

HIDDEN GEMS AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

OLD DROGHEDA SOCIETY



FAMINE GATE

Located on the Dublin Road in Drogheda, this small, closed up ornamental gate may be seen opposite the entrance to the Drogheda Railway Station. It once formed part of the Drogheda Union Workhouse, which was erected in 1841 for the relief of the poor and distressed who came flooding in through this gate during the harsh years, particularly from 1847 to 1849 when diseases such as cholera was rampant in the district. The Drogheda Union Workhouse also accommodated the poor and homeless from the surrounding villages of south Louth and east Meath, many of whom walked through this gate; sadly not to return.