

Name of memorial: United Irishmen Memorial

Inventory No. 235

Place: Mountmellick, Co. Laois

Address and map reference: Main Street, Mountmellick. Map reference N 446 077.

Position: At side of street, within low railings.

Description and dimensions: Celtic cross on square plinth bearing inscriptions. Height appx. 300cms, base appx. 120cms. square.

Recorded by: Warren Lawless, 3 January, 2005.

Text:
(Front)

**ELEVEN
BRAVE UNITED IRISHMEN
WHOSE NAMES ARE HEREON INSCRIBED
WERE HANGED NEAR THIS SPOT
ON THE 11TH AND 13TH JUNE 1798
PATRICK DUNNE, WILLIAM HOLOHAN,
FRANCIS DUNNE, WILLIE BROCK, D^L. DUNNE,
JAMES DEEGAN, THOMAS DUNNE,
PATRICK MURPHY, JOHN GUILFOYLE,
DANIEL CONROY, AND GEORGE GILLIGAN,
TO THEIR MEMORY THIS CROSS WAS ERECTED
A CENTURY LATER BY THEIR SUCCESSORS
STILL STRUGGLING TO ATTAIN THE OBJECTS
FOR WHICH THEY DIED
AS A SMALL TRIBUTE TO THEIR
UNSWERVING DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY
AND THE UNSHRINKING BRAVERY
THEY EXHIBITED WHEN IN THE
POWER OF THEIR OPPRESSORS**

**RAILING ERECTED
DIV. 936 A.O.H. MOUNTMELICK JUNE 1913**

(Left side)

**THERE'S YET A WORLD WHERE SOULS
ARE FREE
WHERE TYRANTS TAINT NOT
NATURE'S BLISS
IF DEATH THAT WORLD'S BRIGHT
OPENING BE
OH WHO WOULD LIVE A SLAVE IN THIS**

(Right side)

“ἦ δὲ εὖ μοι βάρηα γαίης γάρη
ἠ-υάραλ ὄτρυνον
Σαθ γαλα ἀρ βαρῆ α ζαίλ
βυάααα ρζείμ
λε ρείλε λεάαα α ἠαῖορσίλ
υάαα ι ζαίε
ἦίλ ααζιῖοαη ὄοίβ ααίβ ἠα ρααη
ραοί ραμῆ”

***OH HAPPY IS THEIR DOOM THE NOBLE DEAD
THE SEAL IS SET ON THEIR MAJESTIC FAME
EARTH DRANK DEEP THE BLOOD THEY SHED
FATE HATH NO POWER TO DIM THEIR
STAINLESS NAME***