

Name of memorial: Belgian Ledwidge Memorial

Inventory No. 732

Place: Francis Ledwidge Museum

Address and map reference: Janeville, Drogheda Road (N 51), 2 km east of Slane, Co. Meath.

Map reference: N 973 740 (Sheet 43).

Co-ordinates: N 53° 42' 25" W 6° 31' 39"

Access: Every day, 10 to 1 and 2 to 5 (less in winter). **Parking:** on the road. **Disabled access:** Yes

Position: On the wall at the front of the museum.

Description and dimensions: Brick column. Height: appx 120 cms. Width: appx. 90cms. It is an exact copy, in Belgian brick, of the memorial in Belgium.

Recorded by: Michael Pegum, 6 November, 2011.

Text:

On this spot was killed
the Irish poet and soldier

Op deze plek sneuvelde
de Ierse dichter-soldaat

FRANCIS LEDWIDGE

Slane 19 August 1887 Boesinghe 31 July, 1917

He shall not hear
the bittern cry
in the wild sky,
where he is lain

(Photograph of Francis Ledwidge)

Hij zal de roerdomp
niet horen reopen
in de wilde lucht,
waar hij ligt.

The original monument has been erected
on 31 July 1998 by the City of Ypres and
the In Flanders Fields Museum, Ypres,
at Boezinge, Belgium, on the exact spot where
Francis Ledwidge was killed and first buried.

It was unveiled by Mr. Joseph Ledwidge,
the poet's nephew, and
by Mr. Dermot Bolger, Irish poet.

On the base of the column is the full text of the poem 'Soliloquy' written by Francis Ledwidge in 1917, in English and Flemish.