


A1 Rev. Robert Cartwright First Minister of St Luke's Church

Title/rank:	Reverend	
Born – date/year:	December 1771	
Place of origin:	Shropshire, England	
Education:	Travelled widely in Eastern Europe. Ordained in 1794.	
Marital status & children:	Married in 1796. At least 6 children	
Place where lived:	First in Bradford, then migrated to NSW, arriving on 27 February 1810. First appointed to the Hawkesbury District, he then moved to Liverpool in 1819 after the new parish was formed and St Luke's Church built. He was its first minister. He did not live at St Luke's Rectory but at his own farm, <i>Mary Vale</i> . That area is now named Cartwright after him.	
Role/job:	First Minister of St Luke's Church , built by Nathaniel Lucas. The Rev. Samuel Marsden is said to have written that: "I admit there is one Church in the Colony in which the liturgy is read and not furnished with pews and that is at Liverpool. The Rev. R. Cartwright, without due consideration, entered that Church without Pulpit, Desk or Pews, when I was absent in New Zealand, but he has repented much ever since for doing so . . . Mr Cartwright has been obliged to carry his chairs out of his own House to the Church for the accommodation of his people to this very day. . ." Cartwright left Liverpool in 1836 and became incumbent of St James, Sydney. He later ministered in the Yass-Goulburn area.	
Contribution to Liverpool:	Also a Magistrate, and first Superintendent of the Male Orphan School from 1825 to 1829. He accompanied Governor Macquarie on his journeys around Liverpool and the Lake Bathurst areas	
Died/age:	14 December 1856 - aged 85, at Goulburn	
Religion	Church of England Grave No. 1	
Source of info.	Dick Jackel, MLDFHS. Also Linsie Tan <i>I Called it Liverpool</i> , 1885	