

HIDDEN GEMS AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

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OLD JAIL WALL – HARBOUR AREA

The biggest and most interesting building to have come and gone from Naas in the recent past was the massive jail near the harbour. All that now remains as testimony to its former glory is part of the old boundary wall.

The jail was built in 1833 and had one hundred cells on three storeys above a basement. There are records of hangings there in 1835 and the last prisoners to be held there was around 1890. It was finally demolished in the mid 60's to make way for what is now St. Martin's Avenue.

Interestingly enough during the demolition work some of the stone was used to build the mortuary chapel at Our Lady and St .David's Church.