

Alfred Felix Corroux

(d. 1882)

Clerk of the Board of Green Cloth

(The following text is taken from the book 'The Good Grave Guide to Hampstead Cemetery, Fortune Green' by Marianne Colloms and Dick Weindling)

Alfred joined the Royal Household about 1830 as an apprentice in the kitchens. He worked his way up as larderer, yeoman of the kitchen, and third master cook. Then he moved through the administrative ranks to become the First Clerk of the Green Cloth.

The Board of Green Cloth is believed to take its name from the green covering of the table where it originally transacted its business. It was mainly responsible for the work and finances of the Lord Steward's department which dealt with the below stairs' running of the Royal Household, including the purchase and serving of food.

It was also responsible for the 'Liberty of the Verge', an area within 12 miles of the Palace of Westminster, where it provided a Coroner's Court and had the power to try all acts of treason, murder and felonies committed within its boundaries.

It also licensed public houses and still exists today as a licensing authority.

Corroux was based at St James's Palace. He retired in 1888 and his son George followed in his footsteps.