

**The Mount St Lawrence Graveyard Project** began in June 2010 as a collaborative research venture initiated by the Mary Immaculate College History Society and Dr Matthew Potter. In 2011 Dr Potter was awarded IRCHSS New Ideas funding for the project, which has also received support, expertise and resources from Limerick City Council and Limerick City Archives. Using graveyard registers, information on headstones, oral histories and other evidence, this heritage project will create an innovative, fully-searchable, online database of the graveyard. In September 2012 a dedicated team of volunteers from Mary Immaculate College and Limerick City Archives received training from Mr John Tierney of Historic Graves. Since then the team has been numbering and photographing each grave for inclusion on the database. Over the course of five days in March 2013 more than two hundred History and Geography students from Mary Immaculate College, as well as Geography students from the University of Limerick, along with their supervisors, collected data from approximately 2,500 graves.

The project is now well on its way to completion thanks to a combination of voluntary work undertaken by undergraduate and postgraduate History and Geography students from Mary Immaculate College, undergraduate Geography students from the University of Limerick, MIC History Society, Limerick City Archives and the IT and Environment Departments of Limerick City Council. The Project Management Team includes: Mr. Kieran Lehane, Director of Services, Limerick City Council, Jacqui Hayes, Limerick City Archives, Dr. Mihai Bilacu, IT Department, Limerick City Council, Dr. Maura Cronin, Dr. Helene Bradley and Dr. Ursula Callaghan, Mary Immaculate College, Dr. Mathew Potter, Limerick City Council.



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