

Name of memorial: Heeney and Ring Memorial

Inventory No. 1162

Place: Railway Street, Dublin 1

Address and map reference: Railway Street: corner of Lr. Gardiner Street, Dublin 1.

Map reference: O 162 350 (Sheet 50).

Co-ordinates: N 53.3524°; W 6.2555°.

Access: at all times. **Parking:** adjacent street. **Disabled access:** yes.

Position: on the wall of the flats.

Description and dimensions:

Height: appx. 60cms. Width: appx. 43cms.

Recorded by: Brian Smith, 7 March, 2019.

Text:

(Irish flag)

IN MEMORY OF AN IRISH PATRIOT

Patrick Heeney

1881- 1911

In 1907 the music of the Irish National Anthem, Amhrán na bhFiann (The Soldier's Song), was composed by Patrick Heeney at his home here at 101 Mecklenburgh Street (renamed Railway Street). His fellow Irish patriot, Peadar Kearney, wrote the song's lyrics, also in 1907 and assisted Heeney with the music.

Patrick Heeney never lived to see his music become famous; he died in abject poverty in 1911 aged 29.

He lies buried in an unknown grave in a Drumcondra Cemetery in Dublin.

The song became the battle hymn for the men and women of the 1916 Easter Rising and was later sung in various British internment camps and prisons.

In 1923, the Irish language translation of the song was made by Liam Ó Rinn, chief translator to the Oireachtas, who, along with his four brothers: Christopher, Joseph, Leo, and Patrick Ring, all fought in the GPO during the 1916 Easter Rising, as members of the Irish Volunteers.
"Beidh cuimhne againn go deo ar ár dtírghráthóiri"

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