

Name of memorial: Sarsfield Cross

Inventory No. 499

Place: St. Fin Barre's Cathedral.

Address and map reference: Bishop Street, Cork City, Co. Cork. Map reference: W 669 714.

Position: Beside south-west pillar of the choir.

Description and dimensions: Wooden cross with metal plate bearing stamped inscription. Height 57cms, width 42cms. This is almost certainly the cross which marked the grave in Vailly British Cemetery. This cemetery was fought over four times after 1914, and the damage is probably from bullet or shell fragment.

Recorded by: Michael Pegum, 30th June, 2008.

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MAJOR W. S. SARSFIELD

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DIED SEPTEMBRE 20TH 1914

*Graves Registration Unit

Mentions in books:

The Bond of Sacrifice, vol 2.

A biographical record of British (Army) officers who fell in the Great War, August 1914 - June 1915 (two vols.) Photographs of most of those named, including Major Sarsfield.

Clutterbuck, L. A. with Dooner, W. T. and Denison, C. A.

Reprint available from [.naval-military-press.com](http://www.naval-military-press.com)

Our Heroes Dublin, Irish Life, 1916.

“Photographs with biographical notes of Officers of Irish Regiments and of Irish Officers of British Regiments who have fallen in action or who have been mentioned for good conduct, from August, 1914 to July, 1916.”

Also includes photos and biographical details of some other ranks (not officers) who died or were decorated.

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