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Mysterious Grave in South Brisbane Cemetery

Ghost Tours recently restored the damaged grave of Master Mariner Alexander Stewart Angus in South Brisbane Cemetery (also known as Dutton Park Cemetery). The grave was damaged in late 2008 - It is unknown whether by vandals or by natural causes.



The grave of Captain Angus as it appeared before restoration



After restoration work had been completed

The Mystery

On the 17th August 1884, hours after he was discovered missing, Captain Angus' body was retrieved from the bottom of the Logan River. The official verdict given was accidental drowning.

Captain Angus died aged 39 years, on the seventh anniversary of the death of his daughter Madeline. She had died on 17 August, 1877, an infant of only 11 months, old enough to have known her daddy. Her father buried her in South Brisbane Cemetery and would join her seven short years later.

Did Captain Angus take his own life? Or was it just a bizarre coincidence. Death does have a sense of irony.

This grave is visited on the Dutton Park Cemetery Ghost Tour. To hear the full story behind it undertake a Ghost Tour - run every Saturday night.

The Restoration

The restoration work was carried out by Batstone's Stonemasons (est. 1885) of Brisbane. It involved laying new concrete foundations and re-erecting the existing cast iron balustrade. The repair of the shattered existing headstone involved re-pinning the Carrara marble pieces with stainless steel dowels and then using a strong cohesive glue to maximise strength and durability. This process took several days to complete as the glue needed to cure prior to grinding the headstone - The headstone was grinded on both sides to expose the natural beauty of the marble and then fixed to the original base, preserving the character and age of the monument.

Haunted Heritage

This restoration was an initiative of Ghost Tours Haunted Heritage Fund. The Heritage Fund was created in 2007 to restore and repair notable sites of Haunted Heritage in Australia. This is the first of a series to be restored.

Ghost Tours would like to thank our customers. Their presence on our tours have directly led to the restoration of this grave in Dutton Park Cemetery.

Media Enquires

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