



Daniel Francis Murphy

In Dunedin's Southern Cemetery, in the Catholic Section, stands one of the most impressive memorials in the whole cemetery.

The memorial, built of Oamaru stone, and weathering badly on one face, is inscribed on all four sides with -

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Sacred to the Memory of

Daniel Francis Murphy

Age 41

Native of the City of Cork, Ireland

May His Soul Rest In Peace

Amen

Erected by Michael Murphy

Daniel Murphy died on 12 January 1871 and the Otago Witness records "Mr Daniel Murphy of the firm of Murphy and Co, of the Shamrock Hotel, died rather suddenly on Thursday morning, the cause of death being disease of the lungs, from which he had been suffering for some years".

The same newspaper records on 21 January 1871 "The remains of the late Mr Daniel Murphy were followed to the grave in the Roman Catholic Cemetery on Saturday afternoon by a large number of citizens. The Rev. Father Moreau conducted the burial service".

There is no record as to when this memorial was erected or who paid for it.

The Shamrock Hotel was situated near the junction of Maclaggan and Rattray Streets and opened in 1862. This was a time of intense competition between hotels and they were proliferating everywhere. The Shamrock was probably supported by the Irish.

Murphy had a dance hall erected behind the Shamrock and the dances and balls were grand affairs. The Masonic Lodge met at the Shamrock, and the Dunedin Football Club also met there.

Murphy and Co were the operators of one of the many small breweries which set up in Dunedin.