



In Dunedin's Southern Cemetery on the left just off the main path is the memorial to Henry Crust one of Dunedin's pioneer carriers and freight forwarders. The capstone has been knocked off by vandals but it is still in excellent condition otherwise.

Henry was born in Wainfleet, Lincolnshire, the son of a farmer, George Crust. His parents brought him to Victoria at the age of four, where he was educated. He arrived in New Zealand in 1862, and for some years was a stock-rider. On 27 April 1871, in First Church, he married Jessie Wood and they had three sons and three daughters.

In 1867 he was a founder of Campbell & Crust, general carriers. This became Crust & Crust after the death of Duncan Campbell, and it was also known as the NZ Carrying Co. It took on the work of collecting goods, clearing them through Customs, and forwarding them to any address. It also specialized in removal work.

Operations were extended to Christchurch, Wellington, and Auckland, with further connections in many New Zealand towns. The firm had large numbers of wagons, lorries and drays, and in its premises were many rooms in which commercial travelers could display samples of their goods. The firm became a large employer of labour and had

agents in many parts of the world. Henry Crust was described as an energetic and capable businessman who was a Dunedin City Councillor, 1898-1907, and for some chairman of the Reserves Committee. At the time of his death, 10 May 1926, he was a director of the Nokomai Hydraulic Sluicing Co. A building in Manse Street still carries the name of Crust & Crust.