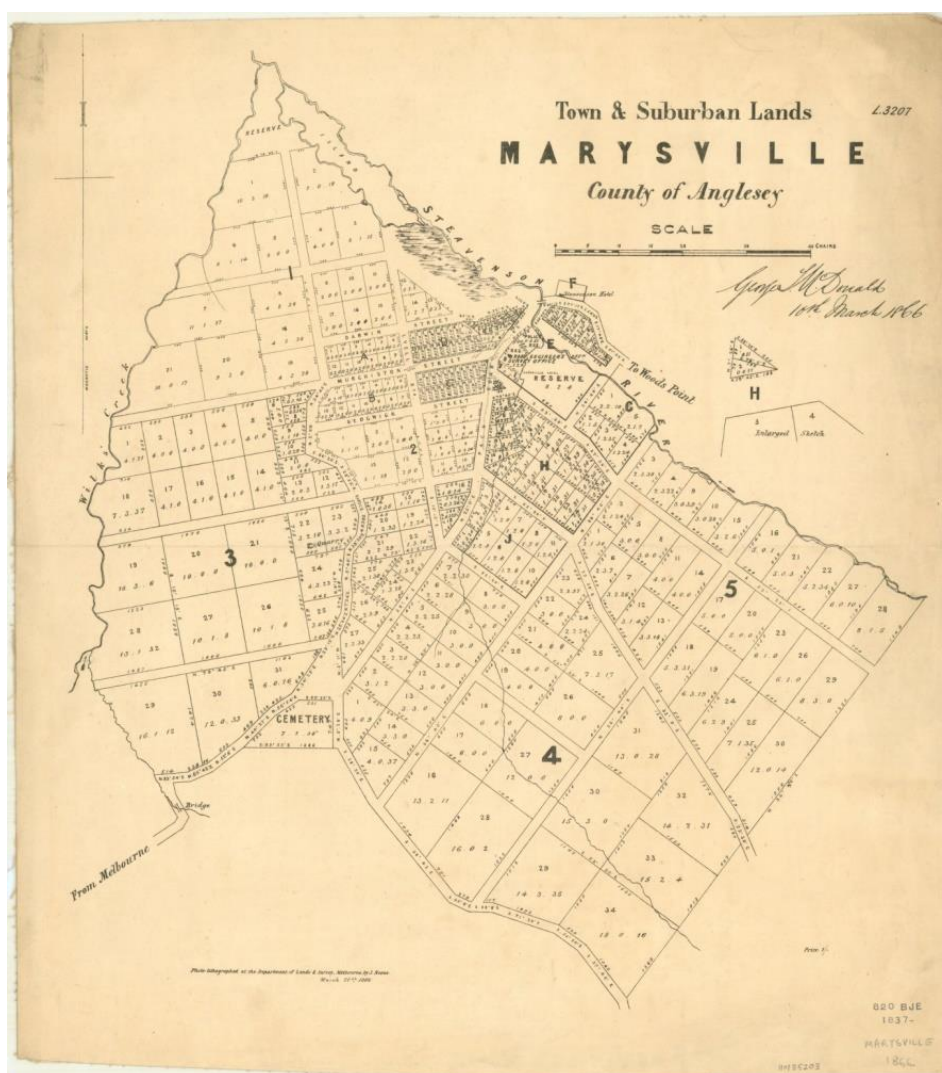
"When the Batchelors were young men, one of them, Tom, was riding in the Marysville area and commented on the beauty of the place. Shortly after a tree fell on him killing him and there being no cemetery as such, he was buried in the forest just outside of Marysville, thus beginning the Marysville Cemetery where many of the family are buried."

Facts

George McDonald, government surveyor, included a cemetery plot in his 1866 town survey map, where today's cemetery is located.

There was a long wait before the proclamation by the Government of a recognized burial place in 1877.¹ Local residents just went ahead with their burials. One notable burial was that of Selina Barton, the first wife of Thomas Barton, in 1876.

Thomas Henry Batchelor, a youth aged 14 who died on 19 Oct 1882 as a result of a tree falling on him, was buried at the cemetery. Subsequently, "Mrs Batchelor bought extra land, which included Thomas who was buried before there were any trustees"² and unknowingly outside of the cemetery boundary.



¹ Rev George Edwards Notes on the Cemetery

² *ibid*