

Templemartin Churchyard

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Foreword: by Mrs Madge Buggy

Templemartin Churchyard is about three miles South East of Kilkenny. The ruins of the church of St. Martin are still there after 6 or 7 centuries, three to four feet thick walls broken in places and a lovely arched doorway still to be seen. Inside this doorway are two un-inscribed coffin shaped slabs with incised crosses down the centre (both now upright).

In the Chancel are two inscribed monuments, one relating to Patrick Shortall and Helen Den, his wife, and the other to Richard Shortall and his wife Ellis Purcell. These two are mentioned in Carrigan Vol. III, p 363. The Journal for "Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead" Vol. III, No.11, 1896 contains a large number of inscriptions from tombstones here (By Major Grove White) and most of these are still legible but a few have fallen forward and cannot be read.

Inscriptions:

Name	Tomb No.	Inscription
Anderson	1	(Facing laneway wall, near stile) Small upright tombstone with kerb, stature of Our Lady on grave – evidently quite new. No other inscription except the surname.
Bergin (1)	2	(Small upright stone). Here lies the body of Peter Bergin who departed 1 st May 1760 aged 69 years. Also Ann Bergin, his wife and his four sons and one daughter.
Bergin (2)	3	(Beside above, under yew tree) D.O.M. God be merciful to the soul of James Bergin. He died December 18 th 1771 aged 40 years with two of his sons.

Byrne	4	(Upright and next to church door) Erected by Mrs Honor Byrne alias Doran in memory of her father, Patrick Doran who departed 14 th April 1784 aged 72, also her mother, Mary Doran alias Dunn who departed August 10 th 1782 aged 58 years.
Carroll (1)	5	<i>"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"</i> Here lies the body of Catherine Carroll alias Rian who died October ye 26 th 1760 aged 36 years, as also her son Thomas who died April ye 3 rd 1763 aged 23 years. "Lord have mercy on their souls".
Carroll (2)	6	Erected by Mary Carroll alias Kealy of Ballyfoyle in memory of her husband James Carroll who died April 2 nd 1842 aged 47years. Also one of his children who died young.
Carty (1)	7	I.H.S. Here lies the body of Bridget Carty who departed September 29 th 1796 aged 63 years. Also her sister Mary aged 17 years. R.I.P.
Carty (2)	8	(Top broken off) D.O.M. Here lieth the body of John Carty who died March 4 th 1759 aged 79 years. Also his son Owen Carty who died April 24 th 1781 aged 54 years with seven of his children. R.I.P.
Carthy	9	<i>"In Hoc Signo Vinces"</i> Erected by Mrs Ellen Carthy in memory of her husband Mr John Carthy who departed this life 7 th June 1830 also her son Martin Carthy who departed this life 14 th September 1828 aged 11 years. Also the above Ellen Carty alias Power who died 24 th May 1865 aged 75 years, also Daniel McCarthy who departed this life 13 th February 1879 aged 58 years.
Cassin	10	(Under box hedge, upright) Erected by Michael Cassin of Ballyreddin in memory of his father Martin Cassin of Templemartin who died December 23 rd 1852 aged 73. Also his mother Mrs Cassin alias Fleming who died March 21 st 1855 aged 75. Also his brother Matthew who died June 22 nd 1840 aged 29 years and his sister Margaret Cassin who died December 4 th 1849 aged 26 years.
Cuffe (Wheeler)	11	(Slab set into wall over Shortall monument, near Ambry) Sir Charles Frederick Denny Wheeler Cuffe, 2 nd Baronet of Leyrath, D.L., Major 66 th Regiment. Born September 1832, died 13 th January 1915. Pauline his wife, daughter of Lord Stuart de Decies died 5 th July 1895.
Deneefe (1)	12	Here lieth the body of Robert Deneefe who died April 8 th 1758 aged 69 years. Erected by his son Thomas.
Deneefe (2)	13	Here lies ye body of Thomas Deneefe who departed this life May ye 8 th 1763 aged 48. Also his wife Anstace Deneefe alias Martin departed January 1765 aged 44.
Deneefe (3)	14	(Upright and in line with Deneefe 1 and 2) Here lieth the body of James Deneefe who departed 1742 aged 79 years.

Dowling	15	Here lies the body of Andrew Dowling who departed January 7 th 1793 aged 37 years, also his brother James departed November 2 nd 1781 aged 11 years. R.I.P.
Doyle	16	(Beside Thomas Loughman) Here lieth the body of Michael Doyle who departed December 10 th 1801 aged 56 years.
Glendon	17	(Upright, now fallen, record taken by Major Grove White in 1896) Erected by Martin Glendon in memory of his beloved wife Cathrine Glendon alias Lannen who departed September 27 th 1832 aged 46 years.
Hamilton	18	(Altar tomb north side of Chancel) Here lie interred the remains of Mrs Jane Hamilton relict of James Hamilton Esq. of Sheep Hill in the County of Dublin. She was a woman singularly gifted, possessed of a highly cultivated mind, of a disposition and manner calculated to conciliate the regard and respect of all who knew her, she was pious without austerity, charitable and humane. She closed her earthly career on the 20 th March 1819.
Hart	19	(Broken tomb stone south west of church) Erected by Michael Hart of Maudlin Street in memory of his father William who died in 1914, also his mother, Anne Hart who died 1928 and daughter Anne died in 1926.
Hennessy (1)	20	(Inside ruins of Church) Erected to the memory of Michael Hennessy, Maddoxtown who died 24 th December 1862 aged 36 years and two children who died young. R.I.P.
Hennessy (2)	21	(Upright beside Hennessy (1) and recently erected) In loving memory of John Hennessy of Mount Brilliant, Kilkenny who died 19 th January 1925, also his wife Bridget (nee Healy) who died 9 th March 1935, also their daughter Kathleen died 14 th November 1918. Erected by their loving children. Stonemason - Brennan, Kilkenny
Hudson	22	(Large altar tomb in body of Church) I.H.S. Erected by Margaret Hudson alias Phelan in memory of her husband George Hudson of the City of Kilkenny, Victualler, who departed this life 9 th November 1817 aged 40 years with three of their children who died young, also his mother, Hanora Hudson alias Walsh who died May 4 th 1781 aged 40 years. Also his first cousin, Mary Walsh who died 1 st June 1810 aged 20 years. Also the above Margaret Hudson who departed this life 11 th September 1827 aged 37 years.
Kavanagh	23	(Beside Rogers and near Church door) Here lies the body of Edmond Kavanagh who departed this life April 22 nd 1787 aged 70 years. Also his wife, Catherine alias Nowlan died March 5 th 1783 aged 56 years with three sons and one daughter. R.I.P. Also the body of Daniel Kavanagh (rest of inscription underground)

Kaiting	24	(Beside Keating and Walton altar tomb, outside) "Vixea Nostra Voci" Here lieth ye body of Oliver Kaiting, son to William who departed this life March ye 12 th 1763 aged 26 years. R.I.P.
Keating	25	(Beside above) Here lieth ye body of Eleanor Keating alias Comerford, wife of William Keating who departed September 11 th 1762 aged 56 years.
Lawlis	26	(Record taken from Major G. White's "St Martin's Parish" Memorials of the Dead 1896. Originally upright but now face down) Erected by Mary Lawlis in memory of her husband Robert Lawlis who departed this life November 25 th 1794 aged 60 years. Also his son, John who departed May 27 th 1808 aged 26 years.
Leacy	27	(In line with Andrew Dowling and P. McCarthy) Erected in memory of Michael Leacy, Lavistown who departed 1916, his wife mary departed 1920 and son William died 5 th April 1925 and two children died young.
Long	28	(Tablet set into wall, right side body of church) In loving memory of Mrs Mary Long nee Nolan who died 20 th May 1920 aged 51 years, also five children died young.
Loughman (1)	29	(Upright broken in two places, near church door) Here lieth ye body of Michael Loughman who died June ye 2 nd 1760 aged 70 years. Also ye body of Philip Loughman who died October ye 7 th 1762 aged 23 years. Also Thomas Loughman aged 24 years.
Loughman (2)	30	(Upright near above) Here lieth ye body of Patrick Loughman of Arghard Rath who died August ye 6 th 1724 aged 68 years. Also the body of Martin Loughman who died December ye 8 th 1760. ---- (rest of inscription underground)
Loughman (3)	31	(Close to above) I.H. S. Erected by Thomas Loughman of John's Place, Kilkenny in memory of his father, Patrick Loughman who died January 3 rd 1850 aged 56 years. Also his mother, Catherine Loughman who died July 31 st 1844 aged 44. Also one child who died young.
McCarthy	32	(Celtic Cross in line with Carthy) Erected by Philip McCarthy, U.S.A. in memory of his father John McCarthy who departed February 2 nd 1903 aged 84 years. Also his mother Elizabeth McCarthy nee O'Neill died December 5 th 1888 aged 71 years and a brother who died young.
Murphy (1)	33	(Small upright inside church, end) Sacred to the memory of Michael Murphy who died June 12 th 1899 aged 60 years also his wife Mary died August 5 th 1922.
Murphy (2)	34	(Celtic cross near Anderson) Erected in loving memory of William Murphy, Barrack Street, who died

		31 st January 1929, also his daughter, Kattie who died 10 th March 1910. Son David died 3 rd February 1925, and wife Mary died 21 st February 1936, and daughter Nellie who died in New York 23 rd November 1938.
Nolan (1)	35	(Plaque set into wall, body of church) In memory of Rev. Mother Augustine Nolan, second daughter of Patrick Nolan, Templemartin who died at Tullamore Convent 31 st October 1889. R.I.P. James Nolan of Templemartin (her brother) who erected this monument died May 5 th 1891 aged 50 years.
Nolan (2)	36	(Mural slab near above) Merciful Jesus give rest to the soul of Patrick Nolan of Templemartin who died December 15 th 1849 aged 53 years. Johanna Nolan his eldest daughter died November 26 th 1846 aged 9 years. Maria his youngest daughter died May 19 th 1883 aged 36. Mary Nolan alias Shortall beloved wife of Patrick who died September 17 th 1886 aged 86 years. James Nolan of Templemartin (a devoted son and brother) has erected this monument in loving memory of those who lie beneath. R.I.P.
Nolan (3)	37	(Large altar tomb close to Nolan 1 and 2) I.H.S. <i>Gloria in Excelsis Deo</i> Verse from St Paul Here lie interred the remains of James Nolan of Templemartin who died 20 th November 1834 aged 78 years. Also Peter his son died 24 th April 1824. In the grave adjoining are deposited the remains of Peter Nolan, M.D. brother of James, who died May 15 th 1824 in his 50 th year. Also the remains of Johanna Nolan alias Walsh, the beloved wife of James who died May 16 th 1847 in the 47 th year of her age. R.I.P.
Power	38	(Plinth of cross, inside church) Martin Power, Dunbell died October 8 th 1929 aged 70 years
Phelan (1)	39	(Record from Memorials of the Dead, 1896 by Major Grove White. Tombstone now underground or fallen forward) <i>"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"</i> Erected by John Phelan in memory of his wife Elenor Phelan alias Wheeler who departed this life June 12 th 1820.
Phelan (2)	40	(Upright, third from boundary wall) This stone was erected by John Phelan in memory of his father, Martin Phelan who departed this life October 24 th 1790 aged 40 years. Also his mother Bridget Phelan who died February 11 th 1804 aged 48 years. Also his beloved son, Daniel Phelan who died May 12 th 1826 aged 7 years.
Phelan (3)	41	(Upright, second from boundary wall) Erected by John Phelan of Drymerin in memory of his beloved wife Mary Phelan alias Dunphy who departed this life October 27 th 1843 aged 56 years. Also his beloved daughter Catherine who departed this life June 25 th 1847 aged 18 years.
Quinn	42	(Upright, near Rev. Walton's tomb)

		Here lies the body of James Quinn who departed this life April 2 nd 181--- (broken off) aged 77. R.I.P.
Quirk	43	(Upright near Phelan and church wall) Erected by Thomas Quirk of Wallslough in emory of his wife Anastasia Quirk alias Keefe who departed this life 16 th March 1840.
Rogers	44	(Upright near church door and Byrne) Here lies ye body of Elizabeth Rogers who departed this life June ye --- in the year 1734 aged 35 years (rest of inscription underground).
Ryan	45	(Broken altar tomb south west corner of church) Erected by John Ryan of John Street, Kilkenny in memory of his wife Elenor Ryan who departed this life October 12 th 1811 aged 29 years with 5 of their children. Also his father Richard Ryan who died November 24 th 1788 aged 56 years and his mother Mary Ryan – Miss Phelan who died March 20 th 1802. Their son James who died January 8 th 1793 aged 24 years with more children died young. Also Mrs Mary Wicks alias Ryan died February 17 th 1833. Note: Ryans had a family grocery, wine, spirits and provision shop at 22, 23 & 24 John Street, later taken over by O’Keeffe Bros. The premises were divided some years ago and now consist of Bretts Hardware Store and Brennan Licensed Vintner.
Shortall (1)	46	(In the chancel (south wall) are two inscribed monuments to the Shortalls, with raised Old English letters around the sides. The older of these is a floor slab with raised 8 pointed cross down the centre. The other is an altar tomb now sunk to ground level. Translations are taken from Carrigan Vol. III, p 363) Here lie Richard Shortall, Lord of Rahardmore, who died the --- of March 1584 and his wife Ellis Purcell who died December 23 rd 1562.
Shortall (2)	47	(Altar tomb sunk to ground level, see above) Here lie Patrick Shortall, son and heir of Richard late of Rahardmore, gentleman, who died May 24 th 1592 and Helen Den his wife who died March 12 th 1575. On whose souls God have mercy. Jesus Son of God have mercy on the souls of those whose bodies are interred in this tomb. Note: Major Grove White in his articles in “Memorials of the Dead” does not mention either of above.
Walton (1)	48	(Altar tomb between Keating and Quinn) Here lies the body of Patrick Walton, Higginstown who departed this life July 5 th 1800 in the 60 th year of his age with three of his children – Oliver, Nicholas and Edmond Walton.
Walton (2)	49	(Altar tomb in outer graveyard) I.H. S. <i>Gloria in Excelsis Deo</i> Here lies the body of Revd. Thomas Walton, late of Higginstown, Coadjutor in Gowran, who departed this life June 19 th 1807 aged 42 years. Also his brother, Revd. Michael Walton, P.P. of Durrow who died 16 th December 1834 aged 62 years. Also his nephew the Revd. John Walton, P.P. of Castletown who died 7 th February 1880 aged 60 years. <i>Requiescant in Pace.</i>

		Note: The latter, the Revd. John Walton is interred in Castletown Church.
Wheeler	50	(In chancel, once upright now fallen) In affectionate remembrance of Henry Septimus Wheeler, Esq. 7 th son of Capt. Wheeler of The Rocks in this County, who departed this life August 7 th 1863 aged 44 years. This tablet is erected to his memory by his sorrowing wife and children. Also in memory of John Blunt Wheeler eldest son of the above who departed this life April 18 th 1880 aged 25 years. (Verse follows)
Whelan	51	(Once upright according to Major G. White, now fallen) Erected by Daniel Whelan in memory of his father Martin Whelan who died 24 th October 1790 aged 40 years. Also his mother, Bridget Whelan who died 11 th February 1804 aged 48 years.

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