

Name of memorial: Dobbs Memorial

Inventory No. 1207

Place: Lisburn (Christ Church) Cathedral

Address and map reference: Lisburn (Christ Church) Cathedral,
24A Castle Street,
Lisburn, Co. Antrim.

Map reference: J 268 643 (Sheet 20).
Co-ordinates: N 54.5111°; W 6.0431°.

Access: check locally. **Parking:** adjacent streets. **Disabled access:** yes.

Position: North nave.

Description and dimensions: white marble plaque on black marble.
Height: appx. 200cms. Width: appx. 200cms.

Recorded by: Edward Bourke. 2 August, 2019.

Text:

(An angel blowing a trumpet and a medallion showing a mourning figure (?) above a catafalque with a relief view of two ships in battle)

**This Marble is sacred to the Memory
Of Lieutenant William Dobbs,
A Naval Officer,
Who terminated his Career of Virtue,
By an illustrious Display of Valour,
On board one of his Majesty's Sloops of War;
Where endeavouring to snatch Victory from Fortune,
In Opposition to superior Force,
He fell, a self-devoted Victim to his Country.
His Body rests in that Element,
On which Great Britain has long rode triumphant,
By the Exertions of Men like Him.
His afflicted Townsmen,
by strewing Laurels over his empty Monument,
Derive Honour to themselves,
They can add nothing to his Fame.**

**He was born at Lisburn, on the 22nd day of September, 1746, and died
of his Wounds on board the Drake, 26th of
April, 1778.**