



View of Ragoon looking East



View of Ragoon looking southwest.

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As part of Galway City Council's policy of making information on heritage freely available, a summary brochure like this one, with a map of each of Galway City's 28 areas is being prepared. These are being printed along with a clear, easy to use map as a guide for those who visit our graveyards. The Monuments on the maps are numbered and are linked to the historicgraves.com and Galway City Council (www.galwaycity.ie) websites. This allows anyone anywhere to freely research their ancestry and kinship with those buried in Galway. Copies of the following 18 leaflets; Ballybrit, Bohermore, Bushypark, Castlegar, Castlawn/Terryland, Convent of Mercy Forster St. and Francis St., Franciscan Friary, Forthill, Menlo, Old Ragoon, Poor Clare Monastery, Roscam, St. Columba's, St. Mary's Dominican, St. Patrick's, Salthill Upper and United Methodist-Presbyterian Churches are available from the Heritage Office, City Hall, College Road, Galway (Tel: 091 536547/536516) and from city library branches free of charge.

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Mount Saint Joseph Cemetery is located in the townland of Ragoon and St Nicholas' Parish in Galway city and was opened in the late 19th century by St. Joseph Parish Church, Ragoon. It was transferred to the care of Galway County Council in the mid 1940's. The oldest part of the cemetery is divided into five sections which were subdivided into 18 areas (named A-R) and separated by the main arterial pathways and gravel paths. It is rectangular in plan and is bordered by a stone wall on all sides. The original entrance, via a pair of pedestrian iron gates from Ragoon Road, is in the south-western corner beside the cemetery lodge. The lodge is a single storey three bay house and is now used as by the general service team that look after Ragoon cemetery. The modern vehicular entrance is located at the southeastern end of the site and is accessed from Ragoon Road. The cemetery has been substantially extended to the north in recent years.

The most notable trees in Ragoon are the line of yew trees that flank the footpath that divides the first and second sections in the southern part of the cemetery. The majority of the cemetery is covered with twentieth century headstones and crosses of different types, materials and styles.

The Galway City Cemetery Register of Internment for Ragoon dates from the mid 1940's when Galway City Council assumed responsibility from Ragoon parish for the cemetery. There is also a register dating from the 1880's which is organised by grave number. Both of these registers are available for consultation at Ragoon but the researcher must know the name and date of death. The cemetery is very well cared for and maintained by Galway City Council.

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Some Examples | Cuid de na Leachtaí

E1 **CHEST TOMB** **Michael Bodkin - 1900**

This large chest tomb was erected by Patrick and Winifred Bodkin, Prospect Hill, in memory of their son Michael, who died of tuberculosis in 1900, aged 20 years. He was an admirer of Nora Barnacle before she moved to Dublin and met James Joyce.


Reference: GA-RAHO-0339 Row 25
GPS: 53° 16' 31.91" N, 9° 5' 23.05" W



E2 **MEMORIAL** **Christian Brothers**

The Christian Brothers are commemorated in a plot adjoining the northwestern wall of the cemetery. A total of 17 small tablets and a centrally placed celtic cross are located within the plot.


Reference GA-RAHO-0395 Row 25
GPS: 53° 16' 35.184" N, 9° 5' 20.238" W



E3 **CROSS** **Patrick J O'Flaherty - 1933**

Patrick O'Flaherty, his wife Margaret (nee O'Donnell) and daughter Kathleen are commemorated with a very unusual cross. The face and hands of the crucified Christ are carved in high relief while the shaft of cross represent the lower part of the figure.


Reference: GA-RAHO-0415 Row 26
GPS: 53° 16' 31.98" N, 9° 5' 22.51" W



E4 **CROSS** **Siobán Nic Cionnait - 1986**

Siobhán McKenna and her parents are interred in Ragoon. She was a well-known Abbey actress who made her debut as a member of the amateur Gaelic theatre group in Galway. She played on the London and Broadway stage but also acted in films.

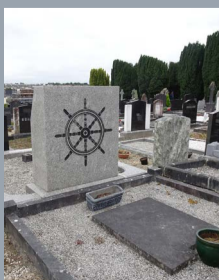
Reference: GA-RAHO-0553 Row 31
GPS: 53° 16' 31.45" N, 9° 5' 21.86" E



E5 **HEADSTONE** **Capt. C Raftery - 1996**

The rear facade of a Master Mariner's headstone, Captain C. Raftery, is decorated with a ships wheel. This is a modern representation of an occupational symbol.


Reference: GA-RAHO-0618 Row 33
GPS: 53° 21' 56.21" N, 9° 35' 57.68" W



E6 **CROSS** **Sarah Folan - 1917**

A large plot, with an unusual celtic cross, commemorates members of the Folan family. One side of the arched plinth details Sarah Folan, Professor of Music, Irish, English and French languages, daughter of John O'Connor, merchant Galway.


Reference: GA-RAHO-1205 Row 56
GPS: 53° 16' 34.05" N, 9° 5' 20.44" W



E7 **HEADSTONE** **Eileen Moloney - 1898**

This headstone was erected by John Moloney, San Francisco to commemorate his mother Eileen. One of the metal row number has been placed into front of the headstone. Many of these survive in the cemetery though they are now replaced.


Reference GA-RAHO-1231 Row 58
GPS: 53° 16' 32.80" N, 9° 5' 20.78" W



E8 **HEADSTONE** **William Barry - 1929**

William Barry and his wife Ellen from Eyre Street are commemorated on a headstone which attests to the maritime history of Galway. William was a shipwright.


Reference: GA-RAHO-1260 Row 59
GPS: 53° 16' 32.95" N, 9° 5' 20.78" W



E9 **HEADSTONE** **T & E Kelly - 1969 & 1986**

Thomas and Eileen Kelly of Ragoon House are commemorated on a large limestone flag. The derelict remains of Ragoon House are located on the southern side of Ragoon road in the Ros Geal housing estate and the entrance gate and piers are still in situ.


Reference: GA-RAHO-1298 Row 60
GPS: 53° 16' 33.15" N, 9° 5' 20.54" W



E10 **HEADSTONE** **Christy O'Connor Jnr - 2016**

Christy O'Connor Jnr is commemorated in a family plot as a professional golfer, acclaimed golf course architect, philanthropist, loving husband and father, adored papa and loving friend to all.

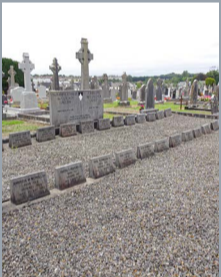
Reference: GA-RAHO-1620 Row 76
GPS: 53° 16' 31.83" N, 9° 5' 18.42" W



E11 **MEMORIAL** **Dominicans The Claddagh**

A total of 31 tablets and a centrally placed headstone commemorates the Dominicans from St Mary's church. The Dominican Friary at Claddagh was built in the late 15th century on the site of the 13th century church of St. Mary's on the hill.


Reference: GA-RAHO-2239 Row 88
GPS: 53° 16' 34.67" N, 9° 5' 19.84" W



E12 **HEADSTONE** **Patrick McGrath - 1895**

This fallen headstone commemorates Patrick McGrath, and his wife Bridget, who started a dairy farm on Circular Road in 1840. Great grandparents to us all.


Reference GA-RAHO-2289 Row 93
GPS: 53° 16' 34.60" N, 9° 5' 19.64" W



E13 **CROSS** **Salthill School**

A large plot with a central cross is a very poignant memorial to the deceased boys of Salthill School. A total of 44 names and date of death are carved on the plinth of the cross. The earliest date to 1904.

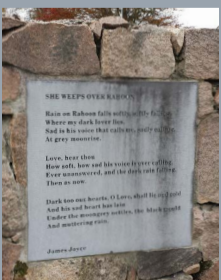
Reference: GA-RAHO-2404 Row 106
GPS: 53° 16' 33.91" N, 9° 5' 17.55" W



E14 **FEATURE** **James Joyce Ragoon poem**

A copy of James Joyce's poem She weeps over Ragoon is set in the boundary wall of the cemetery facing onto Ragoon Road. "Rain on Ragoon falls softly softly falling, Where my dark lover lies, Sad is his voice that calls me sadly calling...."


Reference: GA-RAHO
GPS: 53° 16' 28.51" N, 9° 5' 20.19" W



E15 **FEATURE** **Old Ragoon Graveyard**

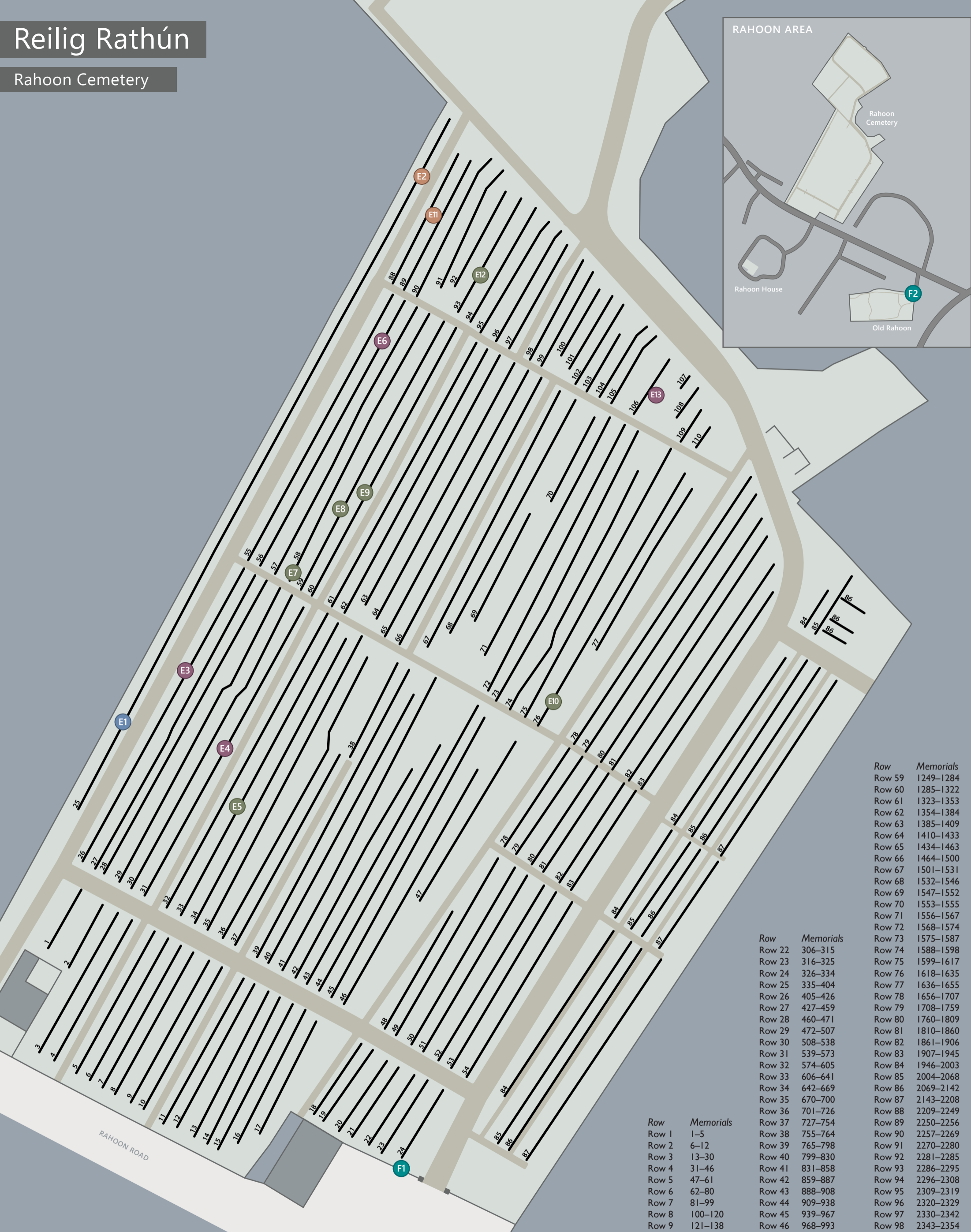
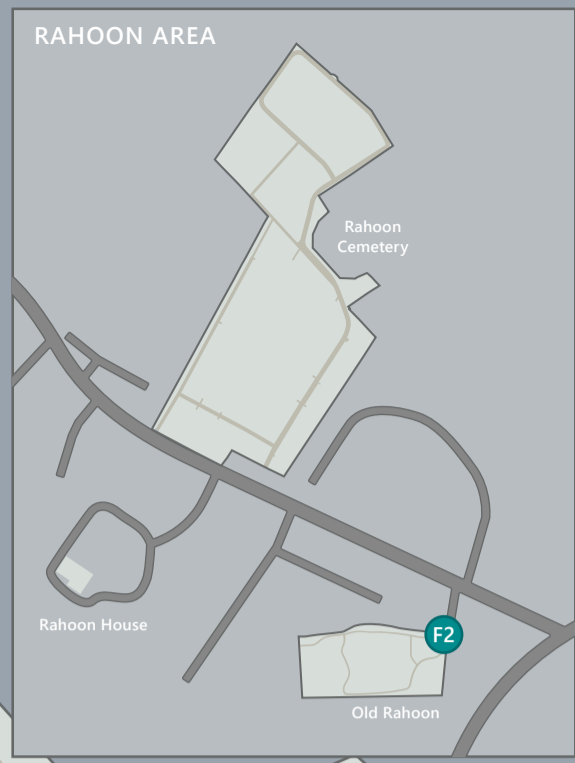
Old Ragoon Graveyard is the site of the medieval parish church of Ragoon and is located to the southeast of Ragoon Cemetery. There are over 200 memorials, the earliest of which dates from 1761. See www.historicgraves.ie and the Old Ragoon leaflet in this series.

Reference: GA-ODRA
GPS: 53° 16' 23.30" N, 9° 5' 13.81" W



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Row	Memorials
Row 59	1249-1284
Row 60	1285-1322
Row 61	1323-1353
Row 62	1354-1384
Row 63	1385-1409
Row 64	1410-1433
Row 65	1434-1463
Row 66	1464-1500
Row 67	1501-1531
Row 68	1532-1546
Row 69	1547-1552
Row 70	1553-1555
Row 71	1556-1567
Row 72	1568-1574
Row 73	1575-1587
Row 74	1588-1598
Row 75	1599-1617
Row 76	1618-1635
Row 77	1636-1655
Row 78	1656-1707
Row 79	1708-1759
Row 80	1760-1809
Row 81	1810-1860
Row 82	1861-1906
Row 83	1907-1945
Row 84	1946-2003
Row 85	2004-2068
Row 86	2069-2142
Row 87	2143-2208
Row 88	2209-2249
Row 89	2250-2256
Row 90	2257-2269
Row 91	2270-2280
Row 92	2281-2285
Row 93	2286-2295
Row 94	2296-2308
Row 95	2309-2319
Row 96	2320-2329
Row 97	2330-2342
Row 98	2343-2354
Row 99	2355-2364
Row 100	2365-2372
Row 101	2373-2378
Row 102	2379-2387
Row 103	2388-2393
Row 104	2394-2398
Row 105	2399-2408
Row 106	2409
Row 107	2410-2406
Row 108	2407-2409
Row 109	2410-2414
Row 110	2415-2417

Row	Memorials
Row 22	306-315
Row 23	316-325
Row 24	326-334
Row 25	335-404
Row 26	405-426
Row 27	427-459
Row 28	460-471
Row 29	472-507
Row 30	508-538
Row 31	539-573
Row 32	574-605
Row 33	606-641
Row 34	642-669
Row 35	670-700
Row 36	701-726
Row 37	727-754
Row 38	755-764
Row 39	765-798
Row 40	799-830
Row 41	831-858
Row 42	859-887
Row 43	888-908
Row 44	909-938
Row 45	939-967
Row 46	968-993
Row 47	994-1003
Row 48	1004-1022
Row 49	1023-1046
Row 50	1047-1069
Row 51	1070-1091
Row 52	1092-1111
Row 53	1112-1137
Row 54	1138-1158
Row 55	1159-1183
Row 56	1184-1207
Row 57	1208-1230
Row 58	1231-1248

Row	Memorials
Row 1	1-5
Row 2	6-12
Row 3	13-30
Row 4	31-46
Row 5	47-61
Row 6	62-80
Row 7	81-99
Row 8	100-120
Row 9	121-138
Row 10	139-154
Row 11	155-173
Row 12	174-192
Row 13	193-210
Row 14	211-224
Row 15	225-240
Row 16	241-254
Row 17	255-267
Row 18	268-276
Row 19	277-286
Row 20	287-296
Row 21	297-305

Bohermore Memorial Numbering System

The map is derived from a drone survey of Rahoon. The newer (northern) part of the cemetery is not included in this survey. Each of the rows of memorials are drawn with a black line and the 15 numbers marked on the map are the memorial examples illustrated on this leaflet. The memorials were numbered sequentially starting in the southwest corner (bottom left-hand side of map). A table showing the memorial numbers in each row can be seen to the right. Individual memorial details can be viewed on www.historicgraves.com