

Name of memorial: Jeremiah O’Leary Memorial

Inventory No. 1320

Place: Limerick Road, Castleisland.

Address and map reference: Limerick Road (near junction with Main Street),
Castleisland,
Co. Kerry.
Map reference: R 003 099 (Sheet 72).
Co-ordinates: N 52.2329°; W 9.4601°.

Access: at all times. **Parking:** adjacent. **Disabled access:** yes.

Position: about 2m up, on the wall of the building.

Description and dimensions: limestone plaque, and a metal plaque giving the history of the building.

Height: appx. 30cms. Width: appx.50cms.

Recorded by: Edward Bourke

Text:

I n'oil éuimne
In Memory of
VOL. JEREMIAH O’LEARY
ÓSLAIG NA h-ÉIREANN
SHOT DEAD BY FREE STATE FORCES
ON MAY 23RD 1923
AR D'eIS D'é SO RAIB A ANAM

Castleisland
Oileán Ciarraí

Castleview Hotel

This building was erected in the second half of the 19th century. The ground floor comprised of a courtyard surrounded by a public house, grocers and a hardware store. On the first floor there were five bedrooms, a bathroom and a function room called the Commercial Room. The second floor contained nine additional bedrooms and a bathroom. In its early days it was known as J. Scannell Castleview Hotel, Wholesale and Family Grocer. By 1901 the proprietor was Maurice Hartnett (husband of Julia Scannell). It was occupied by the Black and Tans (a force of temporary constables recruited to assist the Royal Irish Constabulary) during the war of Independence. The bedrooms at the rear were used as interrogation rooms and the Commercial Room as an entertainment hall for the officers. During the Civil war the “Dublin Guards” were stationed here. Many atrocities were committed during this period including the shooting of Jeremiah O’Leary, seventh battalion IRA, Castleisland outside Hartnetts hotel in 1923.

Óstán Radharc an Chaisleáin