

HIDDEN GEMS AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

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IRELAND'S FIRST BUNGALOW?

William Calwell was born in Ballycarry and emigrated to California in 1881 to be apprenticed in the building industry by his uncle Robert Winsom of San Mateo. After a successful career he returned to Ballycarry and built **The Bungalow** as his home. Believed to be the first of the modern type built in Ireland it is in the California style that was popular on the West Coast of USA c.1900-1917: timber construction, hung with shingles, 1½ storey with masonry basement, hipped roof, verandah, sash and casement windows. Calwell died in 1953

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