

**BURKE & WILLS MONUMENT, BENDIGO CEMETERY
MONUMENT
CARPENTER STREET,**

SURVEY DATE: 1991-2

STUDY GRADING: A

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1862

ARCHITECT: DUNCAN, ADAM

CITATION:



History

This memorial to the ill-fated Burke and Wills expedition was erected by public subscription. The expedition had passed near Bendigo on its way north and John King, the sole survivor, was feted here on his return. Why the memorial was placed in the cemetery has never been satisfactorily explained¹. The inscription reads:

Erected by the people of Bendigo in honour of the Victorian explorers, Burke, Wills Grey & King who first crossed the continent of Australia, King alone surviving the privation and suffering under which his three brave companions sank.

¹ Butcher & Flanders p.155

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