

HIDDEN GEMS AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

OLD DROGHEDA SOCIETY



BULLY'S ACRE FAMINE CEMETERY

The Drogheda Union Workhouse was erected in 1841 for the relief of the distressed and destitute of Drogheda, south Louth and the east Meath electoral districts. Hundreds of people died within the walls of the Union Workhouse: not only residents of the Drogheda area, but also many people from the midlands and the west of the country who had travelled to Drogheda from 1846 to 1849 in the vain hope of either finding some work in this, new, industrious town, or to catch a boat to Liverpool and, or, to America.

Bully's acre is the name of the cemetery that formed part of the Union Workhouse, yet it is seldom visited by anyone, with most people being totally unaware of its existence. It is located opposite Calvary Cemetery (St. Mary's), off the Dublin Road.