

Name of memorial: Kearns Memorial

Inventory No. 344

Place: St. Mary's Church of Ireland.

Address and map reference: St. Mary's Church, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny. Map reference: S 541 731.

Position: On the boundary wall of the graveyard.

Description and dimensions: Marble plaque. Height 81cms, width 62cms.

Recorded by: Michael Dolan, December, 2006.

Text:

1798

To Proudly honour

**Martin Kearns, Kiltealy, CO. Wexford,
killed at The Battle of Castlecomer, 24th June, 1798,
and buried in this churchyard.**

Remember also

**his brother Páidin Rua, United Irish Leader,
who was wounded in the same battle.**

**Both were brothers of Fr. Mogue Kearns
who was executed for his part in The '98 Rising
and is buried in Monasteroris Cemetery, Co. Offaly.**

**His First Cousins, Stephen and Roger Kearns,
Ballycrystal, Bunclody, Co. Wexford.
were killed near Ardee, Co. Louth
and lie in unmarked graves there.**

Also

**First Cousins, Brothers Michael and Mogue Kearns,
Mogue was wounded at an encounter in Skerries, Co. Dublin
and later came to live with Fr. Mogue Kearns' Parents in Kiltealy**

Also

Other cousins of Martin Kearns who took part in the Rising.

Ar Dheis dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

**ERECTED BY ANTHONY KEARNS (TENOR) DESCENDANT
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