

**Name of memorial:** Henn Memorial

**Inventory No. 392**

**Place:** St. Patrick's Cathedral.

**Address and map reference:** St. Patrick's Close, Dublin 8. Map reference: O 151 335.

**Position:** West wall of south transept..

**Description and dimensions:** White marble plaque. Above, helmet and sword.. Height appx. 130cms, width 86cms.

**Recorded by:** Michael Pegum, 24 March, 2007.

Text:

**"QUO FAS AT GLORIA DUCUNT"**

**Sacred to the Memory of**

**THOMAS RICE HENN,**

**LIEUTENANT OF THE ROYAL ENGINEERS, THIRD SON OF THOMAS RICE HENN,  
PARADISE HILL IN THE COUNTY OF CLARE, ESQ, (ONE OF HER MAJESTY'S  
COUNSEL AND RECORDER OF GALWAY) BY JANE ISABELLA, DAUGHTER  
OF THE RIGHT HONOURABLE FRANCIS BLACKBURNE,  
LORD CHANCELLOR OF IRELAND.**

**Having led into action a Detachment of the Bombay Sappers and  
Miners – the last of all the Troops to leave the line of battle,  
and of whom all, save eight, were either killed or  
wounded – he perished gloriously on the fatal field of  
MAIWAND  
IN AFGHANISTAN,  
July 27 1880,  
IN THE 31<sup>ST</sup> YEAR OF HIS AGE,**

**Crowning his noble conduct in that disastrous combat by a deed of heroism,  
than which (to quote the words of the Official Despatch) "History does not afford  
any grander or truer instance of gallantry and devotion to Queen and Country;"  
covering with a small, but indomitable band – eleven in number – the retreat  
of the entire British Brigade and holding in check the over-whelming  
Forces of the enemy, who did not dare to continue their advance,  
until he and his brave comrades had been every one shot down.**

**HIS BEREAVED PARENTS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS,  
HAVE ERECTED THIS TABLET,  
MOURNERS YET GRATEFUL.**

**"NO HERO EVER DIED MORE NOBLY THAN HE  
DID, - I ENVY THE MANNER OF HIS DEATH.-  
IF I HAD TEN SONS, I SHOULD BE INDEED  
PROUD IF ALL TEN FELL AS HE FELL."**

**WORDS WRITTEN UPON HIS DEATH BY  
LIEUT.-GEN. SIR GARNET J. WOLSELEY, G.C.B., &C.**

**"HE HATH DELIVERED MY SOUL IN PEACE FROM THE BATTLE  
THAT WAS AGAINST ME." PSALM LV. 18**