



Bendigo Remembrance Park - Notable Graves Tour

6. MARTHA DURWARD FARQUHARSON

Born: c1847 Galway, Ireland

Died: 12 Aug 1929 Bendigo, Victoria, Australia

Buried: 14 Aug 1929

Arrived in Melbourne in 1861

Promoted education and training in colonial nursing. Lady Superintendent of Sir Thomas Fitzgerald's Private Hospital; Foundation member of Australasian Trained Nurses Association 1899.

Served at Alfred Hospital 1890-1895 and Melbourne Hospital 1895-1900; before being Bendigo Hospital Matron 1902-1913 and again in 1917 – 1919 (for no pay to allow the serving Matron to go on active service).

Located in Section D3

Grave number 28217

Interment number 28217



Image from: "Domestic Comforts They had none", by David Lloyd, pub. 2003 by Aust. Scholarly Publishing Pty Ltd, page 71.

The Encyclopaedia of Women & leadership in twentieth-century Australia

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders/biogs/WLE0566b.htm>

Bendigo Health Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Bendigo%20Health%20FARQUHARSON>

The larger part of Martha Farquharson's almost forty-year career as a nurse was spent in Victoria, where she was an exemplar of early nursing's leadership at the turn of the twentieth century. Farquharson's Christian beliefs and her foundational training as a nurse in England substantially informed her activities in Australian nursing. The compiler of her obituary wrote in 1929, Martha Farquharson was a woman of great public spirit, deeply interested in the progress of the Profession of Nursing. Holding her vocation in the highest esteem, she was able to inspire her pupils with high ideals.

(British Journal of Nursing, November 1929).

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The grave of Martha Farquharson

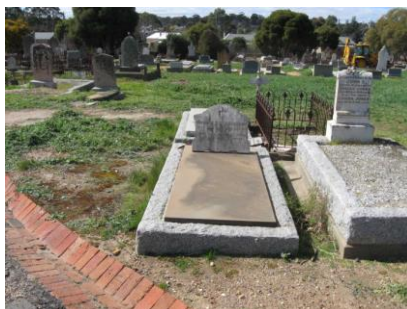


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