



Samuel | Agnes

[Mill Road Cemetery](#), Cambridge, was founded in 1846, to provide more room for burials when the parishes within the city of Cambridge were full. Now full itself, Mill Road Cemetery today is a beautiful and slightly wild spot. It's still a consecrated churchyard, but is also a nature sanctuary, full of songbirds and blackberries.



Next to a tall yew bush, [Agnes and Samuel Lewis share a gravestone](#) in the shape of a high Celtic cross, carved on all four faces with designs of interlaced knotwork. Their full names are written formally on the foot of the stone at the base, but the simple words **Samuel | Agnes** are written, in insular script, at heart height.

Samuel Savage Lewis (1836-1891) was Mrs Lewis's beloved husband, a Fellow of Corpus Christi and the Parker Librarian; they married in 1887, but he died just over three years later, in 1891. Thirty-five years later, when Agnes, too, died, she was buried by his side.

Agnes Smith Lewis and Margaret Dunlop Gibson, 'the Sisters of Sinai', were twins, Biblical scholars, experts in Syriac, discoverers of ancient manuscripts, and two of the most generous benefactors of benefactors of Westminster College in the early twentieth century. They lived together in Cambridge at their house, Castlebrae – five minutes' walk from the College, and now part of Clare College – and after their husbands had died, they spent their lives together.



But after a lifetime together, both sisters are buried with their husbands: when Margaret died (in 1920) she, too, was buried next to her husband, James Young Gibson (1826-1886), essayist and translator, in [Dean Cemetery, Edinburgh](#).

The website for Mill Road Cemetery Cambridge has much more information about many of the graves, the history of the cemetery, the wildlife, and the art installations there.

Check there for more information and to find out about forthcoming events.

<http://millroadcemetery.org.uk/>

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