

St Mary's Church Silverstream



(Reference photograph private collection St Mary's Church Silverstream)

St Mary's Anglican Church is situated on the hill at 13 Terminus Street Silverstream. When soldiers died on the battlefield in World War One often a hastily made wooden cross would mark their burial place. After the war the bodies were exhumed and after reinternment the grave markers were replaced with inscribed headstone. Some of these historical grave markers were offered to the family of the deceased service personnel. Many grave markers came into the possession of family members especially in England. After the war Robert Sefton Adam's mother Jessie was residing in Silverstream. Robert's widow also left England and settled in Silverstream. Jessie attended St Mary's Church in Silverstream and was permitted to place Robert's grave marker on the back wall of the church. Members of the church knitted poppies and placed them around the grave marker. This is probable one of the few grave markers held in New Zealand.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birth-Death</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Service No</i>
ADAMS Robert Sefton	1888-1917 †	Captain Royal Field Artillery	British