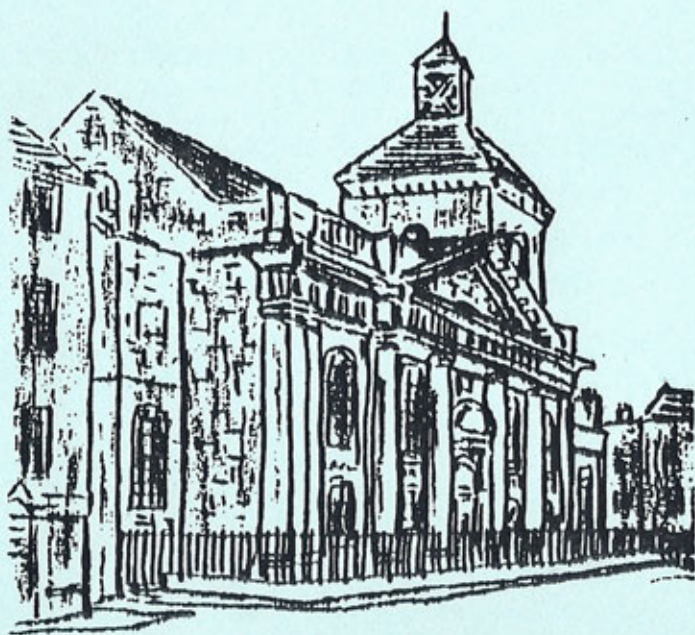


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INTRODUCTION

St Catherine's Church is believed to have been founded in the late twelfth century, but the earliest documentary evidence for its existence is dated 1244. Together with its sister church and parish of St James, St Catherine's was under the control of the Abbey of St Thomas the Martyr. St Thomas's Abbey was founded in 1177 to commemorate the murdered archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas a Becket. The abbey buildings were located a little to the south of the present St Catherine's Church in Thomas Street, and the monks appear to have used the churchyard for burying strangers, while its own members were interred in vaults within the abbey.

In the wake of the Reformation of Henry VIII, St Thomas's Abbey was suppressed in 1539 in common with other Irish monasteries. The lands of St Thomas's Abbey were granted by the crown to William Brabazon, ancestor of the earls of Meath, which family also came to possess the right to appoint ministers to St Catherine's and St James's. The parishes of St Catherine, St James and St John of Kilmainham were united in 1545, remaining thus until they were again divided into the civil and Church of Ireland parishes of St Catherine and St James by act of parliament in 1707.

Following the Reformation two rival ecclesiastical parish systems operated in Ireland, one the officially-approved organisation of the established protestant Church of Ireland, the other the unofficial and persecuted organisation of the Roman Catholic Church. The union of the catholic parishes of St Catherine and St James lasted until 1724, and the catholic St Catherine's Church is located in Meath Street, off Thomas Street. In addition to their ecclesiastical functions, the Church of Ireland parish councils or vestries came to be responsible for a wide range of civil duties connected with local government, including administration of the watch or police system, paving, lighting and collection of cess or local taxes. The

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baptism, marriage and burial registers of the Church of Ireland parish of St Catherine date from 1636, have been printed up to 1715, and the originals are held in local custody. The vestry minutes date from 1657 and are deposited in the Representative Church Body Library. The baptism and marriage registers of the catholic parish of St Catherine date from 1740, and copies are available on microfilm in the National Library of Ireland. Under the penal laws catholics were prevented from maintaining separate graveyards until the 1820s, being obliged to bury in Church of Ireland graveyards, and so catholic burials will be found recorded in protestant registers.

Notable individuals buried in St Catherine's include Sir William Brabazon in 1552, the engineer William Mylne in 1790 and Rev James Whitelaw in 1813. The rebel Robert Emmet was executed in front of St Catherine's Church in 1803, and there are two modern memorials to him and one to his fellow rebels, the texts of whose inscriptions are given below. The last burial in St Catherine's graveyard took place in 1898, and dwindling inner city population led to the closure of St Catherine's Church in 1966. The church is now in the care of Dublin Corporation and is currently leased to a trust and used for community and cultural purposes.

The graveyard to the rear of St Catherine's Church was converted into a public park by Dublin Corporation in 1985, and superficially it may appear to be an attractive and tasteful piece of work. Unfortunately, in the course of conversion work about 58 of the 124 surviving tombstones were removed from the graveyard, and others were uprooted and relocated within the yard. The missing stones include a memorial to Robert Bagot and his wife dated 1613-16 (see illustration page 8), and one to the memory of eighteen children interred by the Protestant Orphan Society 1840-8.

Evidence that tombstones had been removed, and the inscriptions from some of the missing stones, were obtained from a 1972 Dublin Corporation survey (held in the Community and Environment Department), which is however incomplete and frequently inaccurate in its

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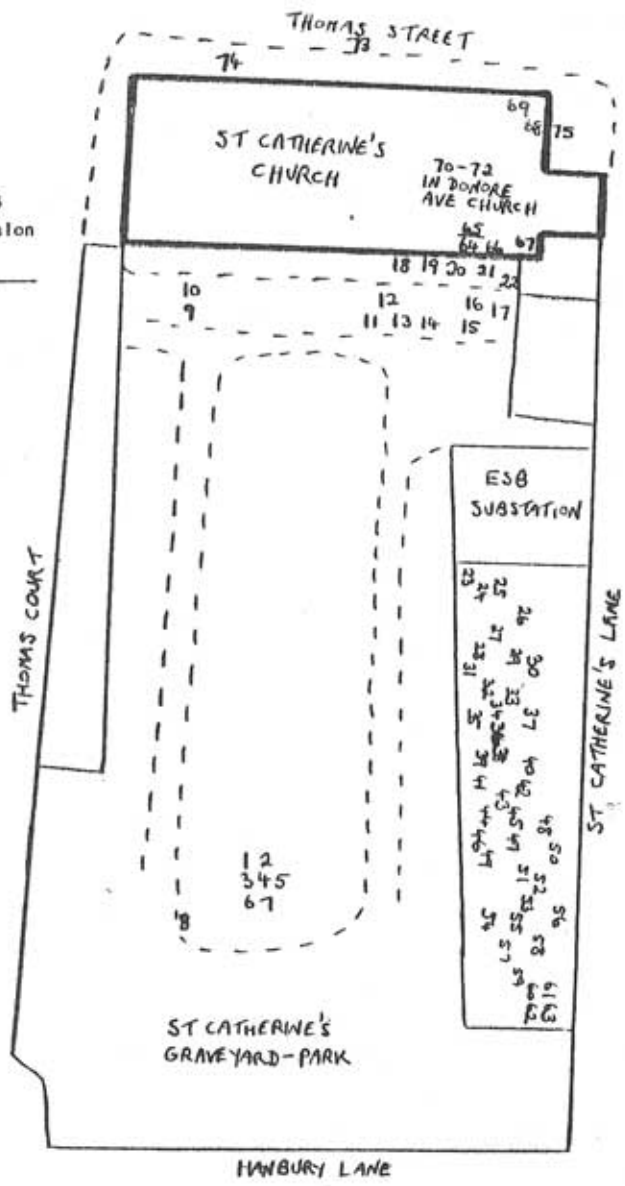
transcription of inscriptions. The destructive treatment of St Catherine's greatly extended the work of compiling the memorial inscriptions, and necessitated a complicated system of double reference of memorials to two maps, one portraying the graveyard after, the other before, conversion into a park. The inexcusable act of planning vandalism committed in St Catherine's Graveyard was brought to the attention of Corporation officials at the highest level, but their response has been limited to simple denials and implausible attempts to blame common vandals for the loss of any missing tombstones. Graveyards are an important part of the national heritage and should be carefully preserved or at least treated sensitively if conversion is unavoidable, but too often they have been vandalised or even completely obliterated by their supposed custodians.

In addition to the sources cited above and in the text below, reference was also made to the following publications: H F Berry, 'Notes on a statement dated 1634 regarding ... St Katherine's Churchyard', in Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, 37, 1907, pp 393-6; Rev McDonnelly, Short histories of Dublin parishes, part 9 (Carraig Chapbooks reprint, no date); Rev A L Elliott, 'The Abbey of St Thomas the Martyr, near Dublin', in Journal RSAI, 22, 1892, pp 25-41; J T Gilbert ed, Register of the Abbey of St Thomas, Dublin (London 1889); Rev H W B Thompson, A lecture entitled 'The first vicar of St Catherine's' (Dublin 1914); H F Twiss, 'Some ancient deeds of the parishes of St Catherine and St James, Dublin', in Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy, 35, C, 1919, pp 265-81.

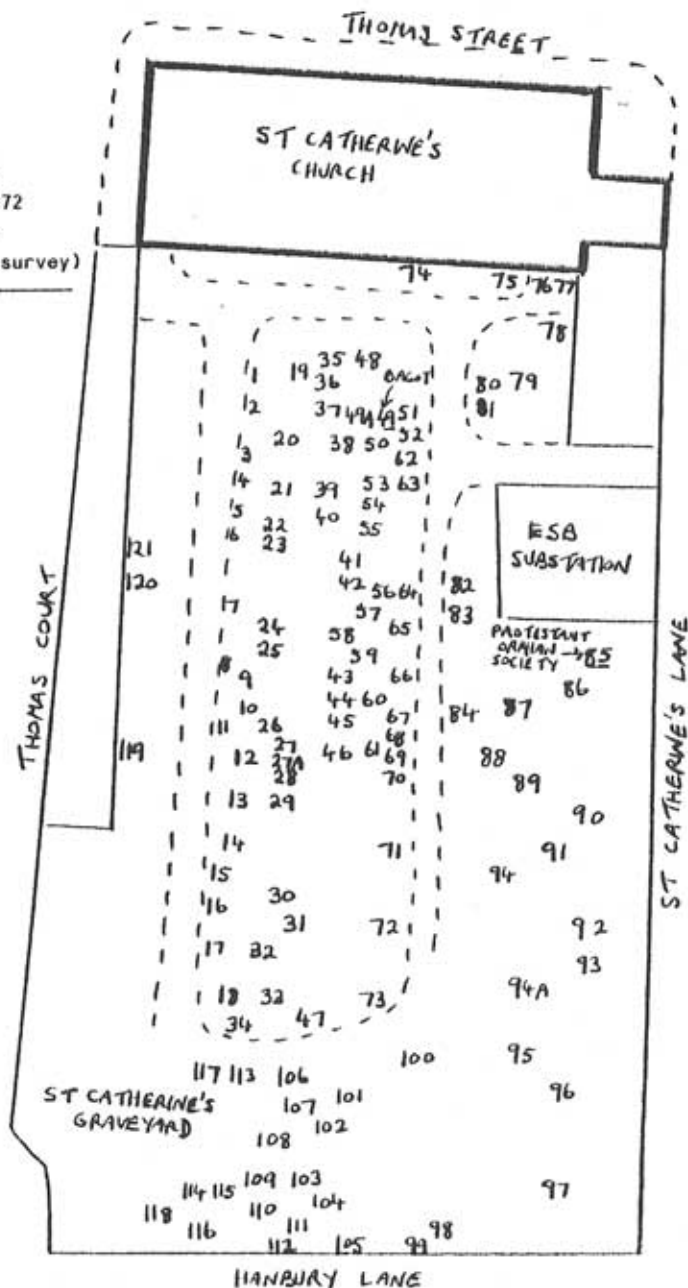
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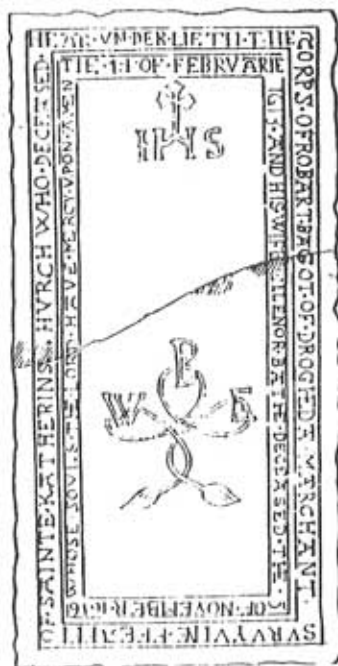
HAP 1
 Locations of
 memorials 1985
 (after conversion
 into park)



MAP 2
 Locations of
 memorials 1972
 (from Dublin
 Corporation survey)



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BAGOT AND BATHO TOMBSTONE, 1613, IN
ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCHYARD, DUBLIN.

From a Drawing by Miss U. E. Long.

From Journal of Association for
Preservation of Memorials of Dead,
vol 4, no 2, 1899, facing p 238
(memorial no longer in graveyard)

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS

(Numbers without a prefix refer to map 1, numbers with the prefix 'C' refer to map 2)

ALLEN - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

ALLEYN 19/C75

Sacred to the memory of Samuel Alleyn Esq, formerly of Goolden in the County of Tipperary, who departed this life on the 26th day of January 1815 in the 81st year of his age.

ASTON C21

(Prayer.) The above named Richard Aston died of a malignant fever the 8th December 1826 aged 43 years, universally regretted, a man of peculiar urbanity of manners, a kind friend, an affectionate husband and sincere Christian. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

AYRES 63

This stone and burial place belongeth to Mr Thomas Ayres of Engine Alley in the city of Dublin, merchant, and to his posterity. Here lyeth the body of Mary Ayres, wife of said Thomas, who died the 18th day of September 1767 aged 56? years. Here also lyeth the body of said Thomas Ayres who died the 10th day of December 177[2] aged 70? years. Here also lyeth the bodys of John, Catherine, Mar[y], Thomas, Ann, Jonathan, Sarah, Edward and Elizabeth Ayres, children of said Thomas. Here also lyeth the body of Jane Ayres, daughter of said Thomas, who died the 28? day of August 177[5] aged 14 years.

BAGOT C49

Hearunder lieth the corps of Robart Bagot of Drogheda, marchant, survyvine ffeaffi of Sainte Katherins [C]hurch, who deceased the 14 of Februarie

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1613, and his wife Ellenor BATHIE deceased the 5 of November 1616, whose souls the lord have mercy upon Amen. IHS. 'W B E'. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from JAPMDI, 4, no 2, 1899, p 238, and 1972 Dublin Corporation list. JAPMDI describes the letters 'W B E' as joined by 'a sort of true lover's knot' and queries why the letter R for Robert is not in place of W (see drawing page 8). The term 'ffeaffi' (feoffee) possibly means trustee of parish property, as in 1605 Robert Baggott conveyed to Christopher Bysse a house in St Thomas's Street, with yearly rent of 15 shillings payable to St Catherine's Church (RIA Proc., 35, C, 1919, p 280).]

[BALL?] C58

Here lieth the body of Robert [Ball?] the Combe who departed this life 15th day of [May?] 1721. Here lie ... of his children. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list. St Catherine's registers record that a Robert Ball was buried 16 May 1721, and it is assumed that the inscription refers to this person.]

BARKER C26

Sacred to the memory of Mr Fredr Barker, stone cutter, late of this parish, who died the 21st of March 1800 aged 58 years. His son Thomas died the 28th of August 1783 aged 9 months. His eldest son Fredr was killed by the French at Rugheda in Spain Dec the 13th 1808 aged 27 years. Here also lieth the remains of Mrs Elizabeth Barker, widow of the above Fredr Barker, who departed this life Feby 20th 1811 aged 64 years. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

BATHIE - see BAGOT

BEGG - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

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BENN C104

Here lieth the body of Hen Benn who departed this life the 18th Jan 1767 aged the bodys of his wife Hannah, his daughter Eliz, his son William. Here also lieth the body of Mr William CARPERTHWATTE, nephew to the above Henry Benn, who departed this life the 27th November 1779 aged 56 years, also three of his children. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

BETFORD - see NELSON

BEVIN - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

BIRCH 17/C79

The burial place of Eland Birch. Sacred to the memory of Letitia his mother and of his children Letitia, John and George who died young. Also of his son Charles Trousdell died 16th April 1862 aged 42 years. The above named Eland Birch died 4th Octr 1865 aged 78 years. Here also is buried Anne his wife, who departed this life March 29th 1878 aged 82 years. (Prayer.)

BOURNE C88

This stone erected by John Bourne Esq of William Street to the memory of his much lamented son William K Bourne Esq, who departed this life 19th May 1818 aged 24 years. Also the remains of Margaret, wife of Benjamin EATON Esq of this city, architect, who departed this life on the 22nd February 1834 aged 49 years. Here also lie the remains of William CURTIS Esqr, brother-in-law of the above named W K Bourne, who departed this life 8th Sept 1861 aged 73 years. Also the remains of Harriet Curtis, widow and sister respectively of the above, who departed this life 23rd Sept [1871] aged 73 years. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list. Harriet Curtis's year of death supplied from St Catherine's burial registers.]

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BRABAZON -

Sub hoc tumulo in Christo obdormit Gulielmus Brabazon, eques auratus, qui triginta annos belli thesaurarius et quater dominus justiciarius hujus regni Hibernae florit. Athlon Castrum primis expugnavit, unde Provincia Conachtia et ejusdem incolo civilibus institutis facilius jam inde exculti fuerunt. Vir ob. justiciam benignitatem et liberalitatem laudatissimus. Elizabetham CLIFFORDiam ex illustri Comitum Cumbrio stirpe oriundam in uxorem duxit e qua duos filios totidemque filias suscepit. Eduardam militem et regni censiliarium Anthoniam quondam Conachtiae profectum. Annam Gulielmi THWAITIS armigeri uxorem, et Elizabetham primum Johanni GIFFORDE armigero postea Henrico duco equiti aurato enuptam. Obiit apud Knockfergus anno salutis 1548 - die. - Optimo patri Edwardus filius mostissimus posuit.

Here lieth the body of Sir William Brabazon Knt, who continued tresoror in this kingdom XXXII years, in which time he was lord justice V several times, he was the first Englishman that planted in Conoght and wan the Castle of Athlone. He served in the reigne of Kings Henry the VIII and King Edward the VI. His son Sir Edward Brabazon Knt, Lord Baron of Ardee, purposeth to be entombed by his father and mother.

[This inscription is copied from JAPMDI, 4, no 2, 1899, pp 238-9, itself quoting from the Irish Builder, 1898. It is noted that the monument was destroyed in 1765 when the present St Catherine's Church was being built, and no other monument to the Brabazon family was ever erected. It is also stated that the correct date of Sir William Brabazon's death is July 1552, and that he died in Ulster, having his heart interred with his ancestors at Eastwell, and his body buried in the chancel of St Catherine's Church.]

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BRADY 7/C113

IHS. Gloria in Excelsis Deo. This stone is erected by Catherine Brady in memory of her beloved husband James Brady, late of Leinster Lane, who departed this life 12 Nov 1834? [1821?] aged 44 years. Also their son Richard Brady who departed this life on the 29th day of Jan'y 1837 aged 22 years.

BRAY 53/C59

Here lieth the body of Mrs Ann Bray, wife of Robert Bray Esq of Jame's (sic) Street, who departed the 14th day of January 1781 aged 76 years. Here also are deposited the remains of Mrs Ann RAWLINS, late of Clare Street, daughter of the above named Mr and Mrs Bray, who departed this life 28th of Nov 1819 aged 72 years. [Most of inscription now illegible, details copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

BROWN 60

Here lyeth the body of Mrs Alice Brown [wife of Mr] George Brown of ... who departed this life 13 of Sepr ... aged 70 years. [Inscription worn.]

BRYAN 47/C24

This stone was erected by George Bryan of the city of Dublin in memory of his mother [Sarah?] Bryan who died ye 3 of July 1769 aged 76 years. Here also lieth the body of Elizabeth Bryan, wife to the above George Bryan, who departed this life the 18th? [10th?] of May 1783 aged 60 years. Here also lieth the remains of the above George Bryan, nirl'er in ormon maker (?), who departed this life the 27th of March 1798 aged 68 years. [Wilson's Dublin Directory 1768 contains an entry for George Brien, butcher, Newmarket.]

BUCKLEY - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

BUTTERWORTH 55/C67

Here lies the remains of Sarah, the wife of James Butterworth, who died the 6th of Decr 1836 aged 40

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years. Also two of their children. Also James her husband who died 31st of Decr 1873 aged 87 years. Also his daughter Eliza who died 7th January 1878.

BYRNE 61/C34

Sacred to the memory of Thomas Byrne, late of Parliament St in the city of Dublin, printer, who died on 16 of July 1803 aged about 53 years. And of (Rebecca WILSON) (sic) his wife who died in February 1799 aged about 40 years. This stone is erected by their son Mathew Todd Byrne of the Army Medical Department, Dublin. Here lieth the remains of his wife Frances (GIBSON) who died the 7 of May 1807 aged about 30 years. Also two of their infant children. Also the remains of the said M T Byrne who died on the 28th of November 1834 [aged 56 years].

BYRNE - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

CAMPBELL 5/C108

This stone was erected by Jane Campbell in memory of her beloved husband Daniel Campbell who departed this life the 18th of July 1812 aged 49 years. Also her father and mother George and Anne HARBOURNE. Also her brother and sister Wm and Anne ...

CAROLL 14/C62

Erected by Saml Caroll in memory of his beld daugr Isabella Caroll who died Decr 19th 1837 aged 4 years. [This inscription is very deeply cut and legible. St Catherine's registers record that the child resided in Cork Street, died of a 'decline' and was buried 20 December 1837.]

CARPERTHWAITTE - see BENN

CLARKE - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

CLIFFORD - see BRABAZON

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COONEY C53

IHS. This stone was erected by Mrs Mary Cooney in memory of her beloved husband Cornelius Cooney, late of Marrowbone Lane, cotton manufacturer, who departed this life the 3rd of May 1868 aged 36 years. Also one of their children Miss Bridgt Cooney aged four years. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

CURTIS - see BOURNE

CUSACK? 30/C38

In memory of Patrick Cusack Roney? ... [Inscription very faint. The 1972 Dublin Corporation list version reads: In memoriam Patrick Cusack Roney Clming ... about the 4th December 18.. anno 70 natus.]

DALY 44/C71

This stone and burial place belongeth to Mr Thomas Daly of Engine Ally and his posterity. Here lieth the body of the above Thomas who departed this life the 19th of February AD 1785 aged 57 years.

DEAKERS 49/C4

This stone was erected by Eliza Deakers in remembrance of her beloved son Richard Deakers who died on the 10th of April 1837 aged 31 years, leaving wife and three children to deplore his loss. And also his beloved father Lambert Deakers who died 13th? [15th?] of July 1840 aged 60 years.

[DIVNEE] - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

DONNELLY - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

DONOVAN C40

1807. Miss Susan Donovan departed this life on the 9th of November aged 25 years. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

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DOWLING - see HALL^{AT}.

[Dwyer] C20

IHS. This stone was erected by Mr L... [Dwyer] of Jervis St to the memory of his beloved daughter Clarinda who departed this life June ... 1829 aged 11 years. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list. St Catherine's registers record that the child died of fever, was buried 21 June 1829 and also supply the surname.]

EATON - see BOURNE

EMMET 73

In the roadway opposite this tablet Robert Emmet died in the cause of Irish freedom 20th September 1803. Erected by the Thomas Moore Society 1953.

EMMET 74

Robert Emmet died in the cause of Irish freedom on 20th September 1803 outside this church. Erected by the Corporation of Dublin and the American Irish Foundation 1978.

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These men took part in the 1803 Rising:

Edward KEARNEY, carpenter, hanged Thomas St Sep 1

Owen KIRWAN, tailor, hanged Thomas St Sep 1

Maxwell ROACH, slater, hanged Thomas St Sep 2

Denis Lambert REDMOND, coal factor, hanged Coal

Qy, Wood Qy, Sep 8

John KILLEEN, carpenter, hanged Thomas St Sep 10

John MCCANN, shoemaker, hanged Thomas St Sep 10

Felix ROURKE, farm labourer, hanged Rathcoole

Sep 10, at his own door

Thomas KEENAN, carpenter, hanged Thomas St Sep 11

John HAYES, carpenter, hanged Thomas St Sep 17

Michael KELLY, carpenter, hanged Thomas St Sep 17

James BYRNE, baker, hanged in Townsend St Sep 17

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John BEGG, tailor, hanged in Townsend St Sep 17
Thomas DONNELLY, factory worker, hanged Palmerstown
Sep 17
Nicholas TYRRELL, factory worker, hanged Palmerstown
Sep 17
Henry HOWLEY, carpenter, hanged Kilmainham Jail
Sep 28
John MCINTOSH, carpenter, hanged Patrick St Oct 3
Unveiled by Michael Mullen, Gen Sec IT&GWU, on
behalf of the Dublin History Workshop Sept 28 1980.

ENRIGHT C57

The grave of Maria Enright, the beloved wife of
Corporal George Enright ... HM 98th Regim ... She
died on 8th March 1859 aged 92 (sic) years. [Tomb-
stone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied
from 1972 Dublin Corporation list. St Catherine's
registers record that the deceased was aged only
23, resided at 68 Cork Street and was buried 8 March
1859.]

EVANS C98

... children who died ... William Evans depart ...
31st day of July 1799 ... year of his age. [Tomb-
stone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied
from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

FITZGERALD C15

This stone belongs ... Peter Fitzgerald ... The
weaver Dublin ... 1749 ... [Tombstone no longer in
graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin
Corporation list.]

FITZSIMONS - see REGAN

FLOOD 11/C2

[17?] IHS 29. This stone and burial place belong to
Michael Flood of Tho Street card m... Here lieth 7
of his child[ren]. [Top left hand corner of stone
broken off, inscribed date is almost certainly 1729.]

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FORSYTHE - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

FURY C30

This stone and burial place belongeth to John Fury, late of Meath Street, hatter. Here lyeth the body of Ann Fury, wife to the above, who dyed in the year 1747 aged 40 years. Here also lyeth the body of the above John Fury who dyed the 7th of May 1762 aged 60 years. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

GALBRAITH 16/C80

In loving memory of Juliet, daughter of John and Mary Galbraith, who died 8th of June 1813 aged 28 years. (Prayer.)

GANNON - see REGAN

GIBSON - see BYRNE

GIFFORDE - see BRABAZON

GREEN - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

GREGG 65

Erected by the parishoners of St Catherine's as a monument of their esteem for the Christian zeal, fidelity and usefulness of their late curate, the Revd Thomas Gregg AM, who for the space of eleven years ministered unto them in holy things. (Tribute in words and verse.) He departed this life April 22nd 1846 aged 46 years. His mortal remains rest in Ardagh. [Wall plaque in church.]

GRIERSON C69

Here lieth the body of Mrs Mary Grierson, wife of John Grierson of the city of Dublin, mercht, who departed this life 12th of August 1800 aged 26 years. Also W Grierson their son who died young. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

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GRIERSON 56/C68

Here lieth the mortal remains of Mrs Abigail Grierson who departed this life 15th May 1819 aged 75 [73?] years. (Prayer.)

GUNN - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

HAMILTON - see ROBINSON

HAMMOND - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

HARBORNE C101

This stone was placed here by Mr David Harborne of Marrowbone Lane, silk manufacturer, in memory of his beloved wife Mrs Elizabeth Harborne who departed this life 3rd of August 1820 aged 49 [58?] years. Here lieth the body of the above David Harborne who departed this life the 20 of November 18[27] aged [79] years. Also his daughter Ann Harbourne (sic) who departed the 14th of March 1829 aged [28] years. ... Thos Harbourne (sic) died Dec ... [buried 8] 1870 aged 94 [96?], son of the above ... [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list; ages etc supplied from St Catherine's registers.]

HARBOURNE - see CAMPBELL

HARDY - see MURPHY

HARRIS 57/C45

This tomb was erected by Thos Harris of Queen St in the city of Dublin to the memory of his dearly beloved wife Hannah Harris who departed this life the 25th day of January 181[6] aged 4[4] years. Also three of their children, Anne, Marie and Hannah. Here also lieth the remains of her mother Mrs E SMYTH. Here also lieth the remains of the above named Thos Harris who departed this life the ... day [buried 8] of December 1817 in the [56th]

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year of his life. Here also lieth the remains of Thomas Harris Esq, eldest son of the above named Thos Harris, who departed this life February 5th 1817 aged 18 years. And Mary A his wife died 3rd March 1883 aged 76 [75?] years. Also Letitia Frances, beloved daughter of William H and Letitia Harris, 100 Middle Abbey Street, died 31st October 1876 aged 11 years. Also William H Harris, father to the above child, who died October 28th 1891 aged 57 years. [Inscription now only partly legible; ages etc supplied from St Catherine's registers.]

HARRIS C44

Underneath this stone was interred the mortal remains of John Harris, late of Queen Street in the city of Dublin, who departed this life on the 16th day of January 1818 in the 20th year of his life. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

HART 29/C10

Erected by Mr William Hart of Blackpitts in memory of eight of his dearly beloved children, one of the two last (?) who departed this life on the 10th (sic) aged 5 years and Ellen Jane on the 1st August 1838 aged 3 years. [St Catherine's registers record the burials on 23 August 1838 of William Henry Heart aged 5 and Ellen Heart aged 3, both of Blackpitts and both of whom died of quinsy.] Also Anne Jane [Hart] who died May 10th 1850 aged 26 years. William H DOWLING died 15th May 1858 aged 7 years. Thomas MORGAN died December 21st 1858. William [Hart] died September 24th 1861 aged 70 years. Robert J DOWLING died December 16th 1862 aged 12 years. Ellen [Hart] died December 20th 1872 aged 70 years. [Inscription now only partly legible; surname erroneously given as 'Hall' in 1972 Dublin Corporation list, correct surname confirmed by reference to St Catherine's registers.]

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HARTON 42/C41

This frail record of indelible affection to a beloved husband is erected by Anne Harton over the mortal remains of Christopher Harton late of no. 31 Bridge Street. (Tribute.) Obit 29 August an aet 39 AD 1824.

HAYES - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

HILL - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

HOBSON C52

This stone was placed here by John Hobson of Mytholm Bridge near Huddersfield as a tribute of affection to his brother Johas (sic) Hobson. [Undated, tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

HONE - see TERRY

HOWELL 6/C47

Erected by William Howell in memory of his daughter Margaret Howell who died July 31st 1853 aged 30 years. Also his son William Howell died Decr 6th 1857 aged 32 years.

HOWLEY - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

HUDSON 72

These steps and mosaics were erected in memory of Mrs Anne Hudson, late matron of the Alms House, who left a sum of money towards the repairs of this church AD 1898. [Brass plaque, now in bell tower of church of St Catherine and St James, Donore Avenue.]

HURST 69

In memory of Louisa, the wife of the Reverend John Day Hurst AM, rector of this parish, and only daughter of Henry LAUGHTON Esquire, of Newton-Blossomville in the county of Buckingham. She died

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April 5th 1845 aged 39. The Revd John Day Hurst, rector of St Catherine's parish, died November 26th 1849 aged 48 years. [Wall plaque in church.]

IRVINE - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

IVERS C55

Here lieth the remains of Mr John Ivers and of Mrs Lydia Ivers his wife, and also the remains of his daughters Miss Mary Ivers and Mrs Elizabeth WATERHOUSE. Richard Ivers died Oct 21st 1826 aged 24 years, grandson to the above. Likewise Josiah Ivers. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

IVERS - see [Medlicott]

JELICO - see MURPHY

JONES 66

This tablet was erected by Mrs Elizabeth WATSON, wife of Daniel Watson Esq of Edmondstown, Co Dublin, as a tribute of respect to the memory of her uncle William Jones Esq, who departed this life 6th Novr 1841 aged 75 years after a residence of more than fifty years in St Catherine's parish. His mortal remains are deposited in the cemetery at Mount Jerome. (Prayer.) [Wall plaque in church.]

KEARNEY - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

KEARY - see REGAN

KEENAN - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

KELLY - see MURRY

KELLY - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

KILLEEN - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

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KINSTLAUGH C106

IHS. Here lieth the body of Mary Kinsilaugh and her sister Margaret who de [Undated, tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

KIRWAN - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

KNOX 20/C76

Beneath this stone are deposited the remains of the Revd Arthur Knox AM, vicar of this parish, who departed this life October 18th 1818 aged 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. [St Catherine's registers record that the deceased was buried on 21 October 1818 and give his age as 56.]

KNOX 22/C78

Beneath this stone are deposited the remains of Arthur Knox Esquire, barrister-at-law, eldest son of the late Reverend Arthur Knox, formerly vicar of this parish. Obiit 11th October 1838 aetat 36 years. Underneath this stone are likewise deposited the remains of Maria Knox, widow of the above named Arthur, who departed this life the 13th day of October 1840 aged 28 years.

L... C110

This stone and burial place ... Thomas L... and his posterity Anno Domini 1763. [Surname not established; tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

LAUGHTON - see HURST

MCCANN - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

MCCLELLAND - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

MCCO[OMB] - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

MCINTOSH - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

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MCMAHON - see STACKPOOLE

MAHONY 31/C42

IHS. Here lie the remains of Mrs Mary Anne Mahony (alias WALSH), wife of Mr Alexr Mahony of this city. She departed this life Jan 31st 1816 aged 53 years. And two of their children who died young. Here also lies the body of Miss Mary Mahony his sister, who departed this life Jan 28th 1817 aged 68 years. Requiescant in Pace Amen. [Latter part of inscription now buried; St Catherine's registers record that the deceased were buried respectively on 3 February 1816 and 30 January 1817, and give their ages as 25 and 28 only.]

MANNING C91

... here also lieth ... [Margaret?] Manning, second wife of said Thos, who departed this life 28th Dec 181[4?] aged 19 years. Here lies also the remains of the above named Thos Manning who departed this ... [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list. St Catherine's registers record that Margaret Manning was buried on 31 December 1814 and give her age as 34.]

MAYFIELD 46/C64

[This] stone was erected by [Ja]mes Mayfield of Queen Street for him and his posterity 1789.

[MEDLICOTT] C54

This tomb was erected by Miss Sophia Medlicott to the memory of her uncle Edward [Medlicott] Esq who departed this life on the 16th October 1830 aged 81 years. Also to the memory of his wife Susanna [Medlicott] who died 11th June 1830 aged 66 years. Here also lieth the remains of Mr Thomas IVERS who departed this life the 1st Febr 1841 aged 71 years. Likewise his wife Mrs Anne Ivers who died ... aged ... years. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation

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list. Surname erroneously given as 'Medeicoll', correct form supplied by St Catherine's registers.]

MILLS 8/C12

This stone marks the resting place of the remains of Mr Alexander Mills who was for 36 years master of the Boys' School and teacher of the male adult class in the Sunday School of St Catherine's parish, and who died 1st day of June 1876 aged 66 years. (Tribute and prayers, stone erected by some of his pupils and friends 'to express their deep sense of gratitude'.) De Groot. [Rear of stone:] The burial place of Alexander Mills.

MILLS 71

To the glory of God and in affectionate remembrance of Mary Ann Mills, born 26th March 1843, died 26th October 1925, whose long life of good and faithful service was spent as child, pupil, teacher and secretary of St Catherine's School Board, in the Parochial Schools, Thomas Court, where her father Alexander Mills was schoolmaster from 1840 to 1876. This tablet was erected by the parishoners of St Catherine's parish Dublin. (Prayer.) [Wall plaque; now in memorial chapel, church of St Catherine and St James, Donore Avenue.]

MONCK 59/C96

This stone and burial place belongeth to Thos Monck and his posterity. Here lyeth 8 of his children 1717.

MORGAN - see HALL

MORRIS 41/C41

Sacred to the memory of William G? F Morris who died 2nd Jany 1880 aged 16 days. Also Susan Kirkwood Morris who died 27th Jany 1880 aged 1 year and 10 months. The dearly loved children of Dr Morris of 53 High St. (Tribute, prayer.) [Thom's Dublin Directory 1880 describes Thomas Morris as resident medical officer, District Dispensary, South Dublin Union.]

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MULLALY C90

Cross, IHS. This stone and burial place belongeth to Cornellius Mullaly, comber, and his posterity. Here lieth his wife and his children ... Oct ... 1726. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

MURPHY 15/C81

Erected by Mr Wm Murphy of New Row in this city in memory of his wife Mrs Susanna Murphy alias JELICO who departed this life 20th of February 1819 aged 72 years. Also Mr Edward HARDY who departed this life 6th of April 1810 aged 44 years, and his wife Mrs Margaret Hardy alias Murphy who departed this life 31st of July 1826 aged 52? years. Likewise Mrs Esther WATSON alias Murphy who departed this life 6th of April 1817 aged 37? years.

MURRY 51/C28

This stone and burial [place] belongeth to Mrs Thome[zine?] Murry of Bresset? Street. Here lieth the body of her son Philip Murry, clotheir (sic), who departed this life the [15] of October [1758 aged] 42 years. Here also lieth the body of Michael KELLY who departed this life the 9 of April [1758/1818?] aged 56 years. [St Catherine's registers record the burial on 17 October 1758 of Thomas Murray, 'a man'.]

MYLNE 64

To the memory of William Mylne, architect and engineer from Edinburgh, who died aged 56 March 1790, and whose remains are laid in the church yard adjoining. This tablet was placed by his brother Robert Mylne of London to inform posterity of the uncommon zeal, integrity and skill with which he formed, enlarged and established on a perfect system the water works of Dublin. [Mylne was born in 1734, son of Thomas Mylne, a leading master mason in Edinburgh; for further details of his career see Biographical Dictionary of British Architects (London 1978). Wall plaque in church.]

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NEEDHAM - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

NELSON C51

This stone was placed here by Horatio Nelson BETFORD as a tribute of affection to his brother Richard Nelson of ... who died June 10th 1828 aged [29] years. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list. St Catherine's registers record that Richard Nelson, aged 29, was buried on 13th June 1828. It is possible that 'Betford' is a misreading of a placename rather than a surname.]

NEWCOMBE 33/C56

Here lieth the body of [Mr] John Newcombe, late of the city of Dublin, merct, who departed this life the [16] day of June 17[35] aged [49].

NEWCOMEN C9

Here lieth the body of Catherine Newcomen who departed this life July 8th aged sixty-five AD 1793. Also her beloved sister Sarah Newcomen who departed this life October the 1st 1809 aged 79 years. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list. St Catherine's registers record the dates of burial of the above as 5 July 1793 and 21 October 1809 respectively.]

ODLUM C65

This stone and burial place belongeth to John Odlum of Thos St, mercht, and his posterity. Here lieth the body of Elizh his wife who departed this life July 3 1772 aged 78. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list, which gives the surname as 'Oldlum'. St Catherine's registers record the burial on 6 July 1772 of Mrs Odlum.]

[PHILLIPS] - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

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PHILLY C92

This stone and burial place ... Mr Robert Philly
... and his ... body of his ... Robert Philly ...
[Undated; tombstone no longer in graveyard,
inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

PRICE 9/C3

Here lieth the body of William Price of New St who
departed this life on the 10th day of Nov 1845 aged
41 years. He was a faithful husband and affectionate
father and sincere friend. He fell asleep in Jesus.
Here also lie 3 of his children. Here also lie the
remains of Robert Price, clothier, of the Coombe,
died 15th October 1851. And here also lie the remains
of his son William Price who died 19th July 1865 aged
21 years. Also Anna the eldest married daughter of
the above Wm Price Senr, 23 May 1873 [1875?] aged 35.
[Much of inscription now no longer legible.]

PRICE - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY C85

Near to this spot beside a father's grave three
humble tradesmen founded the Protestant Orphan
Society AD 1828. Hallowed by such a remembrance
this ground has been set apart as a resting place
for the remains of those orphans in Dublin and its
vicinity whom the father of the fatherless may call
unto himself. Suffer little children to come unto me.
Luke xviii 16. Orphans interred here:
Benjm WALKER 6th Oct 1840 [aged 14]
Robert CLARKE 19th May 1841 [aged 14]
James GUNN 17th June 1841 [aged 3½]
John HILL died 29th April 1845 aged 14
James ALLEN died 7th of December 1845 aged 14 [15]
Ann BEVIN 31st March 1846 [aged 19]
Peter HAMMOND 17th Aug 1846 [aged 13]
Mary PRICE 20th Sept 1847 [aged 20]
Heny BUCKLEY 20th April 1848 [aged 11]
Anne FORSYTHE 28th May 1852 [aged 15]

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Eliza M[C]CLELLAND June 12th 1854 [aged 18½]
John GREEN 4th Novr 1854 [aged 21]
W[illiam] SMITH 12th July 1855 [aged 21]
Lucy [DIVNEE] 21st Sept 1855 [aged 19]
Susan [PHILLIPS] 15th May 1856 [aged 16]
Sarah MCCO[OMB] ... Sept 1856 [buried 14th, aged
14 months]
Jas IRVINE 18th Oct 1856 [aged 18]
Thos NEEDHAM 29th May 1858 [aged 8]
[Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription
copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list. Ages and
other information in square brackets supplied by
St Catherine's registers.]

[PURSER] C121

This stone was erected by Mr Charles [Purser] of
Pimlico in memory of his daughter Susannah who
departed this life June 24th 1790 aged 11 months.
The above Charles [Purser] departed this life Sept
7th 1794 aged 50 years. [Tombstone no longer in
graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin
Corporation list. Surname erroneously given as
'Putfer', correct form supplied by St Catherine's
registers.]

RAWLINS - see BRAY

REDMOND - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

REGAN 52/C93

IHS, cross, Memento Mori. This stone was erected by
Patrick Regan of Thomas Street in memory of his
beloved wife Elizath Regan who departed this life
the 22nd of September 1868 aged 54 years. Here also
lieth the remains of her two sisters Margaret KEARY
and Mary FITZSIMONS. Also two of her grandchildren
Michael and Bridget GANNON who died young.

ROACH - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

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ROBINSON C17

... William James Robinson to the memory of his father William Robinson who died the 10th day of July 1858 aged 34 years. Here also are deposited the Henrietta Beatrice HAMILTON who died the 13th day of April 1860 aged 11 months. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

ROONEY 34/C95

IHS, cross. Sacred to the memory of Mr Danial Rooney who departed this life July 26th? 1808 aged 53 years. Also the remains of his beloved wife Mrs Sarah Rooney who died the 16th of December 1818 in the 52nd year of her age. [Parts of inscription now illegible.]

ROURKE - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

SEBERRY C29

Here lies the body of Sarah Seberry who departed this life the 4th June 1851 aged 44 years ... She was affectionate wife and a loving mother, she died in hope of a joyous resurrection. Also the remains of John Seberry her husband who died 28th June 1858 aged 58 years. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

SHAW 39/C32

Erected by James Shaw of Meath St in memory of his father Jacob Shaw who died 7th July 1812 aged 50 years. And his mother Eve Shaw who died 18th? Nov 1839 aged 76 years. ... Shaw ... 26 Octr 1818? ... Shaw 14 Oct? 18.. aged 49 ... Shaw, wife of the above named [James?] Shaw, died the 11 Decr 1863 aged 70 years. ... above named James Shaw died 6th of January 1866 aged 74. [Parts of inscription now illegible.]

SHERWOOD 40/C22

Sacred to the memory of John Sherwood Esq, an honest

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citizen faithful to his word. Six years he graced the city's council board, till angry death has laid him in the clay. The poor he fed, the rich he sent empty away. His soul immortal soon to heaven took wing, there everlasting praises for to sing. He died November the 1st 1789 aged ... years.

SINGLETON C117

Anno Domini 1818. This stone was erected by Edwd Singleton of Cork Street in memory of his beloved son Edward who departed this life ... July 1818 aged 12 years. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

SMITH 18/C74

Wm Henry Owen Smith died 26th Decr 1825 aged 5 yrs and 7 months.

SMITH - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

SMYTH - see HARRIS 57/C45

STACKPOOLE 67

In the adjoining church yard repose the mortal remains of Joseph Stackpoole Esq, barrister-at-law, uncle of the Right Hon Sir William MCMAHON Bart, master of the rolls, and nearest relative of George Stackpoole of Cragbrien Castle in the County Clare and of Grosvenor Place, London, Esq. (Tribute.) This tablet was erected by his sorrowing daughter and only child Charlotte Stackpoole in testimony of his worth and her affection. Obiit AD MDCCCXI [1811] aetatis suae LXVII [67]. [Wall plaque in church.]

STAPLETON C33

IHS. Here lieth the body of Edward Stapleton who depld this life June the 18th 1816 aged 4 years. Erected by Ann Stapleton in memory of her beloved nephew. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

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[STEEVENS?] 2/C102

This stone and burial place belongeth to Mr Daniel [Steevens?] of Marrowbone Lane, linen weaver, and his bodyes of 3 of his children, John, James and Cath... who departed this life the 30 of March ... James ... Sept 1768 aged ... years. [The only burial of a James recorded in St Catherine's registers about September 1768 is that of James Steevens, 'a child', buried 8 September 1768. [Most of inscription now illegible, details copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

STEPHENSON 32

This stone was erected by Thos ... in memory of his father-in-law Saml Stephenson who died 3rd of Octr 1837 aged 85 years.

STONE 12/C19

Here lie the remains of Elizth Stone, wife of Chris? Stone of Stonebrook in the Co Kildare Esq, who died in 1741. Also of Phoebe Stone alias WILLIAMS their daughter who died in 1785. Also of Hen Williams Esq, formerly one of the high sheriffs of Dublin, who died in 1786, was the husband of sd Phoebe. Also of Edward Williams Esq, Annt (sic) Williams, son and daughter of sd Hen and Phoebe, who died in 1809. Also of Sophia Williams who died in 1810, and of Chris Williams Esq I.C.D. (sic) who died 1818, children of C S Williams of the city of Dublin esq and grandchildren of sd Hen and Phoebe. [St Catherine's registers record the burials of Mrs Stones on 17 December 1741, Miss Williams of Swift's Hospital on 19 January 1785, Heny Williams of Ranelagh on 18 June 1786 and Christr Williams aged 19 on 7 December 1818. Most of inscription now semilegible, details copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

TERRY 62/C107

This is the burial place of Mr Tho Terry, formerly

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of the city of Dublin, merchant, for ... and his ... Here lies the body of the said Mr Tho Terry who departed this life ... of July 1747 in the 84th year of his age. This stone was laid down February 8 1798 by Brandley HONE Esq of the city of Dublin Esq, who is married to the grand-daughter of the said Tho Terry. Here lies the body of Sarah Hone, the wife of the said Brandley Hone Esqr, who departed this life the 11th June 181[2] in the 78 year of her age. Here also lies the body of the said Brandley Hone Esq who departed this life the 22 July 181[2] in the 79 year of his age. Both were born in the year 1741. Here lie the remains of Anne Hone, widow of Addison Hone Esqr, who departed this life the 21st Aug 1835 aged 65. [St Catherine's registers record the burial of Sarah Hone on 13 June 1812, and of Brindley Hone on 25 July 1812.]

THWAITS - see BRABAZON

TOBIN 28/C120

This stone was erected by Elizabeth Tobin of Meath Market to the memory of her affectionate son Thomas Tobin who departed this life October the 16th 1813 aged 26 years. Here lieth the body of his wife Judith Tobin who departed this life January the 27th 1812 aged 23 years. Also three of their children who died young. [Latter part of inscription obscured, details copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

TORTON C116

This stone and burial place belong to Peter Torton of ... Street, clothier. Here lyeth 3 of his children, Mark, Ann and Mary. Here lieth the body of the above Peter Torton sen who departed this life the 21st of February 1769 aged 75 years. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

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TRACEY C99

Sacred to the memory of Miss Anna Tracey who departed this life July 22nd 1800 aged 78 years after a long and tedious illness which [she bore with] the most pious fortitude and Christian resignation. They who had the happiness to be acquainted with her will long remember her virtues. Her resignation to the almighty will forms the only consolation which the melancholy event ... to her affectionate brother, by whom this stone is enscribed. [Tombstone no longer in graveyard, inscription copied from 1972 Dublin Corporation list.]

TYRRELL - see 1803 RISING (after EMMET)

WADE 4/C109

This stone and burial place belongeth to Robert Wade and his posterity 1716.

WALKER - see PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

WALSH - see MAHONY

WATERHOUSE - see IVERS

WATSON - see JONES

WATSON - see MURPHY

WHITELAW 21/C77

Beneath this stone are deposited the mortal remains of the Revd James Whitelaw AB, 25 years vicar of this parish, who on the 4th of Feby 1813 aged 63² was hastened to an immortality full of glory by a malignant fever caught in the discharge of his clerical duty. Here also are deposited the mortal remains of his beloved niece Frances Whitelaw, daughter of the Revd William Whitelaw, who departed this life on the 13th of Octr 1818 aged 25 years. 'Therefore be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh'. Math 21 III.

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Here also is interred the body of the Revd William Whitelaw, late vicar of this parish, who died of a malignant fever on 13th March 1827 aged 65. This truly Christian minister, resembling his deceased brother not less in the manner of his death than in the piety of his life, was through grace enabled to adorn the doctrine of God our saviour in all things? Mrs Eleanor Whitelaw, relict of Rev Jas, died ... July 1847 aged 87? years. [Rev James Whitelaw took a census of Dublin city in 1798, and while the manuscript has not survived, the main findings are summarised in his Essay on the population of Dublin (Dublin 1805). For further information on the most outstanding of St Catherine's ministers see Dictionary of National Biography. See also next inscription.]

WHITELAW 70

In commemoration of the Revd James Whitelaw AB, who entered into rest on the 4th Feby 1813 aged 65, this tablet was erected by the parishoners of St Catherine's. For 25 years vicar of this parish, he held forth the word of life by precept and example. With a mind enlarged and adorned by science, on principle he became a Christian. As a minister of Christ Jesus he warned the wanderer, he reprov'd the profane, he comforted the mourner, and was in the discharge of all his duties in wisdom a man, in humility a child. Charity unknowing sect or party reigned in his heart. Reader follow his faith and conversation, and thus sowing unto the spirit you shall of the spirit reap everlasting life, Amen.

Revd Arthur Knox, vicar; Revd James Stubbs, Revd Wm Whitelaw, curates; James North, Richd Star, Esqrs, church wardens.

[Decorated monument, about 6 feet by 4 feet, with inscription on white marble set in black frame; now located in porch of church of St Catherine and St James, Donore Avenue.]

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WHITELAW 68

Sacred to the memory of the Reverend William Whitelaw AM who departed this life XIII March MDCCCXXVII [1827] aged LXV. During a period of thirty-one years, twenty-three of which were spent in the capacity of curate, he was the beloved and laborious minister of this parish, firmly attached to the doctrine of the Church of England. [Further lines of tribute.] His epitaph may be written in a few words, 'An Israelite indeed in whom there was no guile'. The parishoners of St Catherine's and other friends to whom he was justly endeared have erected this monument to record their high esteem. (Prayers.)

Revd J D Hastings, vicar; I H Martin, V L Trenor, curates; Frs? Rea, Danl? Watson Esq, churchwardens; Robt Smyth, Anty? North, J H North, Ths? Beery, Jas Hatch? Esq, committee. [Decorated monument on wall in church.]

WILLIAMS - see STONE

WILSON - see BYRNE

WYCHERLY 58/C61

Here lies (sic) the mortal remains of Miss Ann Wycherly who departed this life 27th November 1819 aged 50 years.

UNKNOWN

The following are tombstones currently in the graveyard whose inscriptions are worn away or illegible: 1, 3, 10, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 35, 37, 38, 43, 45, 48, 50, 53, 54 (references map 1).

The following are tombstones described in the 1972 Corporation list as having inscriptions 'unreadable' or obscured by 'bushes': 1, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 23, 25, 27, 27a, 31, 35, 36, 37, 39, 43, 46, 48, 49a, 50, 60, 63, 66, 70, 72, 73, 82, 83, 84, 86, 87, 89, 94, 94a, 97, 100, 103, 105, 111, 112, 114, 115, 118, 119 (references map 2).

Memorial inscriptions from St Catherine's Church and Graveyard, Dublin

St Catherine's Church is believed to have been founded in the late twelfth century. Until the Reformation in the 16th century it was attached to the Abbey of St Thomas the Martyr. Following the suppression of the abbey in 1539 its lands were granted to William Brabazon, ancestor of the earls of Meath. The Church of Ireland parishes of St Catherine and St James were separated by act of parliament in 1707, and a separate catholic parish of St Catherine was created in 1724.

Notable individuals buried in St Catherine's include Sir William Brabazon in 1552, the engineer William Mylne in 1790 and Rev James Whitelaw in 1813. The rebel Robert Emmet was executed in front of St Catherine's Church in 1803, and there are two modern memorials to him, the texts of which are included in this work. The last burial in St Catherine's Graveyard took place in 1898, while the church itself closed in 1966 and is now used for community and cultural purposes.

The graveyard to the rear of the church was converted into a public park by Dublin Corporation in 1985. Unfortunately, in the course of conversion work nearly half the 124 surviving tombstones were removed from the graveyard, including a memorial to Robert Bagot and his wife dated 1613-16. This inexcusable act of planning vandalism was brought to the attention of officials of the Corporation at the highest level, but to no apparent effect. Graveyards are an important part of the national heritage and should be carefully preserved, but too often they have been vandalised or even completely obliterated.

Afterword

Some twenty-three years after the undersigned published St Catherine's memorial inscriptions, the state of the church and graveyard is illustrated by the Google Earth photograph below. The park into which St Catherine's graveyard was converted has matured, perhaps somewhat obscuring the loss and destruction of memorials which accompanied the changeover. Hopefully, the kind of needless official vandalism which occurred in St Catherine's is a thing of the past. Perhaps the few remaining unspoiled Dublin City churchyards, such as St James's, will be converted to new use with greater sensitivity by Dublin City Council (formerly Dublin Corporation).

At the time of publishing the booklet in 1987, the future of St Catherine's Church as a community and cultural centre seemed secure. Unfortunately, it did not prove possible to sustain these uses, and following its closure vandalism and neglect had caused the fabric of St Catherine's Church to decay alarmingly by the early 1990s. In 1993 a Church of Ireland group called City Outreach for Renewal and Evangelism (CORE) undertook the daunting task of restoring St Catherine's. The multi-million project was completed successfully in 1998, since which time CORE has used St Catherine's as a place of worship (http://www.corechurch.ie/about_us/history/). It might be observed that there appear to be difficulties finding non-religious uses for disused old Dublin churches, but it is certainly appropriate that St Catherine's is once again in the care of the denomination which built it.

In conclusion, it should be noted that an index to St Catherine's burial registers from 1630 is among the records which can be searched at Irish Genealogy, <http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/>.

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