Inventory No. 1027

Name of memorial: Clerke Memorial

Place: West Cork Heritage Centre

Address and map reference: North Main Street, Bandon, Co. Cork

Map reference: W 486 533 (Sheet 86). Co-ordinates: N 51.7468°; W 8.7368°.

Access: May to September: office hours and Saturday afternoons. Parking: adjacent streets.

Disabled access: unknown.

Position: on an inner wall.

Description and dimensions: marble plaque, with a relief carving of a helmet and sword

with scabbard above, and a relief carving of a gun below.

Height: appx. 100 cms. Width: appx. 50 cms.

Recorded by: Edward Bourke, 29 June 2017.

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HAS BEEN RAISED BY HIS AFFLICTED PARENTS TO RECORD THE DEATH OF A MUCH LOVED SON AUGUSTUS JONATHAN CLERKE

CAPTAIN ROYAL ENGINEERS
TALENTED AMIABLE AND TRULY RELIGIOUS AND A
GALLANT AND SCIENTIFIC OFFICER HE WHILST STILL
SUFFERING FROM SEVERE WOUNDS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED
WAS KILLED WHEN IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS
DUTY AT LUCKNOW IN THE EAST INDIES ON THE
17TH OF MARCH 1858

THE LAST DAY OF THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION AGAINST THAT REVOLTED CITY WHERE HIS REMAINS NOW REST.

HE WAS THE ELDEST SON OF
MAJOR GENERAL ST. JOHN A. CLERKE, K.H.
COLONEL OF THE 75TH REGIMENT
AND FELL IN THE 29TH YEAR OF HIS AGE

"He had greatly distinguished himself and by"
"his melancholy death the Service has sustained a"
"heavy loss which I sincerely deplore".
(Extract from Sir James Outram's
dispatch March 1858).

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QUO FAS AT GLORIA DUCUNT