

John Cornock migrated from Gloucestershire, UK, before August 1853 when he married Mary Toye from Donegal, Ireland, in Melbourne.

John Cornock's Death Certificate (Vic 62/3163) records that he died at Rutherglen and was buried on 11 January 1862 at Carlyle Cemetery.

The present Carlyle Cemetery is situated in Distillery Road some 3 km south of Wahgunyah. At first I believed that John Cornock must have been buried there, and I spent some time about 1990 attempting to locate his grave. No headstone was found so I eventually approached the Chiltern Athenaeum Museum for assistance.

In early 2012 the late Mr Rex Fuge of the museum was able to inform me that there was an earlier Carlyle Cemetery. It was described as being on Crown Allotments 3 and 4 Section 3A Parish of Carlyle. Inspection of the Carlyle parish plan [C 187(8)] shows that there exists a small piece of Crown land 0.9 acres in area abutting the northern end of the boundary between Crown Allotments 3 and 4. See Fig 1 below.

Although no Crown Allotment number is shown on C 187(8), the later version of the parish plan (2349-1) shows it as Crown Allotment 4A, and on the Schedule of Allotments it is designated as Crown Land. See Figs 2 & 3 below.

This small piece of land was retained by the Crown when the rest of Section 3A was sold in the 1880s. Approximate MGA2020 Zone 55 co-ordinates of the corners of the land obtained from Land Channel are:

447700E 6015390N

447900E 6015360N

447860E 6015130N

447660E 6015160N

The original Crown Allotment layout in Section 3A showed a one-chain Government Road which ran from Carlyle Road in the east to All Saints Road on the west, and giving a frontage to Crown Allotment 4A. In 1968 the part of that Government Road which lay west of Crown Allotment 4A was sold by the Crown, while the balance remains as a Government Road, presumably to give legal access to Crown Allotment 4A.

Plotting the corners of Crown Allotment 4A on Google Earth appears to show that it is now completely absorbed within a farming property which fronts All Saints Road, Wahgunyah, as is the Government Road from Crown Allotment 4A eastwards to Carlyle Road. Both might possibly be occupied under lease or licence from the Crown.

All the information above prompts the question "Is Crown Allotment 4A the original Carlyle Cemetery?". I have no doubt that the answer is "Yes". Were those buried in the old Carlyle Cemetery, including my great-great grandfather, ever relocated, or would they still lie there? I suspect the latter is the case.

UPDATE 19 November 2014

Information has been received from Victorian Government Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure sources that Crown Allotment 4A is indeed the site of the Old Carlyle Cemetery, thanks to kind assistance from Heritage Victoria archaeologist David Bannear.

Unless there is some record that the remains of those buried there were at some time relocated to an appropriate burial site, it seems to me to be unacceptable that they lie unrecognised under what is at times a ploughed paddock.



Fig 1. Parish of Carlyle C 187(8) Sheet 1

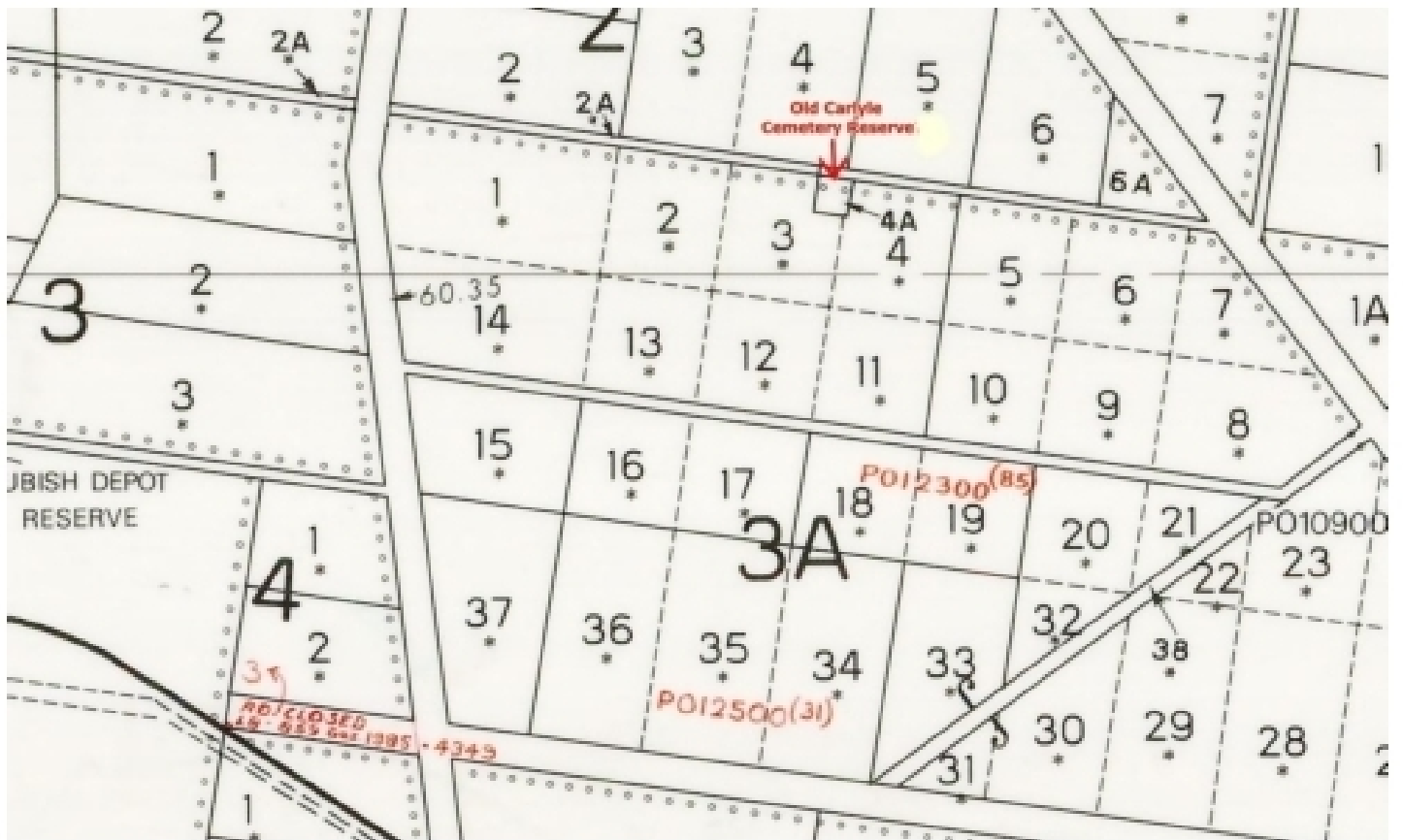


Fig 2. Parish of Carlyle 2349-1

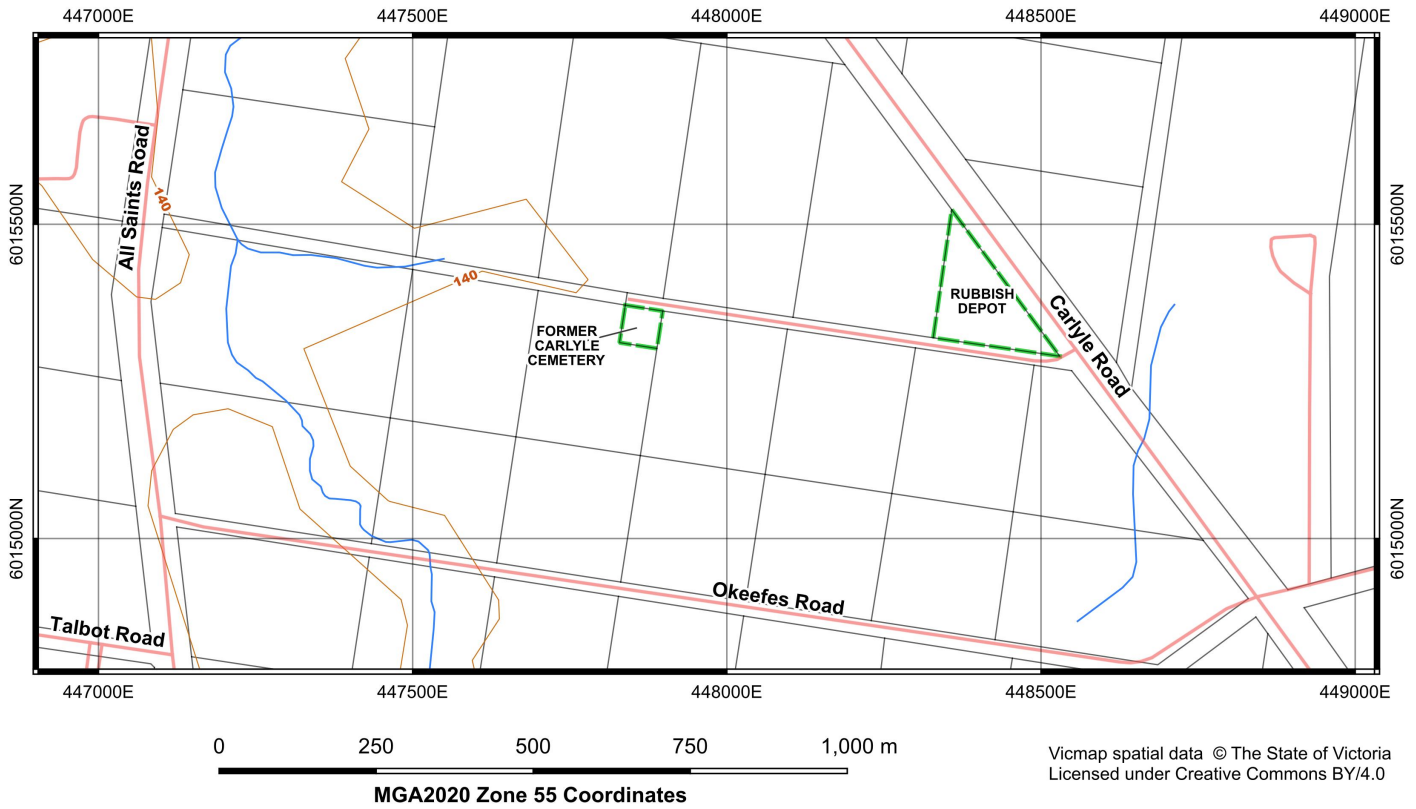
Sec.	Allot.
3A	14
3A	4A C L
3A	5 D Hallahan

Fig 3. Parish of Carlyle - Part of Schedule of Allotments

The letters "C L" beside Crown Allotment 4A above indicate Crown Land. Legal access to Crown Allotment 4A is provided by the Government Road which extends from Carlyle Road to the north-western corner of Crown Allotment 4A.

FORMER CARLYLE CEMETERY

CROWN ALLOTMENT 4A
SECTION 3A
PARISH OF CARLYLE
COUNTY OF BOGONG



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Fig 4. Former Carlyle Cemetery on Vicmap Background



Fig 5. Satellite Image