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ALMSHOUSE, DUBLIN ROAD

The Almshouse on the Dublin road or, as the local name has it, “The Widow’s Home”, is the successor of an Almshouse dating from 1590. This original Almshouse had the name Lattin Almshouse as it was founded by William Lattin and his wife, Anne Luttrell. It was founded to house poor women of the town and was originally sited at the junction of North Main Street and Poplar Square. The Lattin family had a huge house at Morrinstown which was half way between Naas and Newbridge. The original Almshouse was rebuilt many times and in 1798 was knocked so that some artillery could be better positioned. Still in use at the Dublin Road, the house has recently been re-roofed. There is an insert in the walls of the house bearing information about the foundation of the original house.