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OLD DROGHEDA SOCIETY



BUTTER GATE

Of the ten Medieval Town Gates that once protected the town of Drogheda, accompanied by an enclosing town wall, alas today there is but one Gate remaining, that of St. Lawrence Gate and one of the finest Barbican Town Gates in Western Europe.

However, there is also the remains of another Gate, located on the south side of the Boyne River, facing the old John Street and 100 metres east of the Drogheda Bus Terminal; this town gate was known as Butter Gate. It is believed that a toll had to be paid on the produce of butter entering the town through this gate; however, the name may also be a corruption of Bothàr Gate, from the Irish, meaning the Road gate, as there was a lane way at the rear of the gate known as the Dirty Bothar or batter.