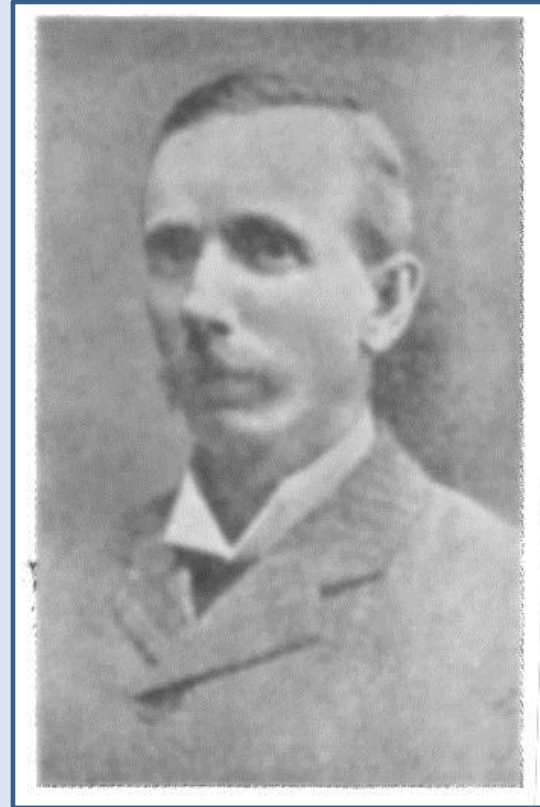


Discovery of  
The Last Resting  
Place of  
John Harward

Former Principal  
Royal College

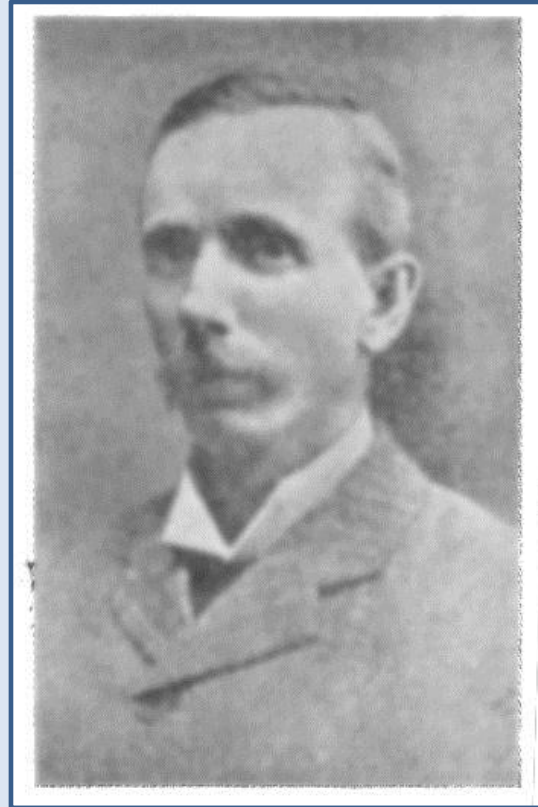


*A presentation prepared by Rohan Jayaratne  
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27 July 2017*

John Henry Harward

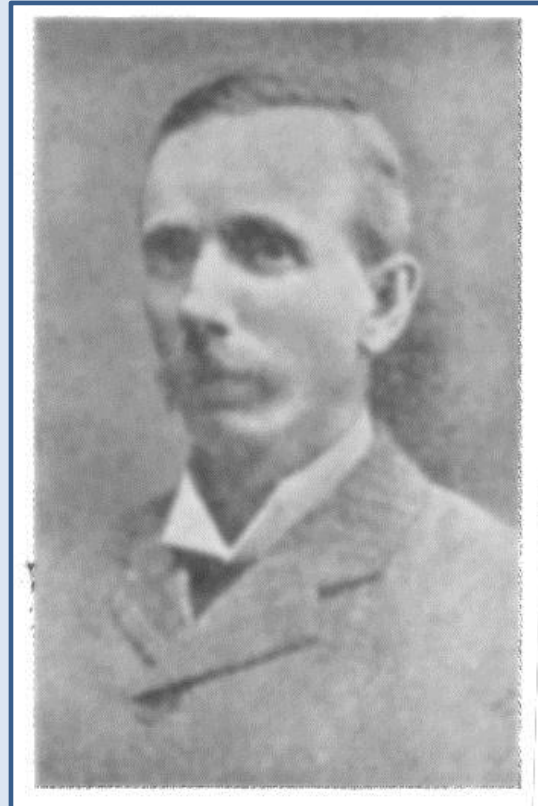
Born 27 May 1858  
Wirksworth, Derbyshire

M.A. Oxon. 1881



Principal  
Royal College

1892-1902



As Principal, Harward taught 20 of the 25 hours each week on a salary of Rs 9600/annum.

He had no clerical assistance and, so, collected school fees by himself.

He recruited the first lady teacher to Royal.

He introduced football to Royal in 1896.

He was a keen cricketer and umpired at matches, including the Royal-Thomian.

He spoke Sinhala with ease.

On retirement, Harward moved to Australia and settled down in the remote country town of Warwick, Queensland.

S.S. Perera's book "History of Royal College 1835-1985" states that "Harward died in Warwick on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1932"

George Fernando is a long standing member of the Victorian Old Boys' Association, RCOBAA.

Based on these references, some years ago George made inquiries from the cemetery authorities at Warwick. They confirmed that there was indeed a John Henry Harward buried there. Soon thereafter George followed up with a visit to the Warwick cemetery during a trip to Queensland, but failed to find the exact location of the grave.



Around April this year, RCOBAA (President Inji Wijegunaratne and George Fernando) alerted Rohan Jayaratne (Founder President, QORA) to S S Perera's references and George's attempt to trace the location of the grave.

We conducted some research into this  
and contacted Mark McGovern of the  
SDRC

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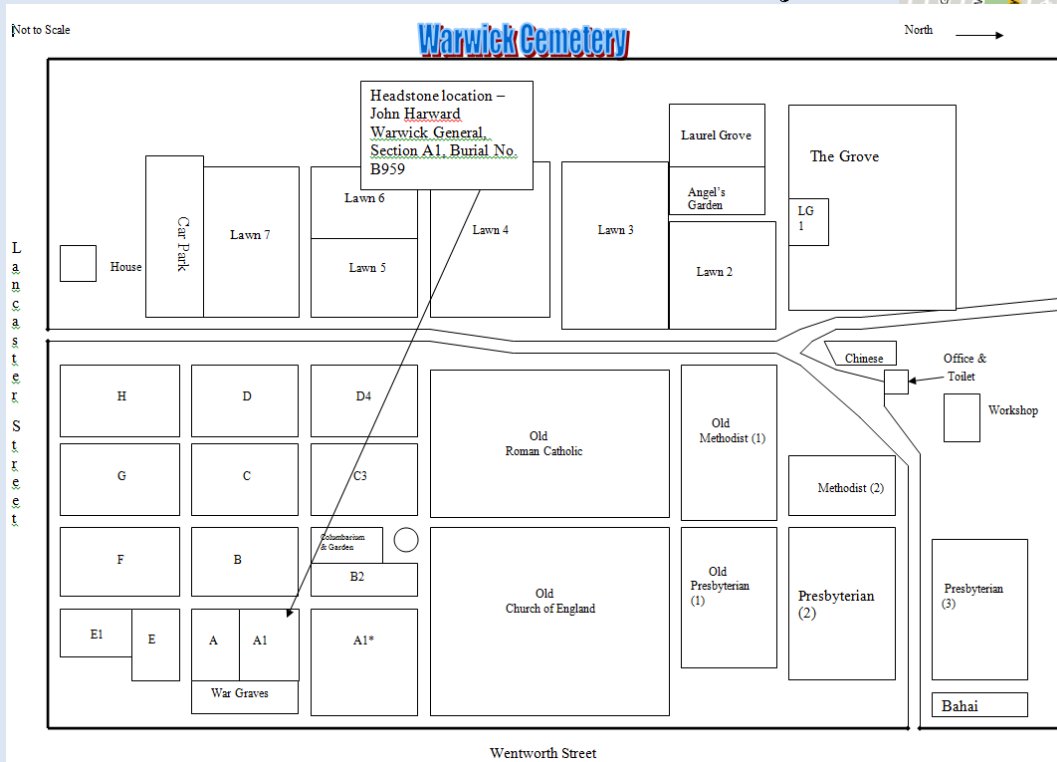
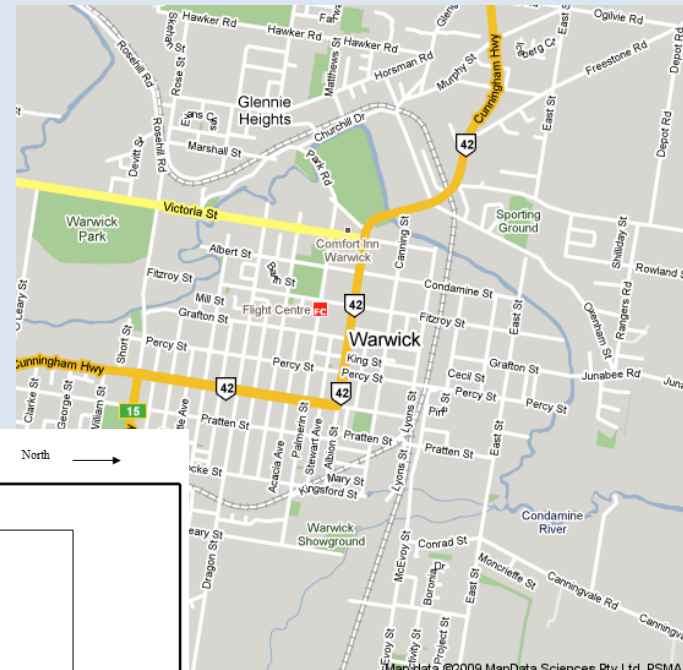
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Warwick Cemetery  
Wentworth Street  
Warwick, QLD

# Harward's Grave

Mr McGovern provided us  
with a map of  
Warwick General Cemetery



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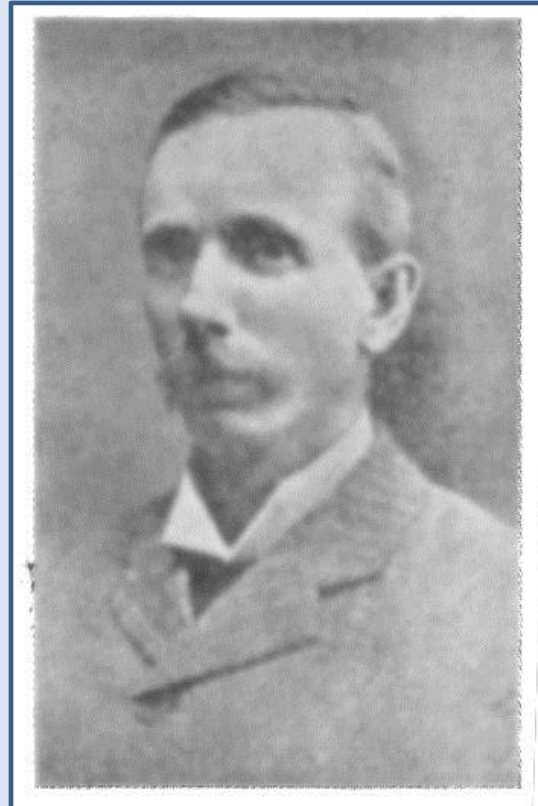
QORA organized a three-man expedition  
to Warwick, Southern Darling Downs  
on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 to locate the grave

Rohan Jayaratne  
Shan Attygalle  
Kalum de Silva



Consequently, we take  
great pleasure in  
announcing to you  
that we have  
succeeded in finding  
the last resting place of  
John Harward

**Old Church of England  
Section A1  
Burial No B959**



# The Search



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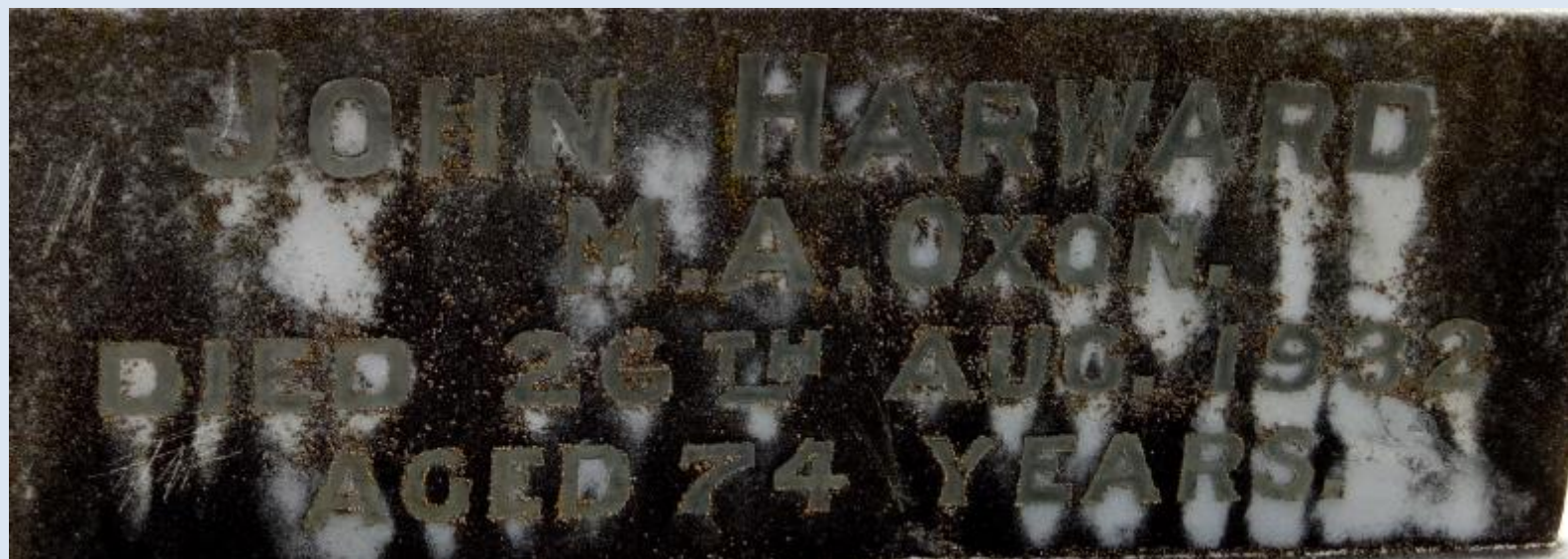
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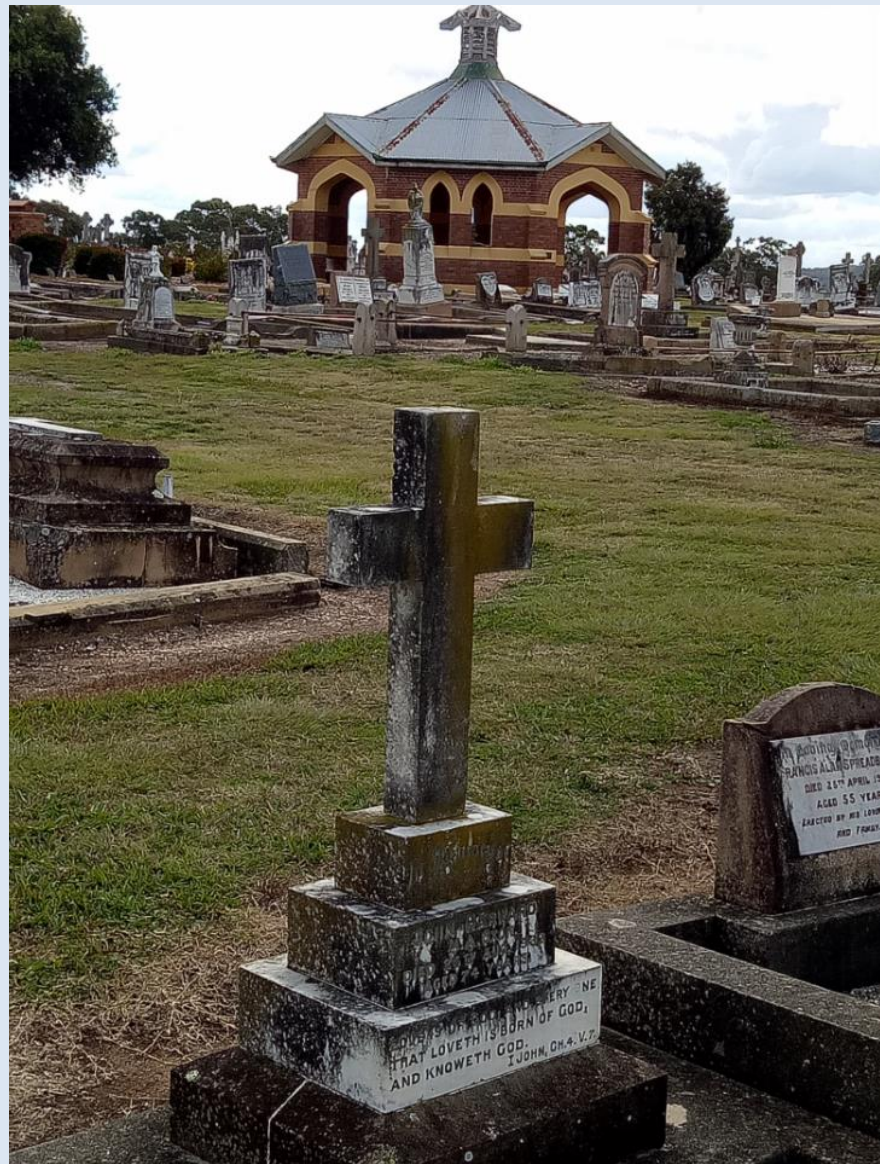
# The Discovery







JOHN HARWARD  
M.A. OXON.  
DIED 26TH AUG. 1932  
AGED 74 YEARS.



# Harward's Grave

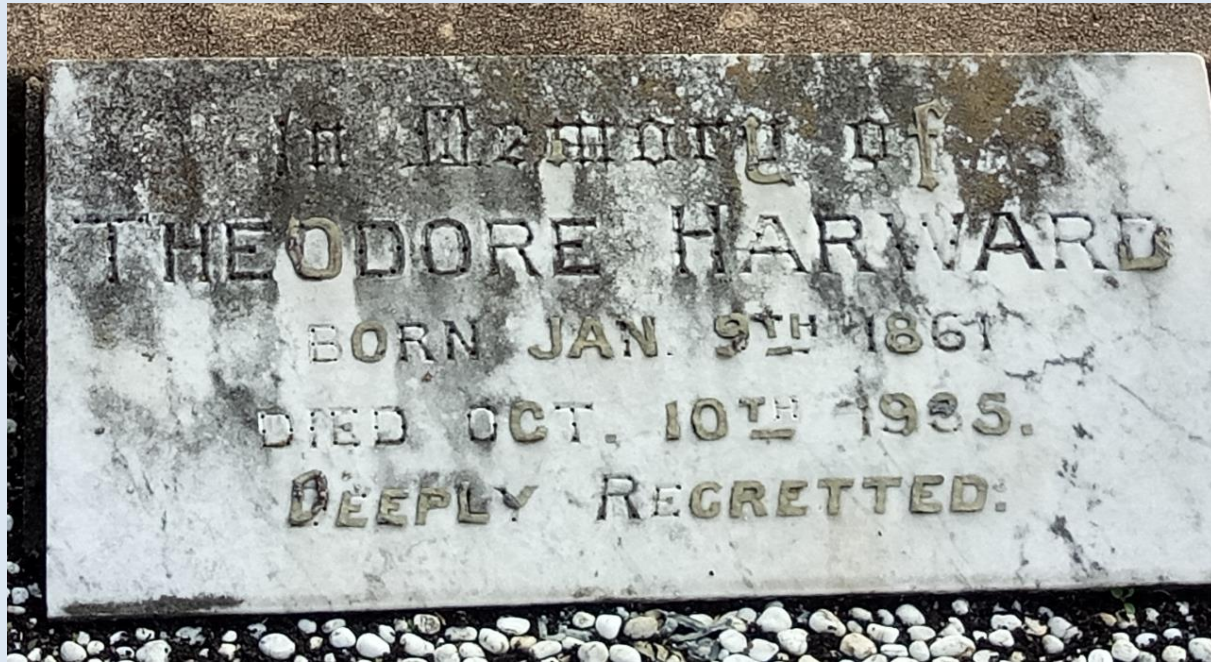
There are two intriguing findings stemming from this discovery

1. The date of death in the College records (and in S.S. Perera's book) is the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1932.

The date on the headstone is the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 1932.

The records need to be corrected.

2. The headstone on the adjoining grave is engraved  
“Theodore Harward. Born 1861. Died 1935 ”



This is just three years apart and strongly suggests that Theodore was the younger brother of John. A possible reason for John settling down in the remote town of Warwick in rural Queensland in 1902.

And finally....

During his tenure at Royal College Principal Harward lived at Ward Place, Colombo 7 in a house called 'Montrose'. When Harward moved to Warwick in retirement he named his house 'Montrose'. According to George Fernando's inquiries a few years ago, 'Montrose' in Warwick was still standing.....and yet to be found.

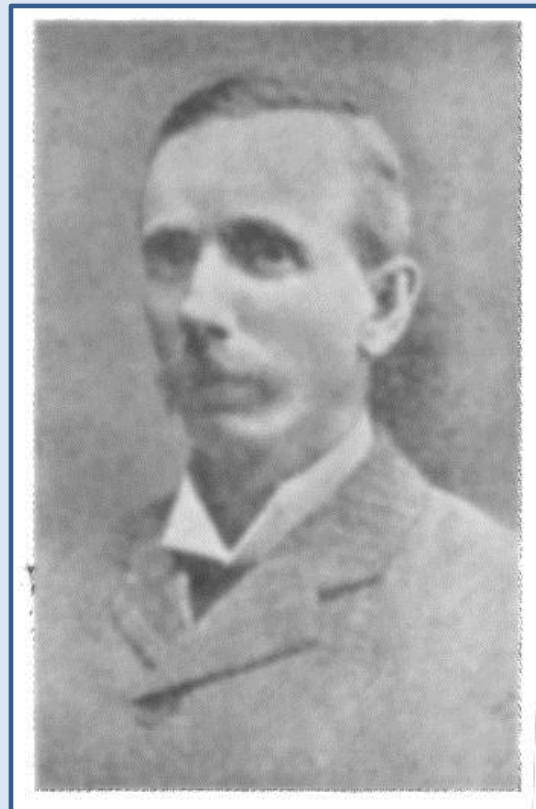
# Harward's Grave

RCOBAA and QORA are planning to erect a small  
plaque on the grave  
with words to the effect of

*Much loved former Principal of Royal College,  
Colombo, Ceylon. 1892-1902*

*In grateful memory - past pupils of Royal College in  
Australia*

*Our lusty throats  
now raise a cheer  
for Hartley,  
**Harward**, Marsh  
and Boake*



*Prepared by Rohan Jayaratne  
President, Queensland Old-Royalists Association  
21 July 2017*