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THE DUKE OF DORSET MEMORIAL

Tucked away now in the grounds of the Marianist Fathers House situated next to the Roman Catholic Church in Ballybrack in Dunlaoghaire Rathdown is this unusual pyramid with the inscription:

“This pile has been made to mark the fatal spot where at the age of 21, George John Fredrick the fourth Duke of Dorset accidentally lost his life ? Feb 1813.

The inscription tells the story, and reveals how all this suburban area was once a beautiful open hillside to ride over.

This young man was in the line to the throne of England so his sudden death at this spot in a riding accident must have been a a great blow.

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