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Dagsê al die belangstellendes in die geskiedenis van ou Pretoria,

#### **14. Pretoria Gister en vandag** [Pretoria News, 1988-07-29]



Kerkstraat Begraafplaas – 1881

The crosses in the foreground of the picture above mark the graves in the Church Street Cemetery of two British officers who died of fever within months of each other during the Siege of Pretoria in 1881. They were Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Hazelrigg and Lieutenant Arthur Justice.

Our picture shows troops tending other graves in the cemetery, known as the British Military Cemetery and set apart from the graves of local people.

British soldiers who were killed, or who died of wounds in the skirmishes of Zwartkoppies and Rooihuiskraal, were also buried in this enclosure.

Also in the enclosure is the grave of Corporal Henry Watson, the first British soldier to die in the Transvaal. He was a member of Sir Theophilus Shepstone's staff, and died a month after the annexation of the Transvaal Republic by Great Britain in 1887.

The picture below shows the area today with head stones on the two officers' graves in the foreground.

(Pretoriana picture submitted by Old Pretoria Society member Mr. Tom Andrews. Text by staff writer Daan de Beer.)



Na elf jaar is dit die laaste Ou Pretoria brief. Ek hoop ek het hiermee 'n stukkie van die geskiedenis van Ou Pretoria vir die nageslag bewaar.

Groete,

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