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## Wrongly Convicted Man's Remains Returned to Family

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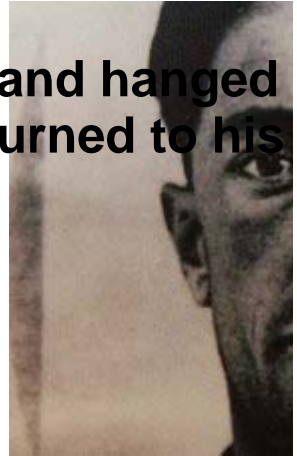
**After being pardoned for a crime he was convicted and hanged, the remains of Colin Campbell Ross have now been returned to his family.**

Just before he was hanged in 1922, Colin Campbell Ross wrote to his family "Dear ones, do not fret too much for me. The day is coming when my innocence will be proved."

That day came in 2008 when research undertaken by author Kevin Morgan raised doubts about his conviction for the infamous 1921 Gun Alley murder, and he was granted a Governor's pardon.

On Monday 18 October, 2010 his remains were handed back to his family for a proper burial after modern day science was able to identify them from a mass grave at Pentridge prison. Colin Ross will be laid to rest in a Central Victorian cemetery.

Victorian Attorney-General Rob Hulls was part of the ceremony held at the Old Melbourne Gaol and spoke with ABC Central and Western Victoria's Fiona Parker about the case.



Colin Campbell Ross was hanged in Melbourne in 1922 for the murder of Nell Alma Tirt. He was granted a pardon in 2008 after research raised doubts about his conviction. (AAP)



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