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This was in close proximity to what is now Southbridge. I think however that this was a Malayan cemetery for I recollect there was a Chapel on the property when my little sister was laid to rest there. And also later when a little niece was also laid there. This building was later moved to Southbridge. It was towards the end of the seventies when the Anglican Church was erected, that there was a cemetery in the Church yard. But it was some ~~time~~ <sup>where</sup> about the same time that the Presbyterians dedicated a burial ground on what we called the "Hill" in close proximity to our home at Willow Hill.

The first person to be buried there was a son of Mr. W. Walker a boy six years old. I think the next was a Mr. Andrew Stirling, & ~~his monument~~ a monument to his memory was the first erected in the place, <sup>or district</sup> then there was another one, I forget the name but he was out at Mr. W. Boap place on a visit from Scotland. He died suddenly, without any friends in N. J. But his people in Scotland had a monument erected. At the present time that monument takes its place among the very many that are laid to rest there. But at that time it was placed right on the outer edge of the ground. This ground whilst administered by the Presbyterians was however ~~not~~ <sup>in character</sup> under denominational, so that a clergyman of any denomination could conduct the funeral service. But in the Anglican cemetery, whether or not the person laid aside was, an adherent of that de-

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nomination. Only an Anglican Clergyman could conduct the ceremony. I do not know whether or not the same rule applies now.

In those earlier days, in fact the general custom during the period of Queen Victoria's reign was that when a person died, the relatives should go into deep mourning. That is they should wear black clothes, a complete outfit, and I call to mind when, my little sister, that I mentioned <sup>earlier</sup> ~~previously~~ <sup>second</sup> ~~previously~~, <sup>died</sup> that there was black crepe dress made for another sister, the men wore a black band around the hat, and also a black band on the sleeve. This was worn for twelve months. Should the husband die the widow wore full deep mourning for six months and half mourning for the balance of the twelve months. It was also the same with the casket or coffin these were covered with black cloth, and I also call to mind being present at one funeral, where there were the pall bearers, in addition to the ordinary ones that carried the coffin to the grave. The pall was a large black sheet or rug. Should a hearse be used they were also all black & black horses, and black plumes. As I said this custom went completely out, on the death of Queen Victoria. It was a well known fact that in keeping up this custom, it was the source of much hardship, and people went very much into debt, to fall in with the demands of custom, generally.