

Historical Monuments & Buildings of St Helena



Dr Arnold's Monument, Grand Parade

Dr Arnold, colonial surgeon devoted twenty of the best years of his to the colony as physician, surgeon, dentist, health officer, Justice of Peace, Member of Council and on two occasions he acted as Governor; It was because of his diligence and willingness to serve the Island in so many roles that earned him the love and respect by all of the inhabitants. His death in 1925 was a great loss to the Island and in 1926 a monument was erected in his memory.



The Cenotaph, the Seafront

Dedicated to all who gave their lives in WWI and WWII and there is also a list of Saints that died during these two wars. A tablet was recently added in memory of those that lost their lives when the RFA Darkdale was torpedoed by a German U-boat in October 1941 in James' Bay.



Joshua Solcum, Castle Gardens

Captain Joshua Slocum born in Nova Scotia commanded some of the finest tall ships that ever sailed the seas. On 24 April 1895, at the age of 51, he departed Boston in his tiny sloop Spray and sailed around the world single-handed, a journey of 46,000 miles, returning to Newport, Rhode Island on 27 June 1898. He arrived at St Helena in April 1898 and lectured from the Garden Hall to the Islanders about his voyage. This tablet was erected in memory of his historical visit.



The Bridge Clock

The Bridge Clock near The Market was erected in memory of those that fell during the Great War 1914 to 1918. The Islanders were very aware of how vulnerable we were to a naval attack, despite the extensive fortifications, following a visit by a fleet of three German super-dreadnoughts in January 1914. During the outbreak of the Great War, the St Helena Volunteer Corps was re-established and about 46 islanders gave their lives.

SS Papanui Wreck

There is a tablet outside of the Public Library in memory of those who died on the SS Papanui when she came into James' Bay on fire on 11 September 1911 and burned out after an explosion. The ship sailed from London bound for Australia in August with 364 emigrants and 108 crew onboard and who were subsequently taken to Freemantle on the SS Opawa. When at the top of Jacob's Ladder on a clear day you can still see the wreck of SS Papanui in James' Bay.



High Rock

Tablet on Public Library wall in memory of those that died when part of High Rock fell onto the houses in Jamestown on 17 April 1890



Canon Walcott' Memorial

Lawrence Chase Walcott came to St Helena in April 1909 as Vicar of Jamestown and gave unstinting service to the Island for almost forty years. Born in 1880, Walcott was educated in England, before being ordained in South Africa in 1906. He soon made his mark as a diligent, single-minded and scholarly priest and pastor. Walcott also vigorously supported Church schools and youth work. He founded the first Scout troop in 1915, followed in 1921 by a Girl Guide Company founded by his wife, Winifred Ida. Walcott was also a keen promoter of team games - football, hockey and especially cricket - for their character-building qualities. His influence was further strengthened through the monthly St Helena Magazine, which he edited and printed for thirty years (1921-51). In 1950 Canon Walcott resigned on health grounds - he was 70 - and died at his home, Palm Villa, a year later. As part of the Quincentenary Celebrations in 2002, a Walcott memorial was erected in St James' Church garden.