

Name of memorial: Fenian Memorial

Inventory No. 411

Place: Ballyhurst (Ballyhusty)

Address and map reference: Ballyhurst (a.k.a. Ballyhusty), Co. Tipperary (on north side of N74 Tipperary to Cashel road, approx. 3km from Tipperary town. Map reference: R 925 367.

Position: Free-standing at side of road.

Description and dimensions: Black marble plaque set in a stone wall. Height of plaque 90cms, width 90cms.

Recorded by: Michael Dolan, May, 2007.

Text:

THE FENIAN MEN OF WEST TIPPERARY ASSEMBLED HERE AT BALLYHURST
ON MARCH 5TH 1867 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL RISING
AGAINST BRITISH RULE IN IRELAND. THOUGH POORLY EQUIPPED FOR WAR
THEY WERE PREPARED TO CHALLENGE THE MIGHT OF THE THEN BRITISH EMPIRE
AND STRIKE WHAT THEY HOPED WOULD BE THE FINAL AND SUCCESSFUL
BLOW FOR IRISH FREEDOM. WHILE DISPERSING AFTER LEARNING OF THE
FAILURE OF THE RISING IN DUBLIN TO TAKE PLACE, THEY WERE SURPRISED
BY BRITISH FORCES. IN A BRIEF SKIRMISH THE FENIAN LEADER RUSSELL WAS KILLED
AND GENERAL BURKE FENIAN LEADER CAPTURED.

THE PURE PATRIOTISM AND UNSELFISH MOTIVES OF THE BOLD FENIAN MEN
HAVE REMAINED A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT, PARTICULARLY
IN TIMES OF NATIONAL DIFFICULTY TO SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS AND WILL
CONTINUE TO MOTIVATE FUTURE GENERATIONS TO PRESERVE THE FREEDOM
SINCE WON AND ACHIEVE THE REUNIFICATION OF THIS ANCIENT ISLAND NATION.

WE MAY HAVE GREAT MEN BUT WE WILL NEVER HAVE BETTER

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