

Memories of Br. Adrian Bird C.Ss.R

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Brother Adrian Bird, who died in 1964 in Heathfield, South Africa, Capetown South Africa.

I am almost certain it was Adrian who as a young man joined the merchant navy as a seaman, and jumped ship in Australia settling there, and not very much later becoming a Redemptorist Brother in the Australian Province.

After a number of years there, all through the war, and after he came back to England where his Father was still alive. His Father was living I think in the potteries. So Adrian was stationed in Birmingham where the juvenate was (the Junior seminary) in those days.

And the most amazing thing about it in in the little patch of rough ground between our garden and what was then the secondary modern school, St Thomas' Parish Secondary Modern School, he kept pigs. He must have been the only man within miles in a built up area like Erdington who managed to keep pigs in what was virtually his back garden

After his father died he was asked to go to South Africa and there at a fairly young age of only I think 62, he died in the monastery in Heathfield .