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EXPLORE, PROTECT, PROMOTE

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A BIT OF HISTORY

The project started in 2010 from an idea of John Tierney developed by Maurizio Toscano. The structure of the grave form is based on the manual *Care and Conservation of Historic Graveyards Guidelines* and over the years we collected ideas and suggestions from several people who have collaborated with the project.

One of the objectives was to create a **bottom-up** online multimedia national resource, through community-led archaeological graveyard surveys



LOCAL COMMUNITIES

From the very beginning we focused on local communities,
very strong in Ireland

So far we worked with over 500 community groups

We rely on them for on-site recording, transcriptions,
training, solve privacy concerns and partially for funding



A photograph showing four men engaged in a task in a cemetery. One man in a white shirt and dark trousers is leaning over, holding a large, dark, rectangular object, possibly a gravestone or a piece of equipment. Another man in a brown sweater is looking at the object. A third man in a grey sweater and blue jeans is kneeling on the grass, looking towards the object. A fourth man in a light blue shirt is lying on his back on a dark mat on the grass, with his hands near the object. A pair of orange gloves lies on the mat. In the background, there is a large, weathered gravestone and dense green foliage.

THE RAMS IN ACTION

Newcastle, Co. Dublin

4 years - 13 graveyards - 1436 geo-referenced and
transcribed headstones



THE BALLYHOURA GRAVEYARD PROJECT

Limerick, Co. Limerick

4 years - 40 graveyards - 3712 geo-referenced and transcribed headstones

1 conference "[Beyond the Grave](#)" 25th-27th April 2014

KILKENNY MILITARY HERITAGE AND GRAVES PROJECT

Limerick, Co. Limerick

3 partners - 33 graveyards - 50 military headstones - 10
stories

J. A. SMITHWICK
ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT
9TH NOVEMBER 1915 AGE 34

HISTORIC GRAVEYARDS OF WEST CORK

Funded and promoted by West Cork Development Partnership and supported by Cork County Council

25 graveyards - 4883 geo-referenced and (mostly) transcribed headstones

METHODOLOGY

low-cost easy to learn accessible standardised

Three steps:

1. in the field
2. in the office
3. on the Web



IN THE FIELD

1. number each grave memorial with masking tape and a marker
2. one geotagged photo of each memorial
3. on-site transcription
4. a sketch plan
5. storytelling

One photo for each grave, no grave without a photo













IN THE OFFICE

1. data processing
2. quality checks
3. contact sheet





ON THE WEB

1. publish graveyard record
2. graves bulk upload
3. digital trascriptions
4. publish immediately, fix as you go

1 DAY FROM THE FIELD TO THE WEB!

Instant publication is highly engaging for our volunteer groups: they see immediate results for their work



[VIEW](#) [EDIT](#)

CO-BHDA-0048

Grave ID: *

CO-BHDA-0048

County:

Cork

► [Location](#)

Exact wording of epitaph:

B *I* U

McCARTHY

In Loving Memory Of

Eugene McCarthy

Annaghbeg, Ballinassig

Who Died 15th March 1955

Aged 60 Years

Path: p

Avoid "" at the beginning and at the end of the inscription text.

Hit **shift-return** for single line breaks and **return** for a new paragraph.

- Allowed HTML tags: <a>
 <div> <dl> <dt> <hr> <i> <p> <strike> <sub> <sup>

Allowed Style properties: padding-left, padding-right, text-align

SAVE AND EDIT



Rathcooney map, Co. Cork



Caherlag graveyard, Co. Cork



Caherlag map, Co. Cork



PROJECT PHILOSOPHY

We provide the system, the training and the digital infrastructure

Communities take responsibility for quality and completion

Much of the project is based on **community participation, teamwork and storytelling**

We are essentially the junior partners in all of the surveys



WE ARE BUILDING COMMUNITY DATASETS

We do not collect opinions, but data

Each community can download their own dataset



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Description:

REMOVE

+

Description:

Surname Cloud

REMOVE

If you have additional images of this graveyard (gates, watch houses, mass images.

— ▶ **Authoring information**

— ▶ **Publishing options**

SAVE PREVIEW VIEW CHANGES DELETE

Download transcribed inscriptions in Excel and XML format.

XLS XML

MULTIPLE WAYS OF FOUNDING

1. EU Rural Development Funds
2. Irish Heritage Council
3. County Councils
4. Rural development limited companies
5. Local communities

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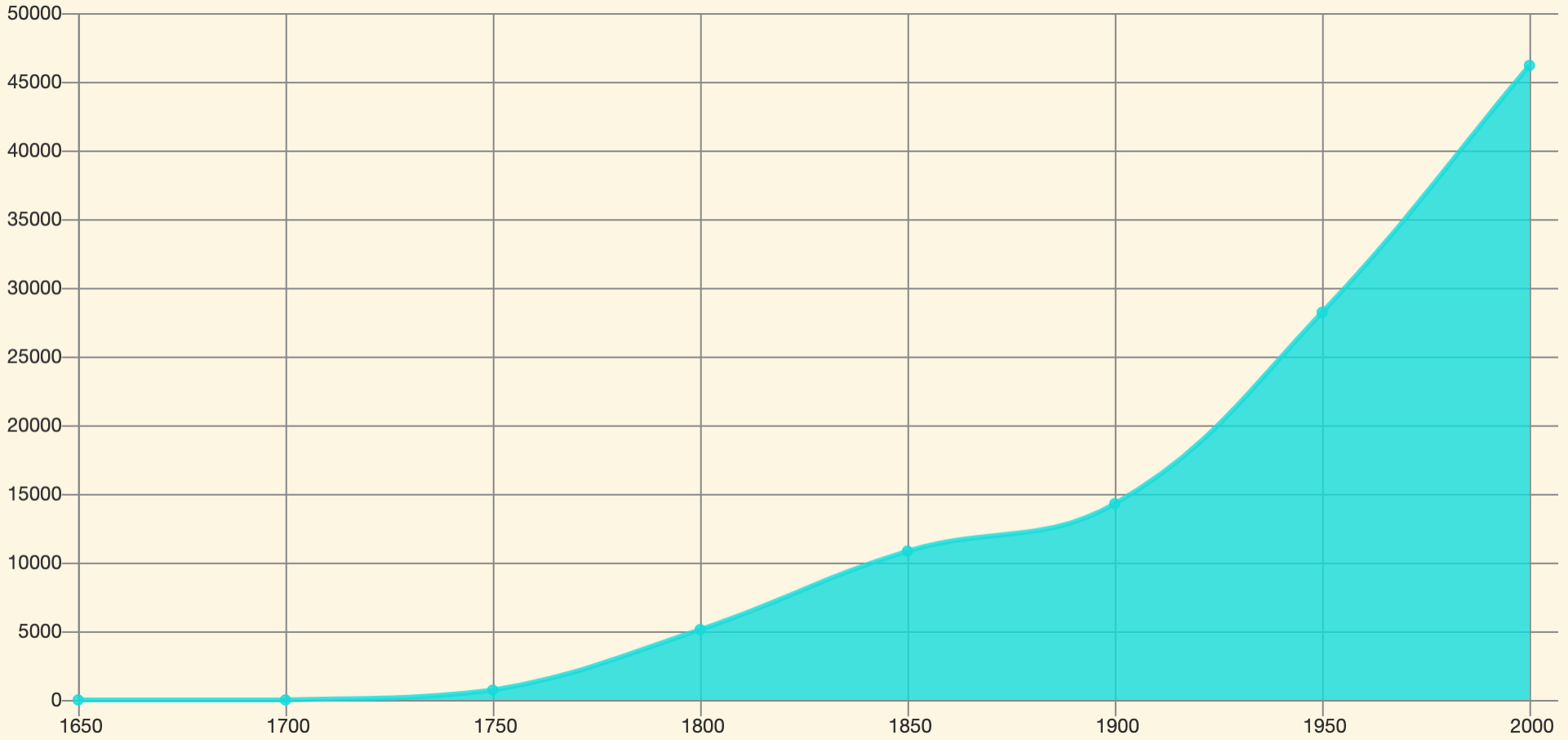


SOME NUMBERS

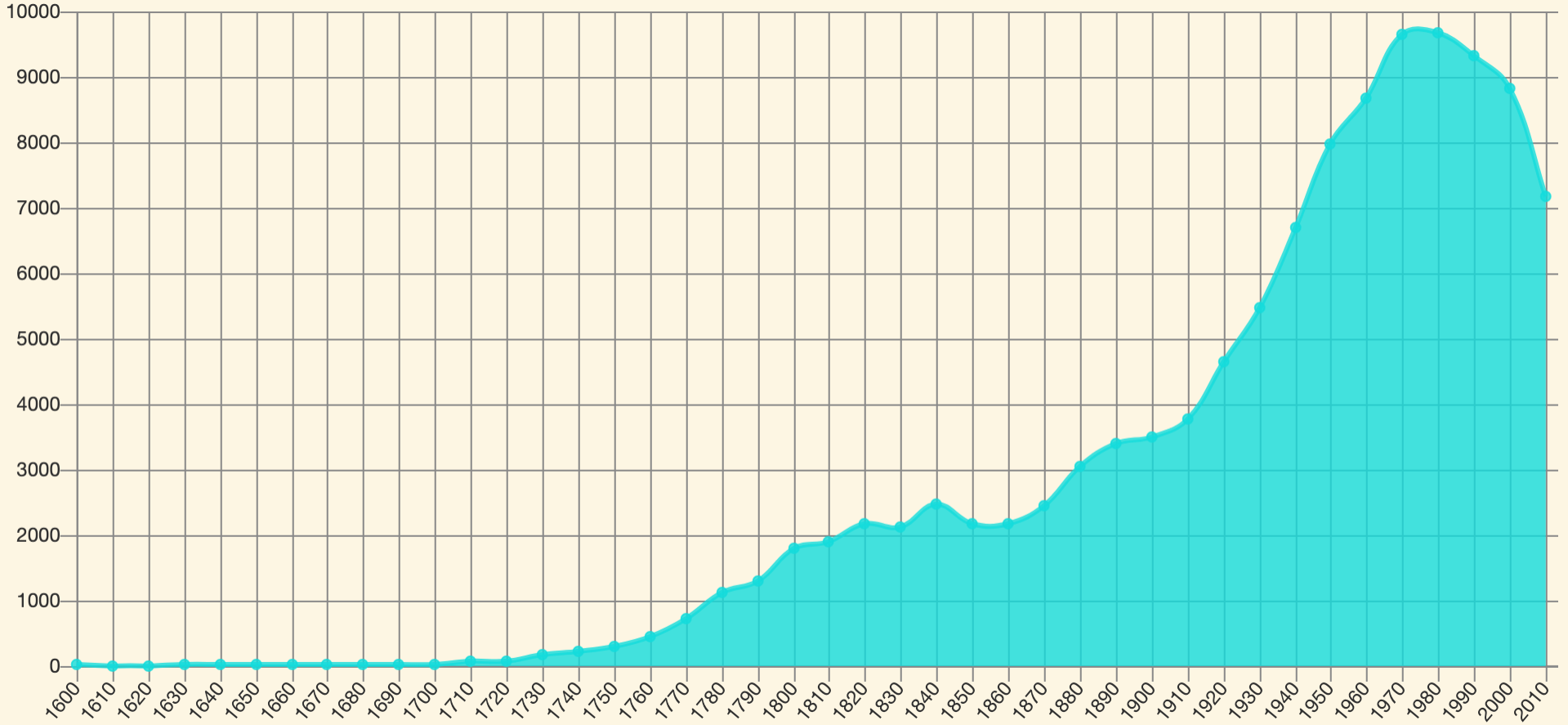
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Memorials	80361 recorded	49411 trascribed
Stories	260	180 audio/video
People	158793	
Users	~9000 registered	102 community editors
Users/month	~900	~75000 page views
Ireland 52%	USA 20%	UK 15% AUS 6%



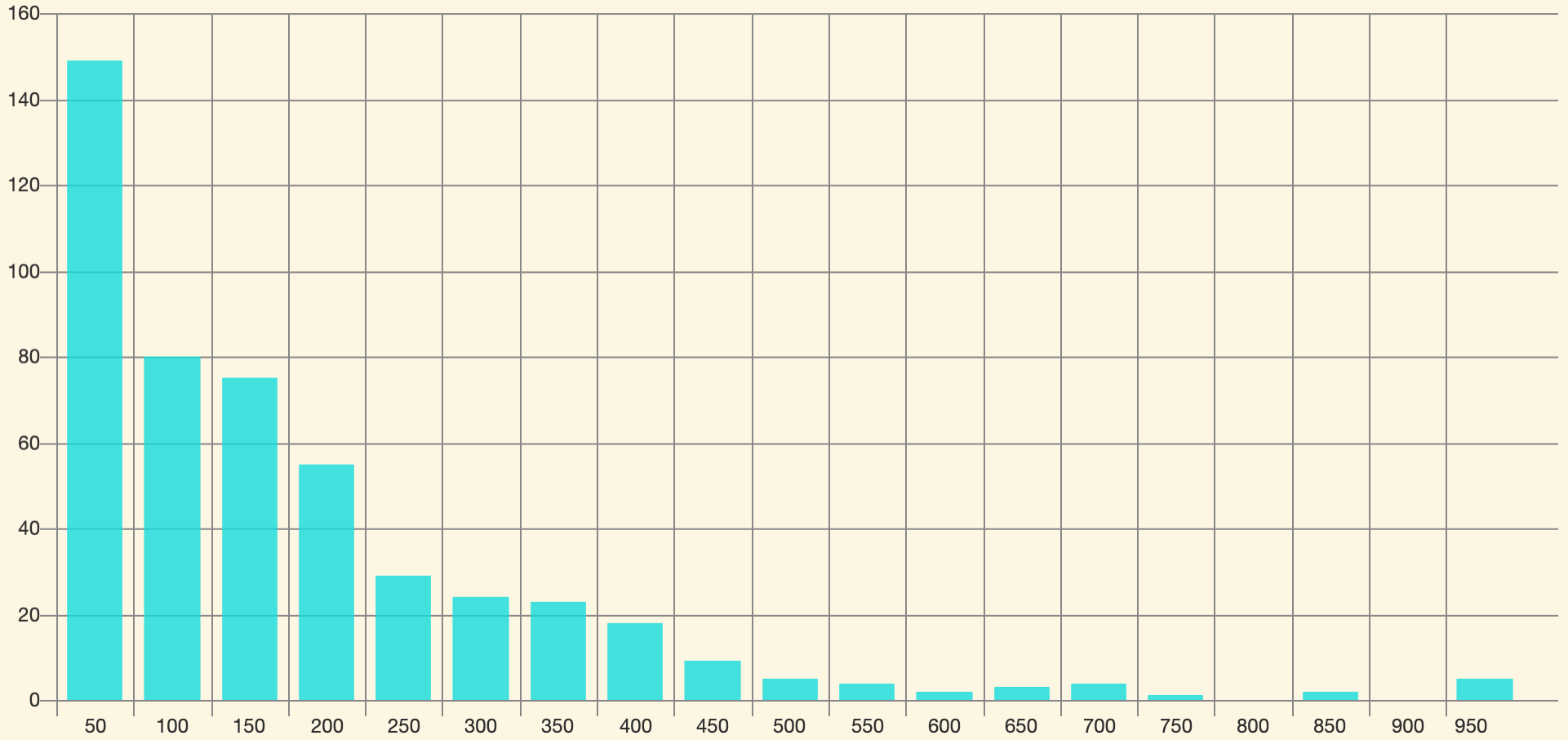
People by year of death



People by year of death



Graves per Graveyard



COUNT(Y)

Cork	25648 memorials
Limerick	21204
Tipperary	7882
Waterford	4266
Roscommon	3749
Kilkenny	2925
Galway	2100
Dublin	1866
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Graveyards distribution map



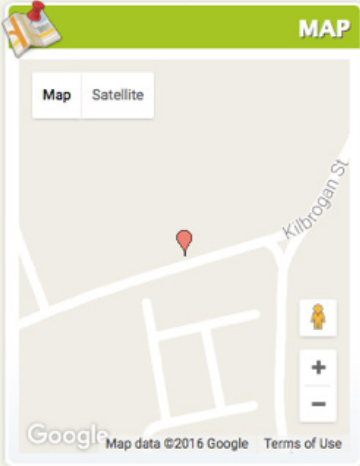
SHOWING TOP 50 OF 8314 RECORDED SURNAMES

ahern (768) **barry** (905) bourke (714) brien (637) browne (724) buckley (614) burke (555)
butler (547) byrne (833) **carroll** (918) casey (718) **collins** (1049) condon (482) **connell** (571)
connor (661) **cronin** (764) curtin (543) **daly** (957) dunne (512) **fitzgerald** (1589)
flynn (596) foley (575) **hayes** (1182) healy (605) hennessy (529) hickey (554) hogan (567)
kelly (1325) kennedy (818) leahy (530) lynch (839) maher (749)
mccarthy (1587) mcgrath (716) moloney (564) **murphy** (3034)
murray (472) **o'brien** (1546) o'callaghan (475) **o'connell** (868)
o'connor (1462) o'keeffe (651) **o'sullivan** (1388) power (769) riordan (462)
roche (627) **ryan** (3413) sheehan (736) sullivan (862) **walsh** (1882)



THE OLDEST 'MODERN' HEADSTONE IN THE SYSTEM

MAP




Map Satellite

Kilbrogan St

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GRAVEYARD

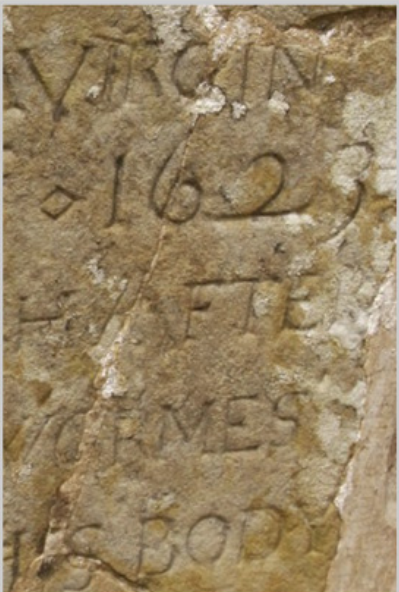

Kilbrogan
Kilbrogan
Bandon, Cork
Ireland



CO-KLBG-0105

By John Desmond | Thursday, July 18, 2013

Location
51° 45' 20.9484" N, 8° 44' 11.0508" W
Graveyard: Kilbrogan



Exact wording of epitaph:

HERE LIETH THE BODY
OF ANN DYKE, ALIAS
HERRISON , A VIRGIN
ANNO DOM. 1623

The largest graveyard so far, Glendalough (Co. Wicklow)



SOPHISTICATED HEADSTONES



Dennis Cullen stone cutter from Glendalough



M. Joyce stone cutter from Killeagh

GAELIC INSCRIPTIONS



I NDIL- CUIMNE
AR
DOMNALL O SULLEABAIN O.S.
CUL NA GCORRAN
AN SCIOBAIRIN
DEAG MEITEAM 19 AD 1935
AGUS AR
NEANSAI A BEAN-CEILE
D'EAG 26 AD MEAN FOMAIR 1962
GO N'DEINID DIA TROCAIRE ORTA

<https://historicgraves.com/abbeystowry/co-absy-0201/grave>





I gCuinne Ar
Muintir Ullaig
On gCeim Mor
R I P

<https://historicgraves.com/kilmacabea/co-klba-0004/grave>



LATIN INSCRIPTIONS



RENO NOAH WEBB S T B
DECANUS LEIGHLINN NECNON VICARIS
DUNSHAUGHLIN HIC UNA CUH NUMERO
SA PROLE TUMULATUS JADET
OBIII 7MO AUG ANNO DOMI 1696
AETAT SUAE 58.

<https://historicgraves.com/dunshaughlin-coi/mh-dnsh2-cx-01/grave>





IN MEMORIAM

EDWARDI STENSON

ALUMNI COLLEGII OMNIUM
SANCTORUM

QUI EX HAC VITA MIGRAVIT

DIE 31 MARTII 1943

AETATIS SUAE ANNO 24

REQUIEM AETERNAM DONA

DOMINE

IN MEMORIAM
EDWARDI STENSON
ALUMNI COLEGII OMNIUM
SANCTORUM
QUI EX HAC VITA MIGRAVIT
DIE 3A MARTII 1943
AETATIS SVAE ANNO 24
REQUEIM AETERNAM DONA
EI DOMINE

<https://historicgraves.com/all-hallows-college/du-ahco-0010/grave>

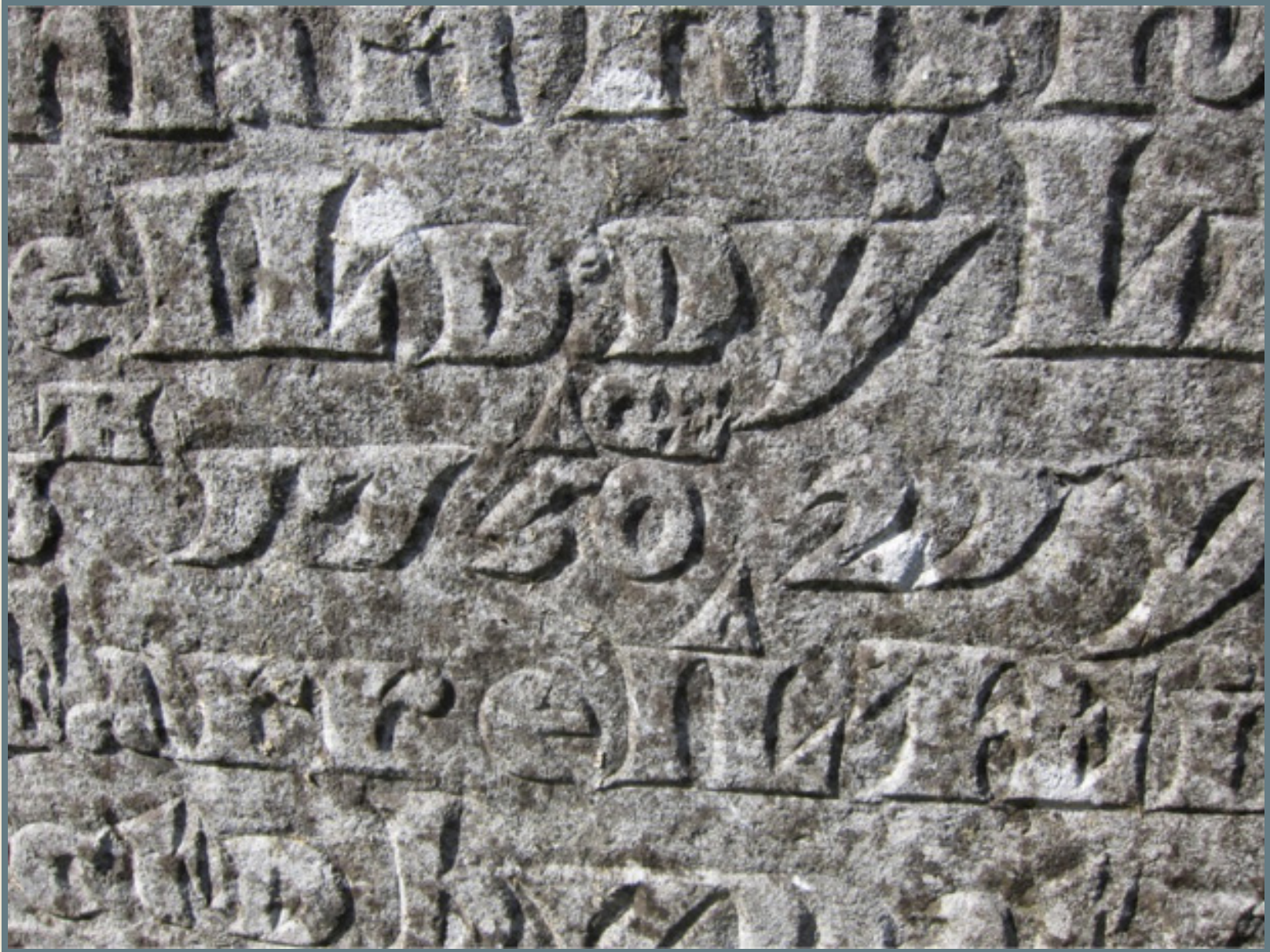


GRAVESTONE LETTERING





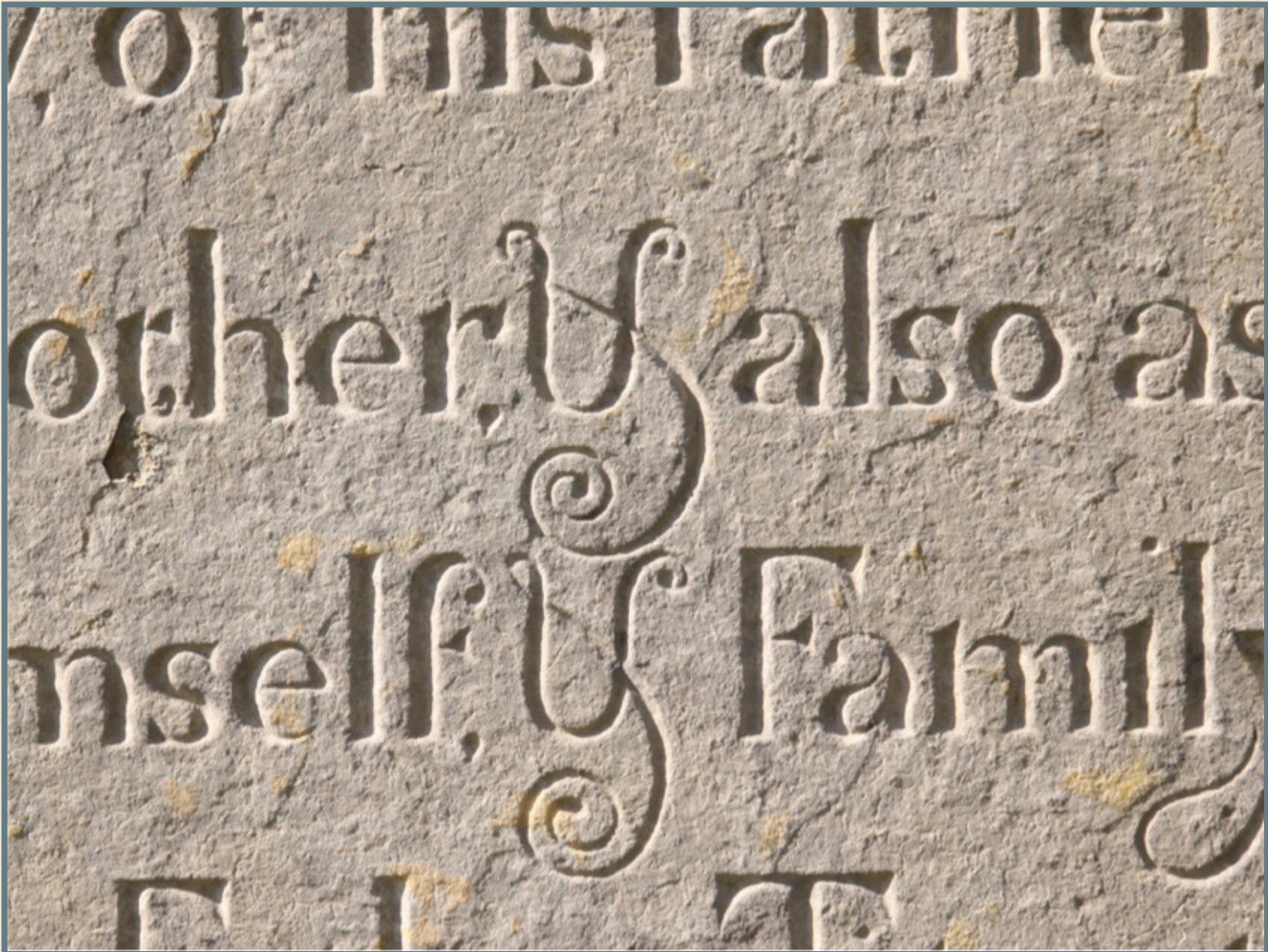








Erect^d by John Daly in Mem
ory of his Father Mother and
Brother & also as a token for
himself & Family here after
his Father Timothy Daly aged
56 Y^{rs} died Aug^r the 3rd 1814
his Mother Marg^r Daly aged
40 Y^{rs} died May the 7th 1809
his Brother Cor^l Daly aged
25 Y^{rs} died July the 27th 1811
May their Souls Rest in peace amen





USERS FEEDBACK

archaeologists making people happy

Stephen Due, Geelong - Australia:

*“Congratulations on your brilliant website of Historic Graves! By what seems a miracle the site has enabled me to **locate the grave of Jonathan Clerke MD (c1804-1869).**”*



Brendan O'Reilly, Wales:

*“CONGRATULATIONS on an absolutely amazing project. I have been searching family history from Wales and ... I discovered this website and both of us were absolutely amazed. **Being able to read the headstones is phenomenal.** Your work here is hugely important. Huge congratulations. Super.”*



Michael Coleman, U.S.A.:

“I just wanted to say thank you to those of your group who catalogued the graveyards in Inch, Co.Cork. Without their work I would never have found the last resting place of the uncle that I was named after ... I subsequently visited it and was astonished to meet a man tending his own family grave (the Deanes) who knew all of my father's family and informed me that his father owned the original house where my father was born. Thank you so much for making this happen!”



Margaret Jackson, Orange NSW - Australia:

“Just wanted to send a huge thank you to Colum Hardy and all the wonderful transcribers! Thanks to you, I've just found the 1809 grave of my 3x g/grandparents Martin and Sarah Heaghney nee Kelly. I never knew they were in this area...”



Debbie Lawrence, Sydney - Australia:

*“Thank you. Please pass on my thanks onto Níall Garahy who transcribed the headstone for my 3xgreat grandfather Samuel Lawrence at Ballybough (12 Feb 1855 Dublin). **Never in my dreams did I expect to find a photo and transcription of this headstone.** In fact, I thought I had read that these headstones did not exist. What a wonderful project and thankfully, with technology, we can now share and research anywhere, anytime. I do appreciate the hours of work that your transcribers have undertaken. Congratulations on a job well done.”*



THE WEB PLATFORM

Developed on **OpenSource** or **free** technology





star  plugins



Drupal™

MY TOOLKIT

Drupal, MySQL, Apache, Google Maps, Cloud Zoom JQuery ...



MY OTHER COMMUNITY DRIVEN PROJECTS

EXILIAD@S REPUBLICANOS

The screenshot shows the website 'e-xiliad@s' with a navigation menu including 'home', 'project', 'biographies', 'witnesses', 'travelogues', 'contact-us', and 'form'. A sidebar on the left contains links for '1939, the republican exodus', 'Them: exiles women's profiles', 'Portrait of the exile: images gallery', 'Map', 'NEW Project activities', 'Exile bibliography and webgraphy', 'Exile filmography', 'Links', 'Bulletin board', 'Identitary zone: Forum', and 'Reports'. The main content area features a 'BIOGRAPHIES' section with a grid of portraits and a table of records.

BIOGRAPHIES


The records listed in this section are those collected through the [Form](#). Only the records with a policy of public data sharing has been published. They represent a synthetic frame of the individual stories of exile, structured in a schematic way to stimulate a synoptic reading.

The records are presented in the original language used by its author, ie French, English or Spanish.

First Surname	Second Surname	Name	Town of birth	Town of Destination	Year of exile
Artia		Bienabé	Irún		
Agut	Armer	Enriqueta	Castellón de la Plana	Veracruz	1939
Aranoa		Juan	Bilbao	Buenos Aires	
Arteta	Errasti	Aurelio	Bilbao		
Azarloza	Urquiza	Bingen	Amorebieta	Burdeos	1937
Aldecoa		Emilio			



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Catalogue

Search artwork

Initial date

Use just the year (i.e. 1500)

Final date

Location

- [México \(746\)](#)
- [Colombia \(661\)](#)
- [Cuba \(232\)](#)
- [Argentina \(188\)](#)
- [Perú \(165\)](#)
- [Ecuador \(127\)](#)
- [Puerto Rico \(125\)](#)
- [Bolivia \(41\)](#)
- [Guatemala \(34\)](#)
- [República Dominicana \(29\)](#)
- [Chile \(25\)](#)
- [Venezuela \(18\)](#)

Amarantina

Author: Romero de Torres, Julio


Date: 1925

Typology: [Pinturas de caballete](#)

Style: [Arte contemporáneo](#)

Location: Colección Zurbarán
Galería
Buenos Aires Buenos Aires
Argentina

Elaboración: P07-HUM-03089



Gitana del Sacromonte

Author: Matthis, Léonie


Date: 1910

Typology: [Pinturas de caballete](#)

Style: [Costumbrismo](#)

Location: Colección Zurbarán
Galería
Buenos Aires Buenos Aires
Argentina

Elaboración: P07-HUM-03089



San Francisco de Asís


Author: Zurbarán, Francisco de

Date: 1632

Typology: [Pinturas de caballete](#)

Style: [Barroco](#)

Location: Colección de D. Alejandro




La Fundación de Buenos Aires (1910-1924)

Author: Moreno Carbonero, José

Date: 1858 to 1942


Typology: [Pinturas de caballete](#)

Style: [Arte contemporáneo](#)






SISTEMAS HISTÓRICOS DE REGADÍO EN GRANADA Y ALMERÍA

 Regadío histórico [Home](#) [Visor cartográfico](#) [Participa](#)

Crear Ficha de riego

 Si ya has registrado alguna ficha **entra con tu cuenta** antes de empezar a rellenar.


Nombre de la comunidad de Regantes *

Provincia * Nombre de la acequia principal

- Seleccione un valor -

Municipio * Número de regantes

[LOCALIZA EL MUNICIPIO PARA EMPEZAR A DIBUJAR](#)



Utiliza los iconos para seleccionar qué tipo de objeto quieres dibujar: punto, línea o polígono. Arrastra el ratón para desplazarte y acércate con la barra de zoom.

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