

## HIDDEN GEMS AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE



### Navan Town Stocks.

Located beside the front door of Navan Town Hall at Watergate Street, Navan are the relocated Navan Town Stocks with accompanying Wall Plaque which states “Navan Town Stocks formerly located at Old Courthouse, Ludlow Street, Navan.”

The Old Courthouse, where the 1798 Insurgents were tried, was located either on or, or on the site of, the Medieval Tholsel. The town of Navan was granted Six Royal Charters beginning with one from Edward IV in 1469 and ending with the one granted by James II in 1689 (which was revoked after the Battle of the Boyne).

The foot stocks, of cast iron, accommodate twin offenders. The sentence of “the stocks” was a form of very visible public humiliation, exposing the offender, not just to public insult, but to being pelted with all manner of undesirable material. Being in the foot stocks also exposed an offender to having the bare soles of his feet tickled by children or, more seriously, being slapped with sticks.

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