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MOUNT JEROME CEMETERY

Dear Resident,

Mount Jerome Cemetery which was established under an Act of Parliament in 1834 contains the remains of nearly 500,000 people.

Buried in the cemetery, with its neo-Egyptian vaults, and predominantly neo-classical monuments, are many famous people like Thomas Davis, Thomas Gresham (of hotel fame), Walter Osbourne, John Millington Synge and a group of Huguenots re-interments from French Peters grave, in Peters Street. The Huguenots are commemorated on a Slab bearing an exhaustive list of Huguenot names.

Also buried there are the remains of our loved ones, our brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, husbands and wives, sons and daughters, who are dear to us in life and in death.

Mount Jerome, which was described in 1834 as a "beautifully picturesque Demesne, adjoining the village, comprised 25 acres of gently alleviated ground embellished with lawns and growth giving it an air of seclusion and a solemnity aspect, peculiarly appropriate."

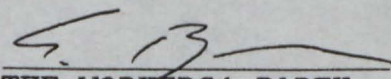
NOT ANYMORE CAN IT BE SO DESCRIBED. In recent times Mount Jerome has been described as a dump!

In 1984 the General Cemetery Company went into voluntary liquidation and was temporarily closed. The cemetery has, since that time deteriorated to the extent that many people are concerned about its future. Could it close again? Why is its upkeep so deplorable?

In order to address these issues in an organised and orchestrated way a committee known as the Relatives & Friends of Mount Jerome Committee is being established as a non-political campaigning committee which will seek to have a say in the direction Mount Jerome is going.

If you would like to be a member of this committee or would like any further information please contact Cllr. Eric Byrne T.D. A meeting of interested people will be organised to establish a committee in the near future.

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