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DIAMOND



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Address	7-12 Diamond
Name	Richmond Centre
Map Reference	52
Plot Number	111-126,X
Listed Building Reference Grade	No N/A N/A
Conservation Area Reference	Yes Historic City
Building at Risk Reference	No N/A
Date of Construction	1983
Original Use	Retail/Office
Present Use	Retail/Office

Description

Extensive and insensitive 1980's commercial redevelopment of area bounded by Shipquay Street, Richmond Street, Linenhall Street, Ferryquay Street and Diamond. Designed by Keppie Henderson and Partners, completed 1983. Three-storey, pre-cast concrete panels, with vertical emphasis. Metal window units, recessed corner entrance, splayed external corners, flat roof. Generally retail at ground floor, office accommodation on upper floors.

Owners/Tenants

No.7 Diamond

1831	Unoccupied
1858	William James, William Dixon, Rose Sheil
1868	Teresa Gallagher
1871	Teresa Gallagher, Robert Caldwell, James Walker
1876	Teresa Gallagher, G. Allen
1878	Teresa Gallagher, Eliza Reynolds
1887	Miss Gallagher, Miss Reynolds
1895	Richard Austin, William Pickett
1903-1905	Richard A Austin, Pickett & Co.
1909	Austin Medical Hall, Pickett & Co.
1927	Austin Medical Hall, Conn & Co.
	Demolished
1983-2006	Richmond Centre

No.8-9 Diamond

1831	James Smith And Co.
1858	Joseph D. Cherry, Christian Brethren's
1868	John Campbell, Mrs Cherry
1869-1871	John Campbell
1876	Maria Cherry
1878-1887	Patrick Kearney
1895	Hugh Walsh & Co.
1905-1927	S E Caldwell Demolished
1983-2006	Richmond Centre

No.10 Diamond

1831	Paul Wyle
1858-1871	Patrick Kearney
1876	Patrick Kearney, Maria Cherry
1878-1895	Maria Cherry
1903-1909	Miss Richmond
1927	Miss Mitchell Demolished
1983-2006	Richmond Centre

No.11 Diamond

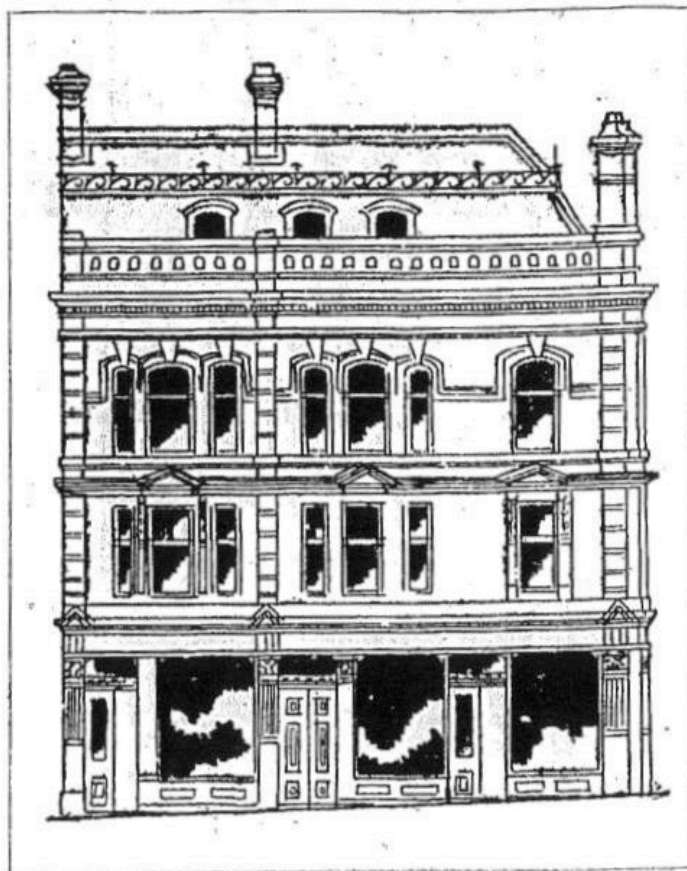
1831	Mrs Babington
1858	Unoccupied, Patrick Donaghy
1868	Unoccupied, Thomas Gordon
1869-1871	Campbell McCool, Thomas Gordon
1876	Mrs Clements, Thomas Gordon, Catholic Literary Institute, James Gallagher
1878	Clements And Sellers, Thomas Gordon, Catholic Literary Institute, James Gallagher
1887-1895	R C Literary Institute, Thomas Gordon, James Gallagher
1903-1905	Rosborough & Co. Mrs Wright, Jas Mooney, James Gallagher, Thomas Gordon
1909	Rosborough & Co. Vacant, Jas Mooney, William Gallagher, O'Breslin & O'Kane, Thomas Gordon and son
1927	Miss Mooney, Rev J K Beattie, Rev R L Lawrenson, B A William Kilgore, Thomas Gordon and Son Demolished
1983-2006	Richmond Centre

No.12 Diamond

1831	William Boggs
1858-1878	Margaret Cooper
1887	Mary A. Cooper
1895	Charles Cooper
1903	Charles M Cooper
1927	The Arcade, Mrs Kilpatrick, Miss Stewart, Miss Giffen, Miss Wallace Demolished
1983-2006	Richmond Centre

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CITY IMPROVEMENTS.

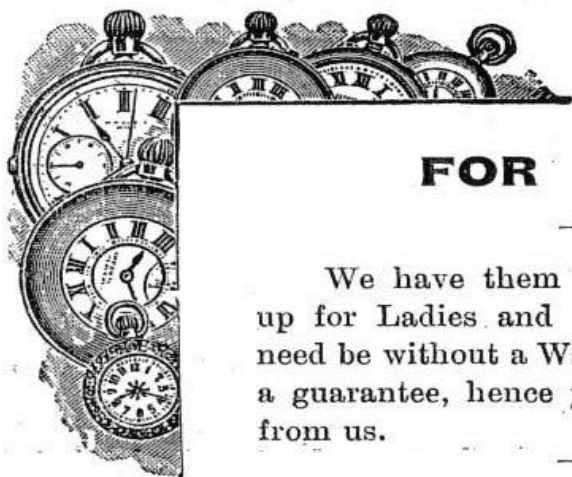


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The eastern side of the Diamond will be very greatly improved by the handsome building which is being erected at the corner of Ferryquay-street by Mr. Joseph Ballintine for Messrs. William Austin & Co. We give a sketch of the main elevation facing the Diamond. The frontage to Ferryquay-street is narrower, but partakes of the same architectural character. The new and imposing structure takes the place of one of the oldest of the houses existing in the locality. It must have been built soon after the Siege, and some of the heavy oak beams found in the walls at the demolition of the house were probably originally used in the construction of the wooden frame houses brought over from London nearly three centuries ago and erected in Derry. The timbers are still in a good state of preservation. The upper part of the old corner house, which has now been taken down, was for many years used as Judges' lodgings. The rooms were occupied by two very respectable ladies named Sheill, who had the honour for a very long period of entertaining under their roof some of the most distinguished judges of the Irish Bench. Baron Pennefather and many of his judicial contemporaries occupied the Miss Sheill's apartments circuit after circuit. It is said that the reason why these lodgings were chosen was on account of the Miss Sheills having the largest and most valuable collection of silver plate in the

city at that time. A gentleman connected with the *Sentinel* recollects being sent when a young man with a copy of *Saunders' News-Letter* to the judges' lodgings, where he was ushered into the presence of Baron Pennefather. *Saunders'* was then the leading paper in Ireland for law reports, and the venerable Baron wanted to read the report of a particular case, but his registrar not being at hand he requested the messenger of the *Sentinel* to read the case for him, while he reclined in a capacious arm-chair. This was done to his satisfaction. The judges' rooms were the scene of many a festive and jovial party. When the new race of judges came on the circuit they objected to the lowness of the ceiling in the house, and ultimately changed to new lodgings. The house has now disappeared altogether, and its place will be taken by a building more in harmony with the modern aspect of the Maiden City. We have already given some particulars of the plans. The feature of the ground floor will be a spacious shop occupying the corner, and having frontages to the Diamond and Ferryquay-street. This shop is intended to be occupied as a druggist's establishment by Mr. Richard Austin, who, we are glad to state, is now happily recovering from a very severe and dangerous illness. Mr. James Croom is the architect of the building.

7 Diamond, The Londonderry Sentinel, 3 May 1890.



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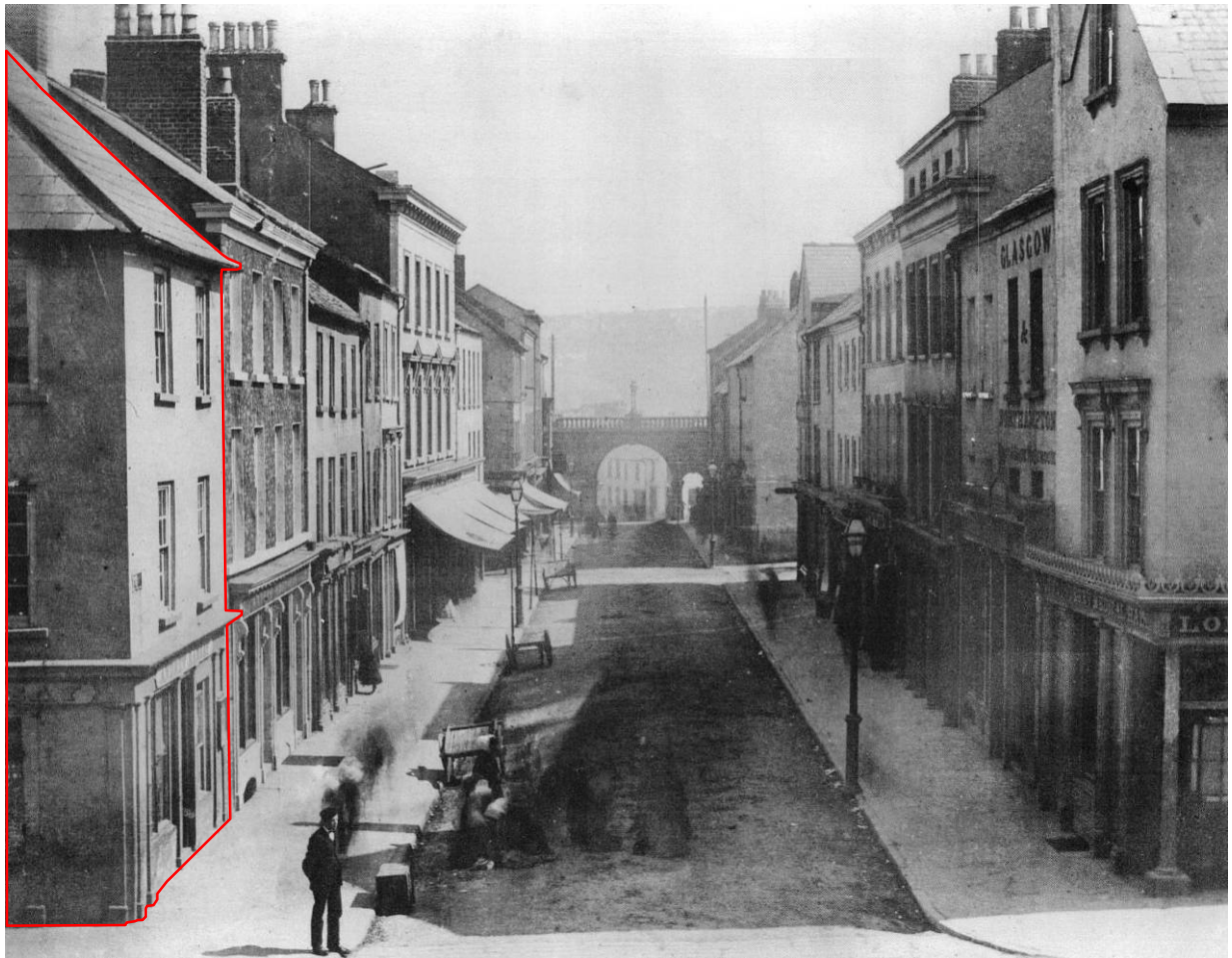
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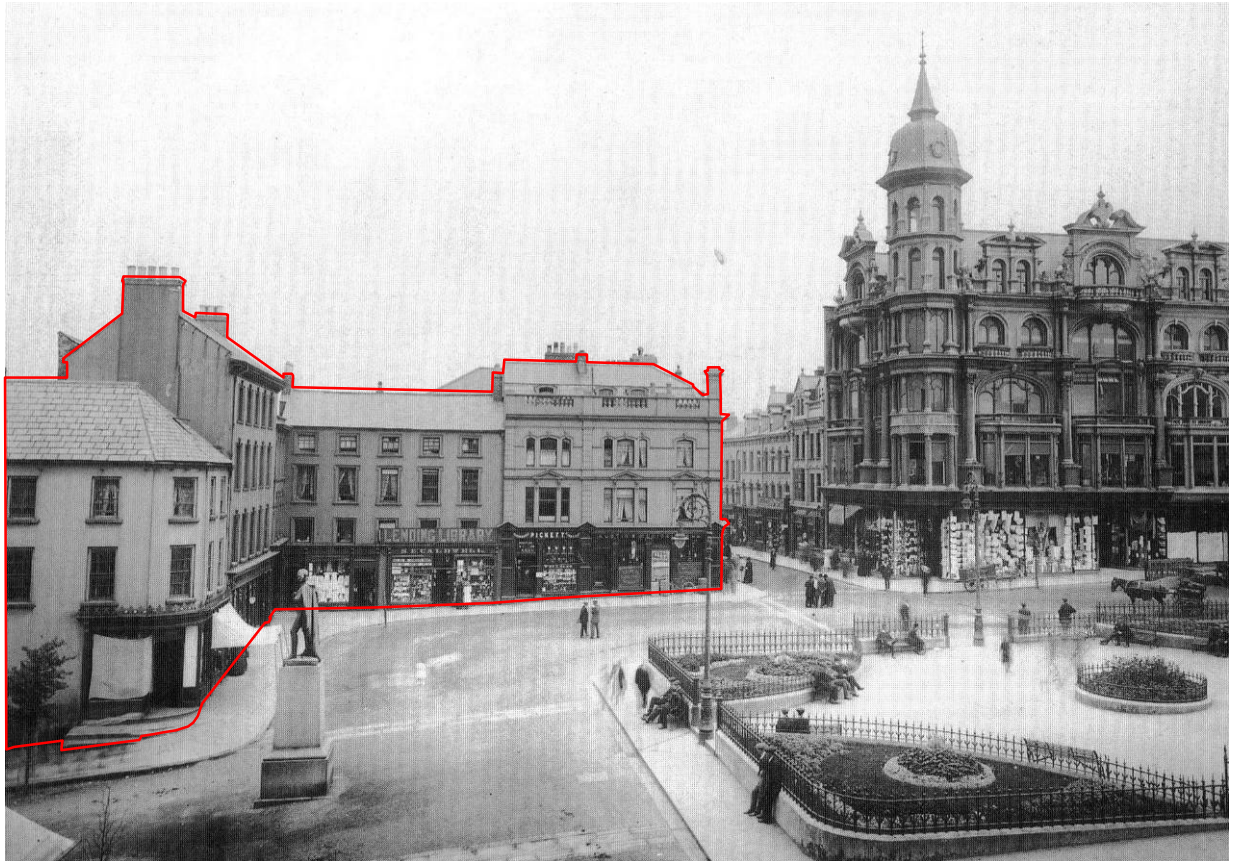
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Derry Almanac, 1901

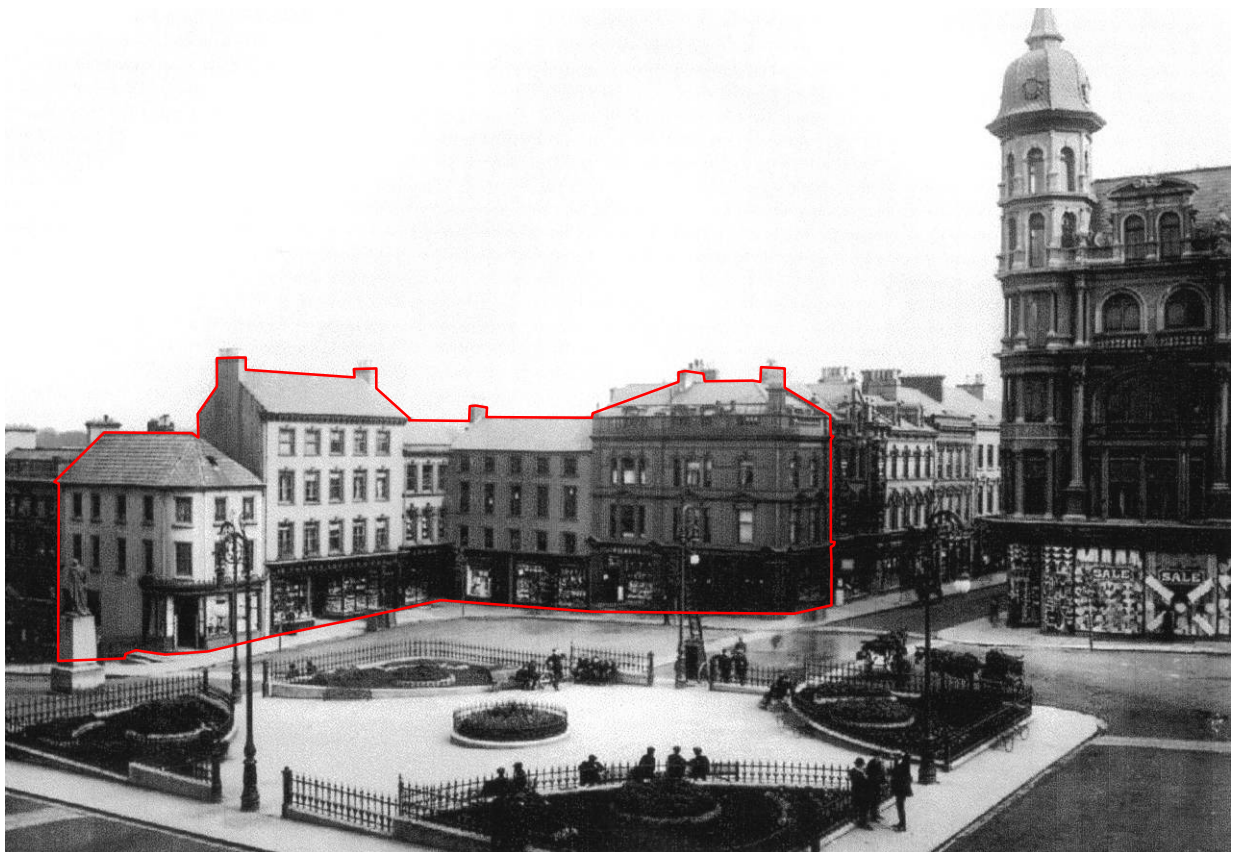
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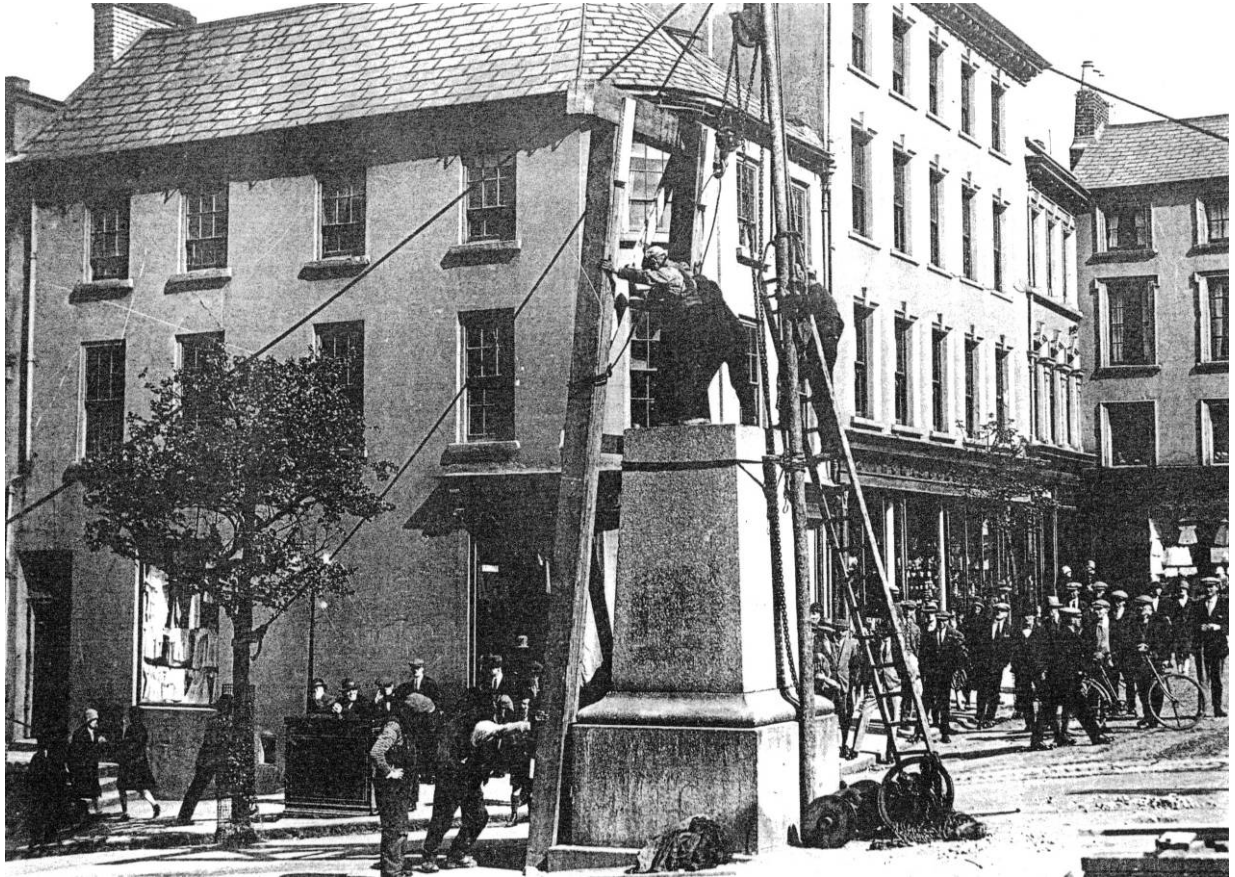
7 Diamond, circa 1885



Nos.7-12 Diamond, circa 1912



Nos.7-12 Diamond, circa 1912



8-12 Diamond, 1927



Richmond Centre, Diamond and Shipquay Street Elevation, Keppie Henderson and Partners, 1980



Richmond Centre, Diamond and Ferryquay Street Elevation, Keppie Henderson and Partners, 1980



Address	4-6 Diamond
Name	Austin's Dept, Store
Map Reference	53
Plot Number	56,57,58,59,60
Listed Building Reference Grade	Yes HB01/19/019 B1
Conservation Area Reference	Yes Historic City
Building at Risk Reference	No N/A
Date of Construction	1906
Original Use	Retail
Present Use	Retail

Description

1906: Architect: M A Robinson

Rebuilt after a fire, to designs by M A Robinson. The building is an imaginative, flamboyant design, with bold modelling which admirably expresses the function of the place. A great conglomeration of large windows, columns and pedestals, balconies and a conscious attempt to turn the corner with an applied tower terminating in a copper-covered cupola. The building is finished externally in smooth rendering, untreated. Internally the main feature of the plan is the open well going through the three floors of the building, with the sales floors on three sides at each level.

Historic Buildings in and near the City of Derry, Ulster Architectural Heritage Society, 1970

Austin's Department Store, 1906 by M A Robinson, is by far the largest building in the square and memorable for its free-wheeling Edwardian Baroque frontages with more than a hint of 18th century Austria and Art Nouveau.

The Buildings of Ireland, North West Ulster, Alistair Rowan, 1979

Austin's Department Store, established 1830. The first Austin's building was destroyed by fire in 1905, which also set alight the clock tower of the former Corporation Hall in the centre of the Diamond. The building, which has a steel frame, underwent major external refurbishment and repair in 2005, including painting of the previously untreated smooth render. Contemporary plastic panelling and external roller shutters detract from the otherwise intact frontage.

Owners/Tenants

4 Diamond

1831	Mathew Shaw
1858-1887	Andrew Stilley
1895	Dr Warke, Samuel M G Kent
1903	George Austin & Co.
1905-1927	Austin & Co.
2006	Austin's Department Store

5 Diamond

1831	John Huffington
1858	Mary A Rankin
1868	Mrs Cole
1869	Mrs C Irwin
1871-1887	Christopher Irwin
1895	Mrs Irwin
1903	George Austin & Co.
1905-1927	Austin & Co.
2006	Austin's Department Store

6 Diamond

1831	Doctor Norton
1858-1869	William Dunne
1871-1876	Dunne & Co.
1878	Stephen J Byrne
1887-1903	George Austin
1895-1903	George Austin & Co.
1909-1927	Austin & Co.
2006	Austin's Department Store

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Austin's advert, 1956

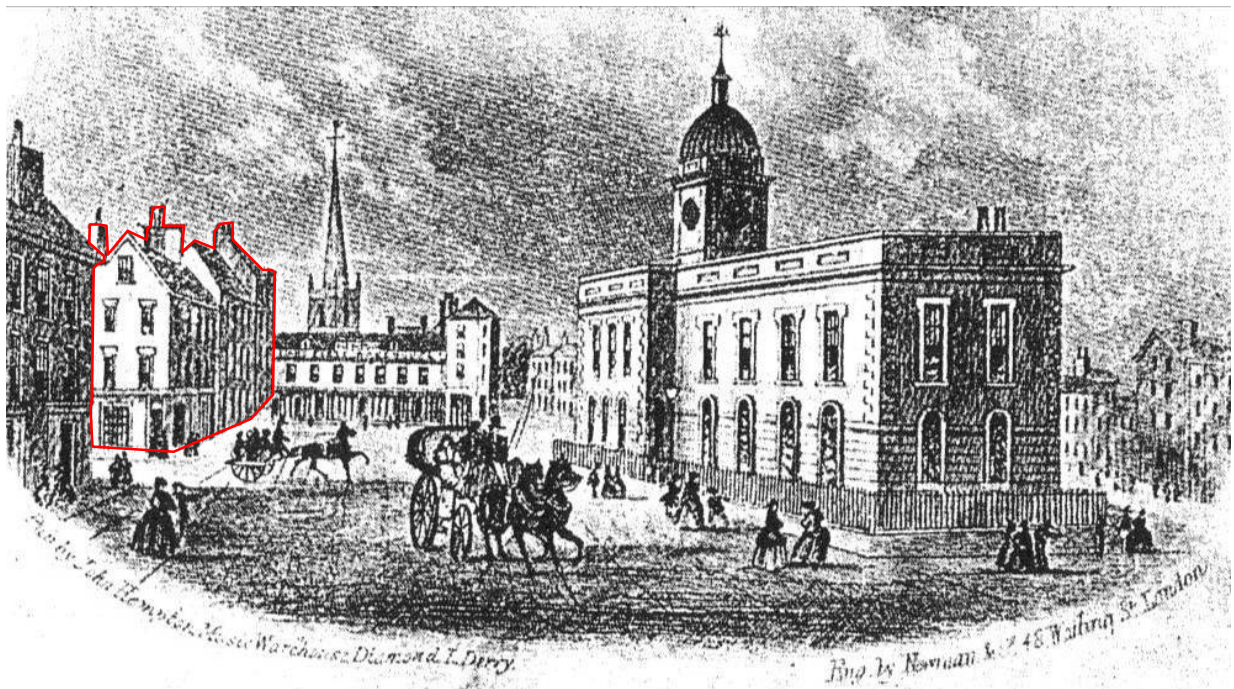


Austin's advert, 1961

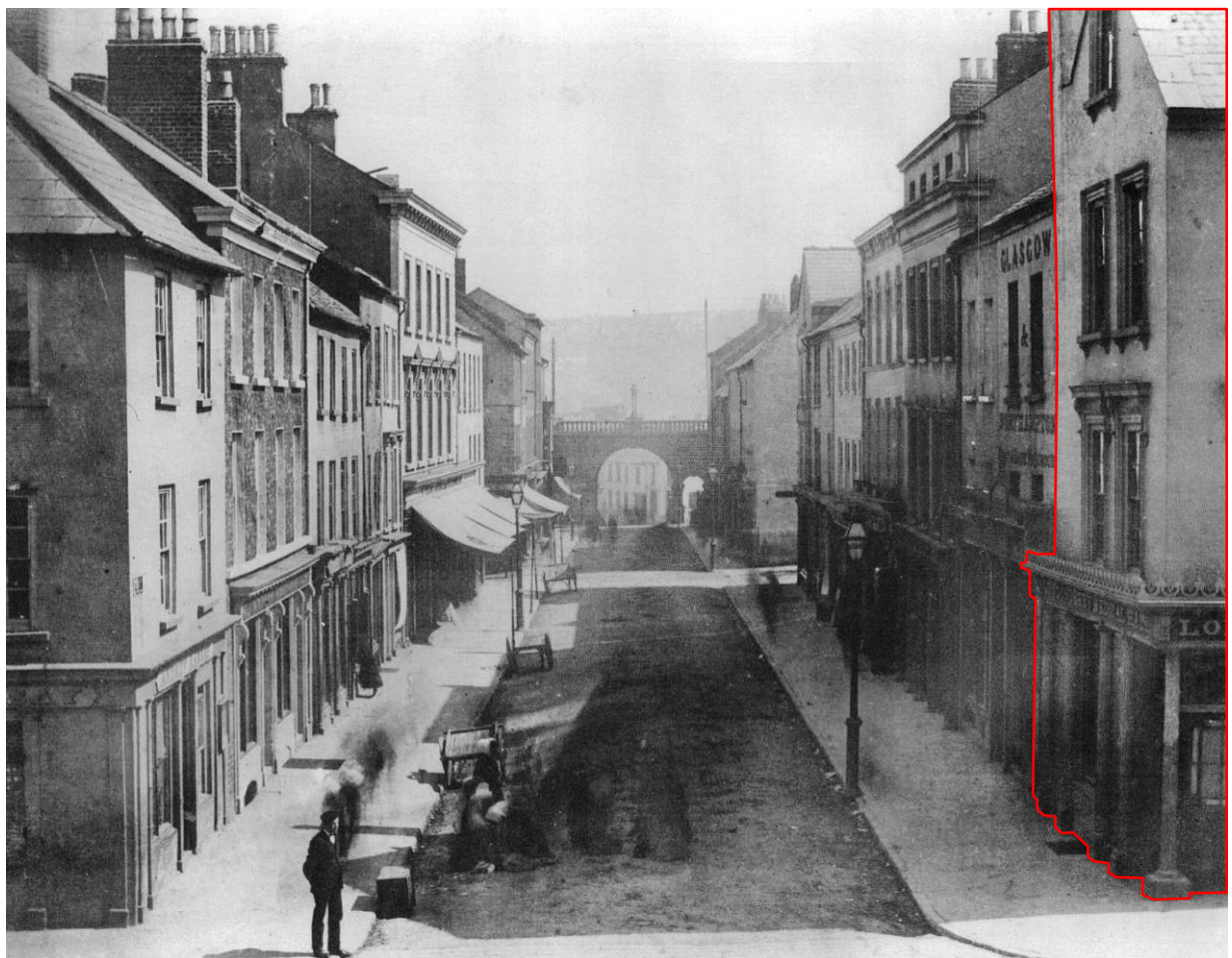
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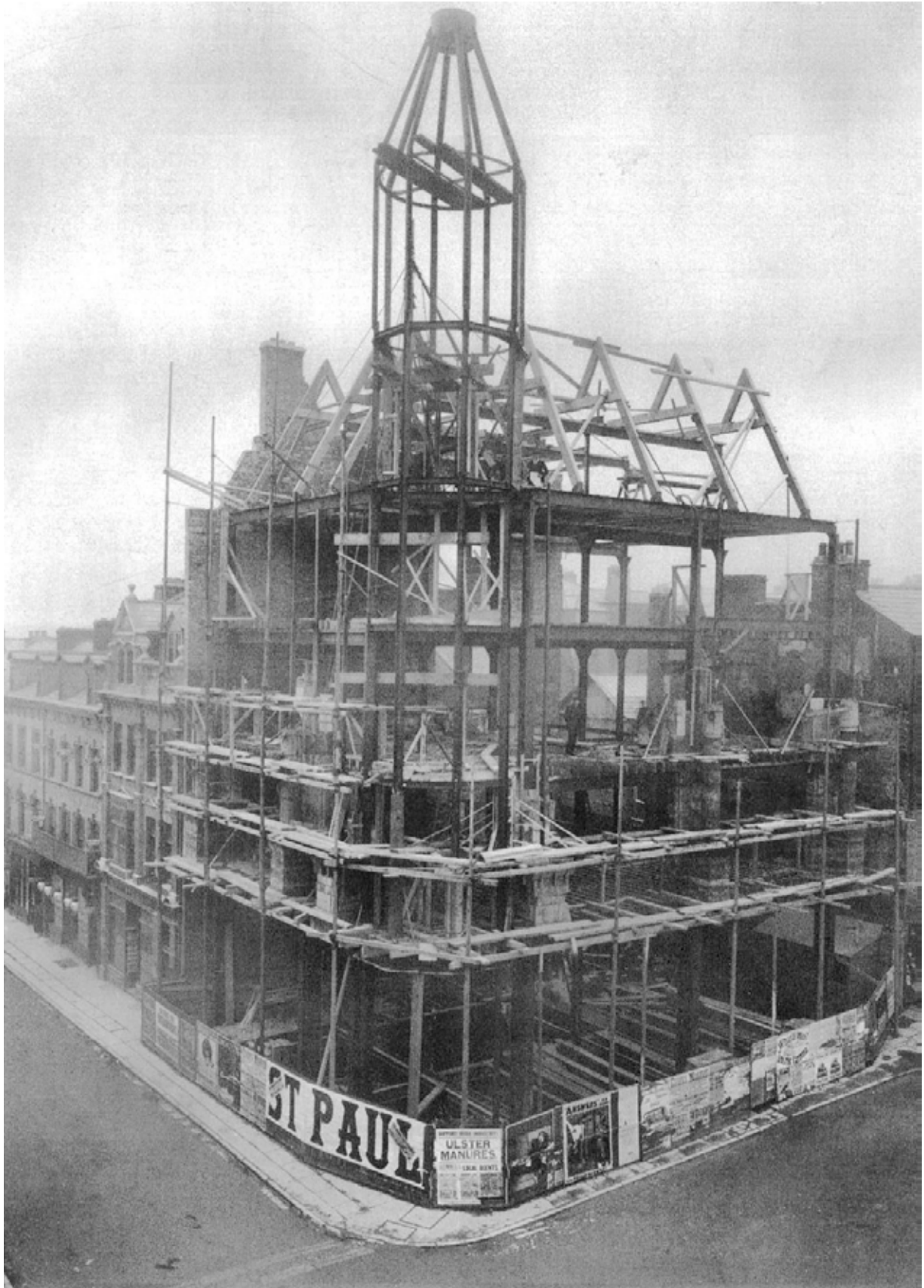
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6 Diamond, circa 1850



Ferryquay Street, circa 1885



Austin's Department Store, circa 1905



Austin's Department Store, circa 1912



Address	1-3 Diamond
Name	Anglia House
Map Reference	54
Plot Number	55,56
Listed Building Reference Grade	No N/A N/A
Conservation Area Reference	Yes Historic City
Building at Risk Reference	No N/A
Date of Construction	
Original Use	Retail
Present Use	Retail

Description

Two-storey smooth rendered corner building with steeply pitched slate mansard roof including dormers. Eight-bay façade to Diamond, five-bay façade to Bishop's Street. Mixture of contemporary and traditional design shopfronts at ground floor level. Windows one-over-one.

Owners/Tenants

No 1 Diamond

1831	James Mc Cully
1858	John McCay
1868-1878	Robert Hastings
1895	Mulholland & Co
1903-1909	Baldrick & Co
1927	Mulholland & Co.
	Demolished
2006	Sandwich Bar

Nos.2-3 Diamond

1831	John Robinson
1858-1869	Mrs Deering, John Hempton
1871-1878	Mrs Deering, W & H Graham
1887-1895	W M Graham TC
1903	George Austin & Co
1905-1927	Austin & Co
	Demolished
2006	Oxfam

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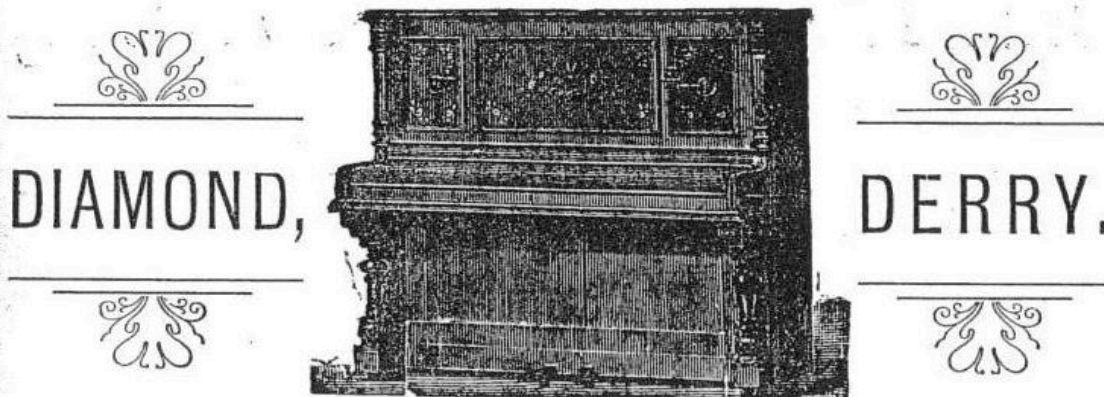
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Derry Almanac 1901

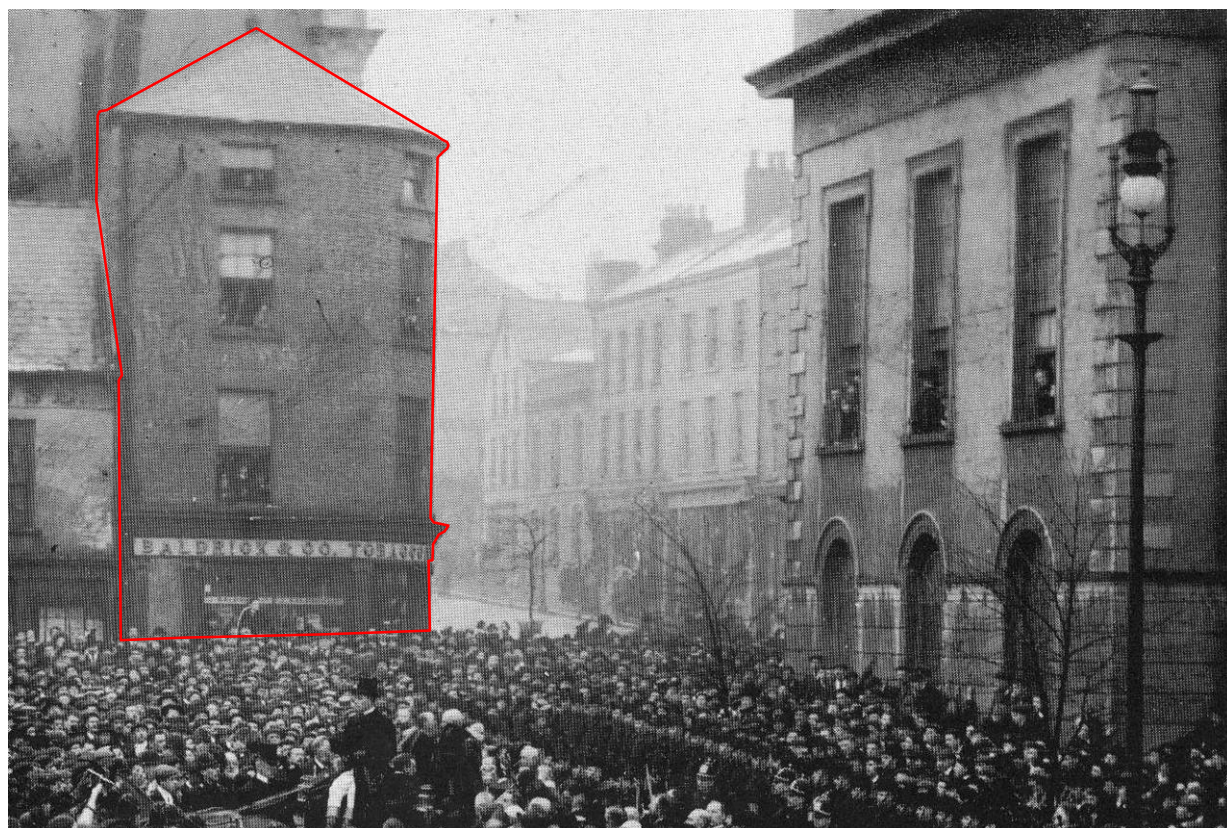
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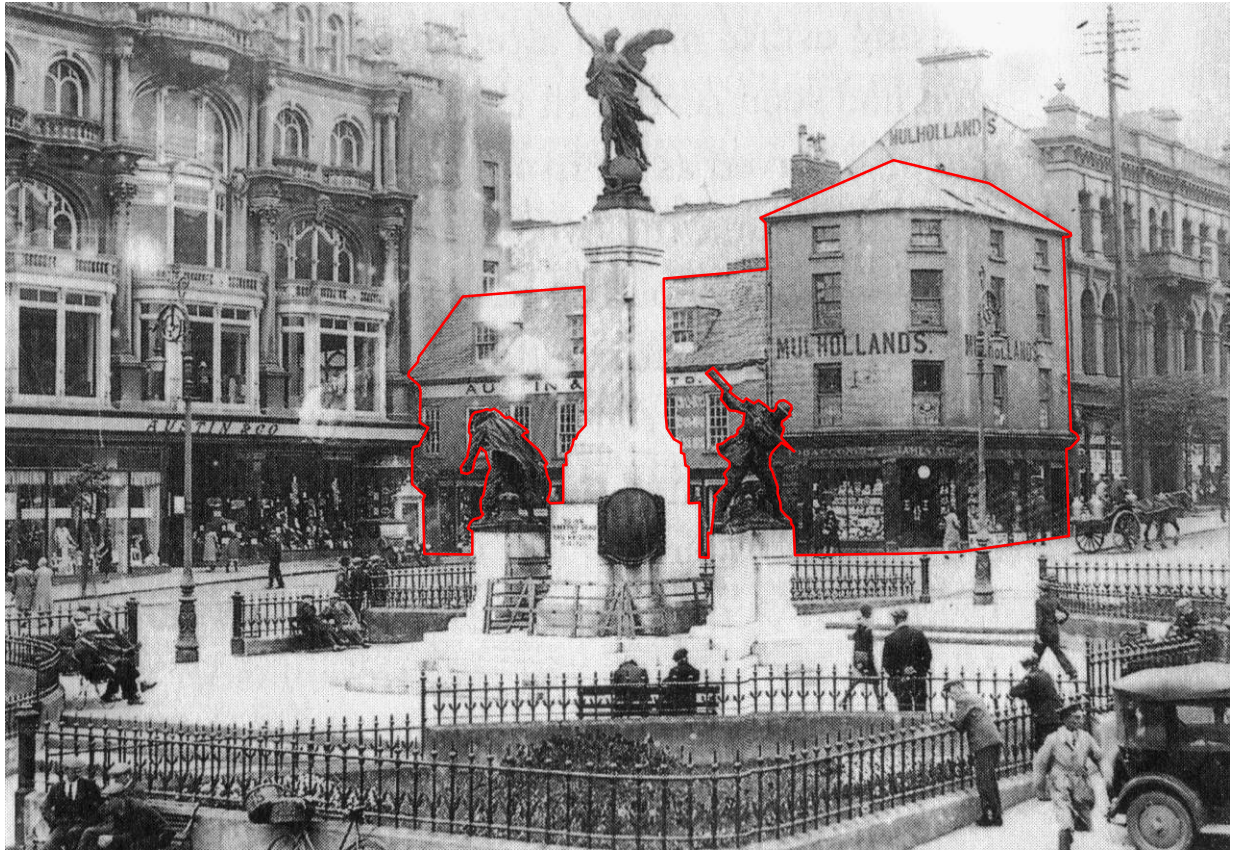
John Hempton Music Warehouse, Diamond, circa 1860



Graham's Warehouse, 3 Diamond, circa 1900



Baldrick & Co, 1 Diamond 1901



1-3 Diamond circa 1930



Address	23-24 Diamond
Name	None
Map Reference	55
Plot Number	34
Listed Building Reference Grade	No N/A N/A
Conservation Area Reference	Yes Historic City
Building at Risk Reference	No N/A
Date of Construction	1990
Original Use	Retail
Present Use	Public House

Description

Three-storey corner building with smooth rendered façade and brick piers below overly deep shopfront fascia signage. Six-bay frontage with Diamond, three-bay frontage with Bishop's Street, double height structural opening on curved corner. Powder coated aluminium casement windows with top hung opening lights all with plain window surrounds. Slate roof. Earlier building of 1882 by Croom and Toye, demolished.

History

1882 Architects: Croom and Toye

M.M.Scott. Part of the new front was added to the building by Croom and Toye, architects. The main feature of this building is the rounded corner used frequently in the old part of the town. It is most likely that all the corners in the diamond were handled in this way. It is interesting to note that the designers of Messrs.G.Austin and No.2 Butcher Street paid much attention to this feature, unlike some more recent attempts. This building also features well models corbels forming a sort of cornice and giving support to the gutter. The windows have simple Georgian character, well proportioned.

Historic Buildings in and near the City of Derry, Ulster Architectural Heritage Society, 1970

Owners/Tenants

No.23 Diamond

1831	Gather & Mc Cartlin
1858-1868	William Doherty
1869	James Christy
1876-1878	John Connolly
1887	J. Barr & Co.
1895-1927	M & M Scott

No.23A Diamond

1831-1869	William Doherty
1871-1876	Francis Harvey
1878	Samuel Scott
1887-1927	M & M Scott

No.24 Diamond

1831	James McCandless
1858	William Doherty
1868	William Boyle
1869-1876	Francis Harvey
1878	Samuel Scott
1887-1927	M & M Scott
	Demolished
1990	M & M Scott
2006	Wetherspoon Free House

No.1 Bishop's Street

1832	James Walker
1858-1884	James Montgomery
1889-1909	M & M Scott
1970	M & M Scott
	Demolished
1990	M & M Scott
2006	Wetherspoon Free House

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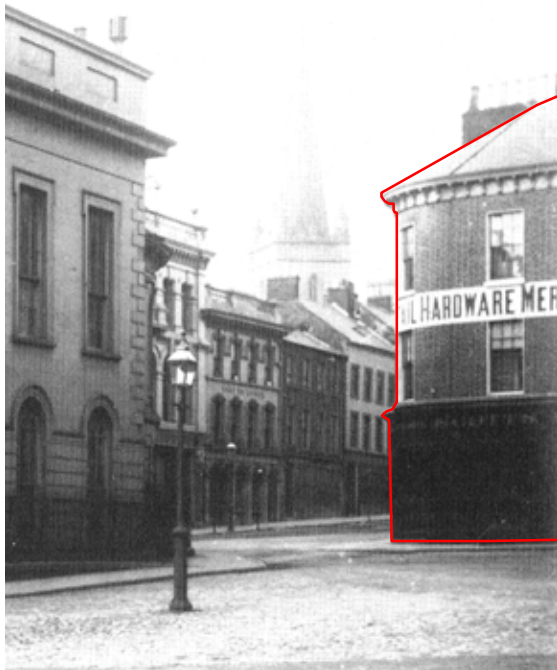
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Derry Almanac, 1889

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Diamond, circa 1890

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Sea Eagle Grand Fair, 1963



Address	21-22 Diamond
Name	None
Map Reference	56
Plot Number	35,38
Listed Building Reference Grade	No N/A N/A
Conservation Area Reference	Yes Historic City
Building at Risk Reference	No N/A
Date of Construction	
Original Use	Retail
Present Use	Retail

Description

Three and four-storey corner building of three and two-bays respectively with smooth rendered façade and natural slate roof. No.21, two-over-two vertical sliding sash painted timber windows. No. 22, one-over-one vertical sliding sash painted timber windows with moulded surrounds at first and second floors. Inappropriate contemporary shopfronts.

Owners/Tenants

No.21 Diamond

1831	Alexander Edgar
1858	James McLoughlin, Robert Scott
1868	Francis Harvey, Henry McDonnell & Son
1869	David Shannon, Henry McDonnell & Son
1871	David Shannon, William Scott
1876	William Pepper, William Shannon
1878	Ellen Mullen, John Campbell
1887	Ellen Mullen, Edward Doherty
1895-1905	Chase & Co.
1909-1927	M. McKinlay & Co
2006	Vacant

No.21 Diamond

1831	Unoccupied
1858	David Stevenson
1868	James Young
1871	Henry McDonnell & Son
1876	John Conolly
1878	John Conolly
1887	J. Carr & Co
1895-1905	Chase & Co
1909-1927	M. McKinlay & Co
2006	Vacant

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21 Diamond, circa 1913



21-22 Diamond, circa 1930



Address	19-20 Diamond
Name	None
Map Reference	57
Plot Number	38,39
Listed Building Reference Grade	No N/A N/A
Conservation Area Reference	Yes Historic City
Building at Risk Reference	No N/A
Date of Construction	
Original Use	Retail/Office
Present Use	Retail/Office

Description

Four-storey five-bay brick façade devoid of detail or decoration. Contemporary shopfronts.

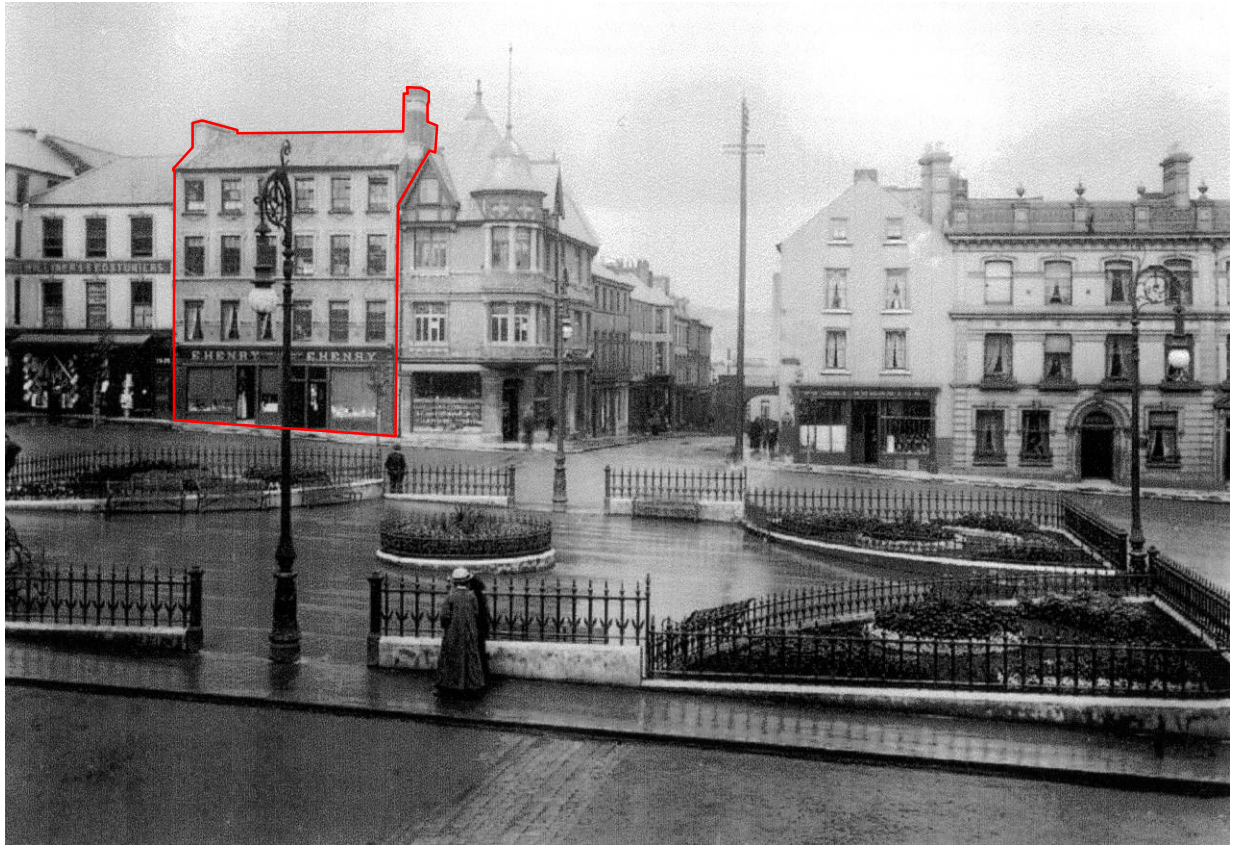
History

[Formerly] Nos. 12 and 18. Circa 1800: these are four-storey rendered Georgian buildings, which, if properly renovated externally, would make a fine contribution to the Diamond.

Historic Buildings in and near the City of Derry, Ulster Architectural Heritage Society, 1970

Owners/Tenants

1831	William McWade
1858	Jane Pratt, Michael Donaghy
1868	Michael Donaghy
1869	Michael Donaghy, Rebecca Henry
1871	Andrew Donaghy, Rebecca Henry
1876	Andrew Floyd, Rebecca Henry
1878	Andrew Floyd, Rebecca Henry
1887	Eliza Loughrea, Eliza Henry
1895	Eliza Loughrea, Eliza Henry
1903	Unoccupied, Eliza Henry
1905	Eliza Henry, Henry & McConnell
1909-1927	Eliza Henry Demolished
2006	Nana's Diner, Red Cross Society Shop



19-20 Diamond, circa 1913



Address	2 Butcher's Street
Name	None
Map Reference	58
Plot Number	45
Listed Building Reference Grade	Yes HB01/19/016 B
Conservation Area Reference	Yes Historic City
Building at Risk Reference	No N/A
Date of Construction	1899
Original Use	Retail
Present Use	Retail

Description

1899: Architects: Forman and Aston.

A three-storey red brick building of character with elaborately shaped roofs in the style of Ernest Newton. It is of interest that the designer made a conscious attempt at resolving a corner building, and has been successful.

Historic Buildings in and near the City of Derry, Ulster Architectural Heritage Society, 1970

Owners/Tenants



Address	17 Diamond
Name	None
Map Reference	59
Plot Number	131
Listed Building Reference Grade	No N/A N/A
Conservation Area Reference	Yes Historic City
Building at Risk Reference	No N/A
Date of Construction	1963
Original Use	Insurance
Present Use	Bank

Description

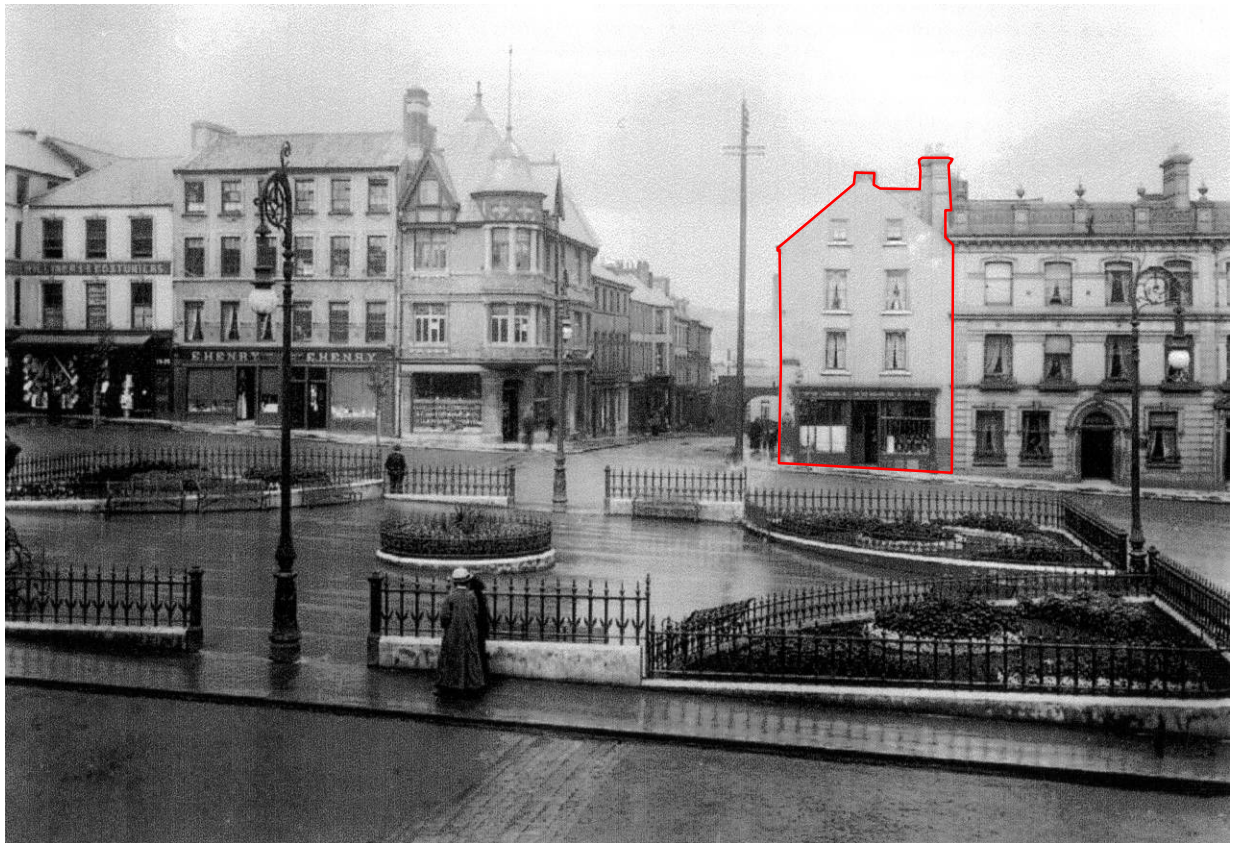
Royal Insurance Building 1963: Architect: Stevenson and Son Belfast. Builders: McLaughlin and Harvey
A building, though using expensive materials and of pleasing design, which is unsympathetic to its surroundings. It is faced with Portland stone slabs and Annalong granite.

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Owners/Tenants

1831	John Hill
1858	Rebecca Watt
1868	Miss Watt
1869	Margaret Watt
1871-1876	John Ewing
1878	William Johnston
1887-1909	Robert Johnston
1927	John O'Reilly
2006	Alliance & Leicester

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Diamond, circa 1913



Address	16 Diamond
Name	None
Map Reference	60
Plot Number	130
Listed Building Reference Grade	Yes HB01/19/022B B
Conservation Area Reference	Yes Historic City
Building at Risk Reference	No N/A
Date of Construction	?
Original Use	Hotel?
Present Use	Retail

Description

A three storey ornate building in stucco with an elaborate round-headed doorway [removed], freely decorated.

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A nice Victorian stucco block in an Italianate style.

The Buildings of Ireland, North West Ulster, Alistair Rowan, 1979

Three-storey, four-bay, stuccoed building in an Italianate style, channelled at ground floor. Decorative moulded band courses and pilasters. Original ground floor structural openings altered. Original semi-circular heavily moulded door head and surround removed. Front door re-positioned in former window opening. Original window and door openings altered to provide 2No. single pane shopfront windows. One-over-one vertical sliding sash painted timber windows, square heads at first floor, and segmental heads at second floor. Moulded window heads with keystones at ground and second floor. Console bracketed moulded cornice, decorative ironwork balustrade at eaves between masonry piers, finials removed. Natural slate roof.

See also No.15 Diamond, Map Reference 61.

Owners/Tenants

1831	Mrs Walker
1858	Henry J Walker
1868	Henry Walker
1869-1878	Henry J Walker
1887	Henry J Walker, Alban Goodman & Son
1895	J B Mullin
1903	Diamond Temperance Hotel, Dr D C Jones, John Ellison Buchanan, F C Dunn, Andrew Dunn, Alexander Linster
1905	Diamond Temperance Hotel, Dr D C Jones, John Ellison Buchanan, F C Dunn, Daniel McNulty
1909	Diamond Temperance Hotel, Dr D C Jones, John Ellison Buchanan
1927	Florence O'Sullivan
2006	Whispers of the Diamond

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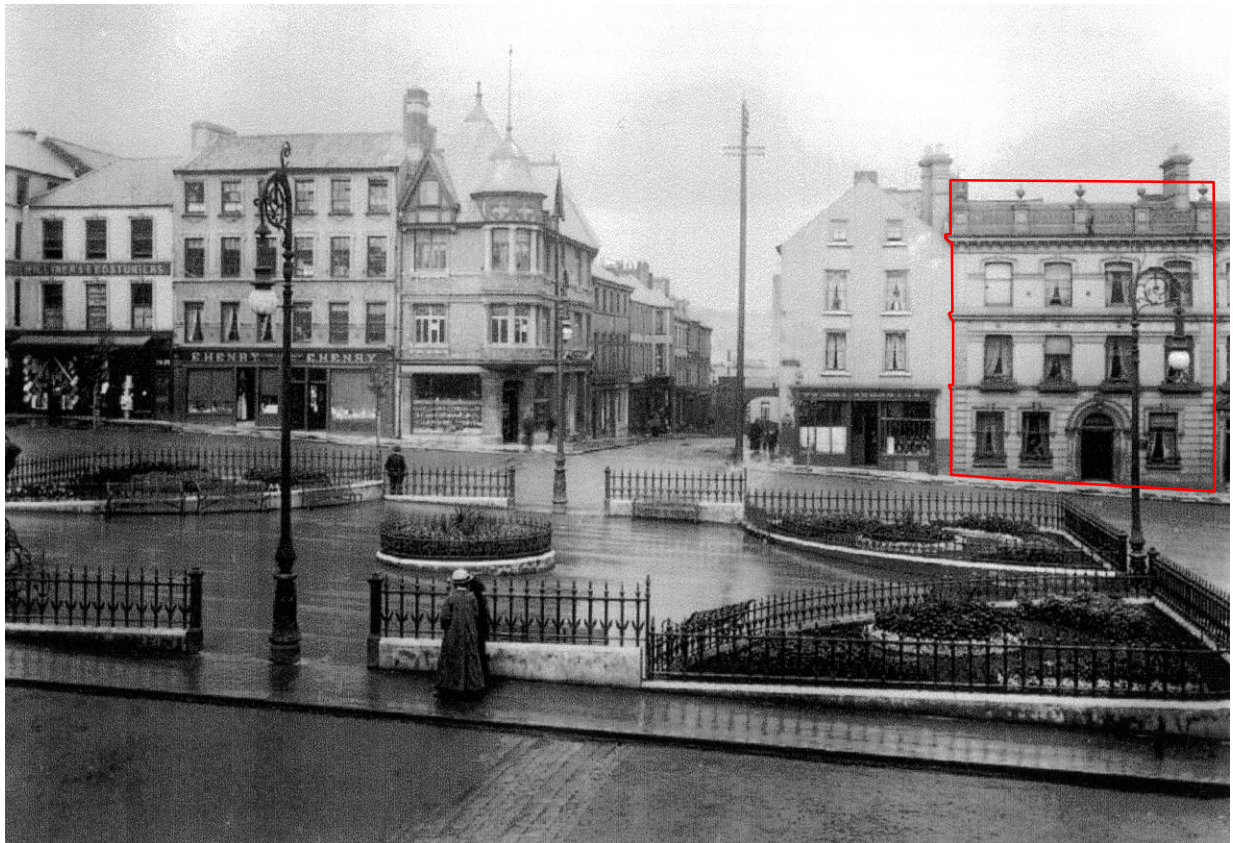
THE DIAMOND HOTEL
★ ★
AND
CENTRAL CAFÉ,
Under Experienced Management. LONDONDERRY.
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Hot and Cold Baths.
Hot Luncheons, Soups, etc., ^{ready every day} _{between} 1 and 4 p.m.
PRICES MODERATE.
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PRIVATE ROOM FOR LADIES.

Derry Almanac, 1905

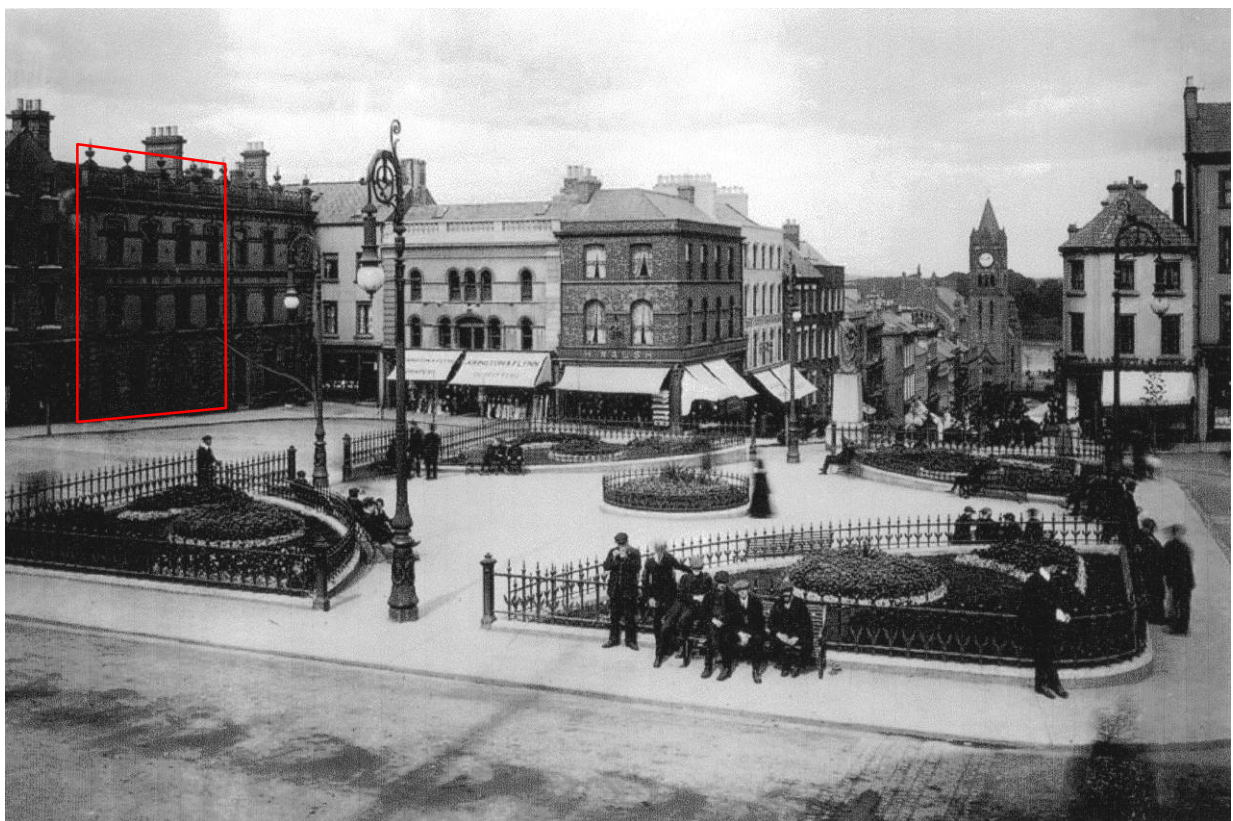
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Diamond, circa 1912



Diamond, circa 1912



Original doorcase, circa 1970



Address	15 Diamond
Name	None
Map Reference	61
Plot Number	130
Listed Building Reference Grade	Yes HB01/19/022A B
Conservation Area Reference	Yes Historic City
Building at Risk Reference	No N/A
Date of Construction	?
Original Use	Hotel
Present Use	Retail

Description

A nice Victorian stucco block in an Italianate style.

The Buildings of Ireland, North West Ulster, Alistair Rowan, 1979

Three-storey, three-bay, stuccoed building in an Italianate style. Rusticated at ground floor. Decorative moulded band course and pilasters. Segmental aedicule and moulded door surround to eight-panel front door with square glazed light over. One-over-one vertical sliding sash painted timber windows, square heads at ground and first floor, swept heads at second floor. Moulded window heads with keystones at ground and second floor. Console bracketed moulded cornice, decorative ironwork balustrade at eaves between masonry piers, finials removed. Natural slate roof.

See also No.16 Diamond, Map Reference 60.

Owners/Tenants

1831	Mrs Walker
1858	Henry J Walker
1868	Henry Walker
1869-1878	Henry J Walker
1887	Henry J Walker, Alban Goodman & Son
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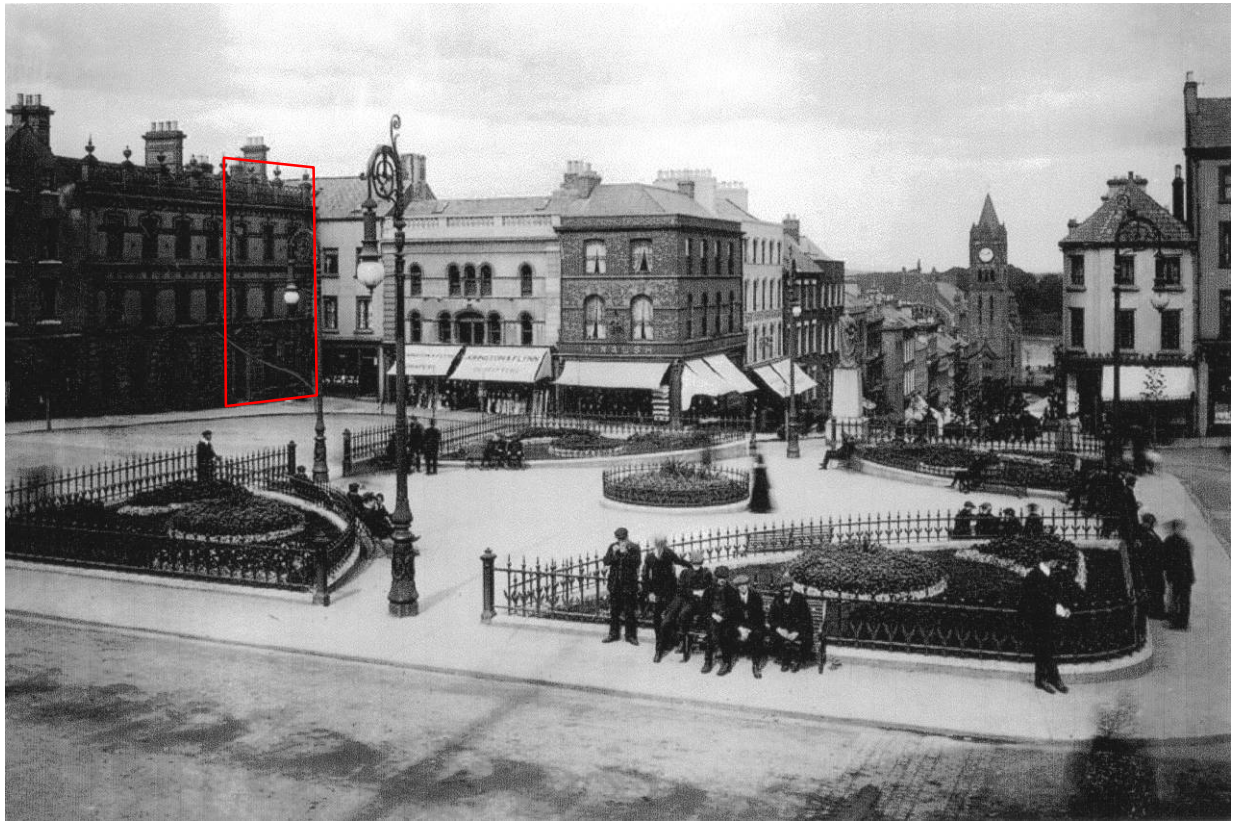
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Derry Almanac, 1908

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Diamond, circa 1912



Address	14 Diamond
Name	None
Map Reference	62
Plot Number	128,129,130
Listed Building Reference Grade	No N/A N/A
Conservation Area Reference	Yes Historic City
Building at Risk Reference	No N/A
Date of Construction	?
Original Use	Retail
Present Use	Retail

Description

Three storey, nine-bay, smooth rendered façade, with unadorned pilasters subdividing façade into three principal bays. Roof concealed behind parapet. Round-headed vertical sliding sash painted timber windows. Contemporary shopfronts and signage. The present building replaced two previous buildings on the site.

History

Presbyterian Young Men's Association. 1883: Architect: W.A. Barker

A three-storey building rendered externally, with a curious mix of round-headed windows. Remodelled by W A Barker, architect, in 1883, it would be much improved by a more sympathetic colour scheme and the elimination of recent large letters at parapet wall level.

Historic Buildings in and near the City of Derry, Ulster Architectural Heritage Society, 1970

Owners/Tenants

1831	David Patten
1858	John Hunter
1868-1871	Gill Brothers
1876-1878	Gill Brothers, William McElroy
1887	Gill Brothers, Presbyterian Working Men's Institute
1895-1903	John Gill, Presbyterian Working Men's Institute
1909	Hasson M, Presbyterian Working Men's Institute
1927	Miss M A Campbell, Presbyterian Working Men's Institute

1831	Thomas Ramsey
1858	James E Nesbit, unoccupied
1868	Letterkenny Railway, unoccupied
1869	Letterkenny Railway, William Harte, CE
1871-1878	Rev R Babington, Hume Babington
1887	J R Ross (Laundry)
1895-1927	City Steam Laundry

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CITY LAUNDRY,

15, Diamond, Londonderry.

Lace Curtains, and all kinds of Family and other Washings, done in the Best Style, with promptitude and exactness.


PRICES MODERATE.

J. A. ROSS

N.B.—PRICE LIST can be had on Application to the Laundry.

Derry Almanac, 1884

THE ONLY HOUSE
In the Trade for sound reliable Goods
at very low prices is



JOHNSTON & FLYNN'S,
THE DIAMOND, Londonderry.

Every Article in the DRAPERY TRADE sold here at prices that must command attention.

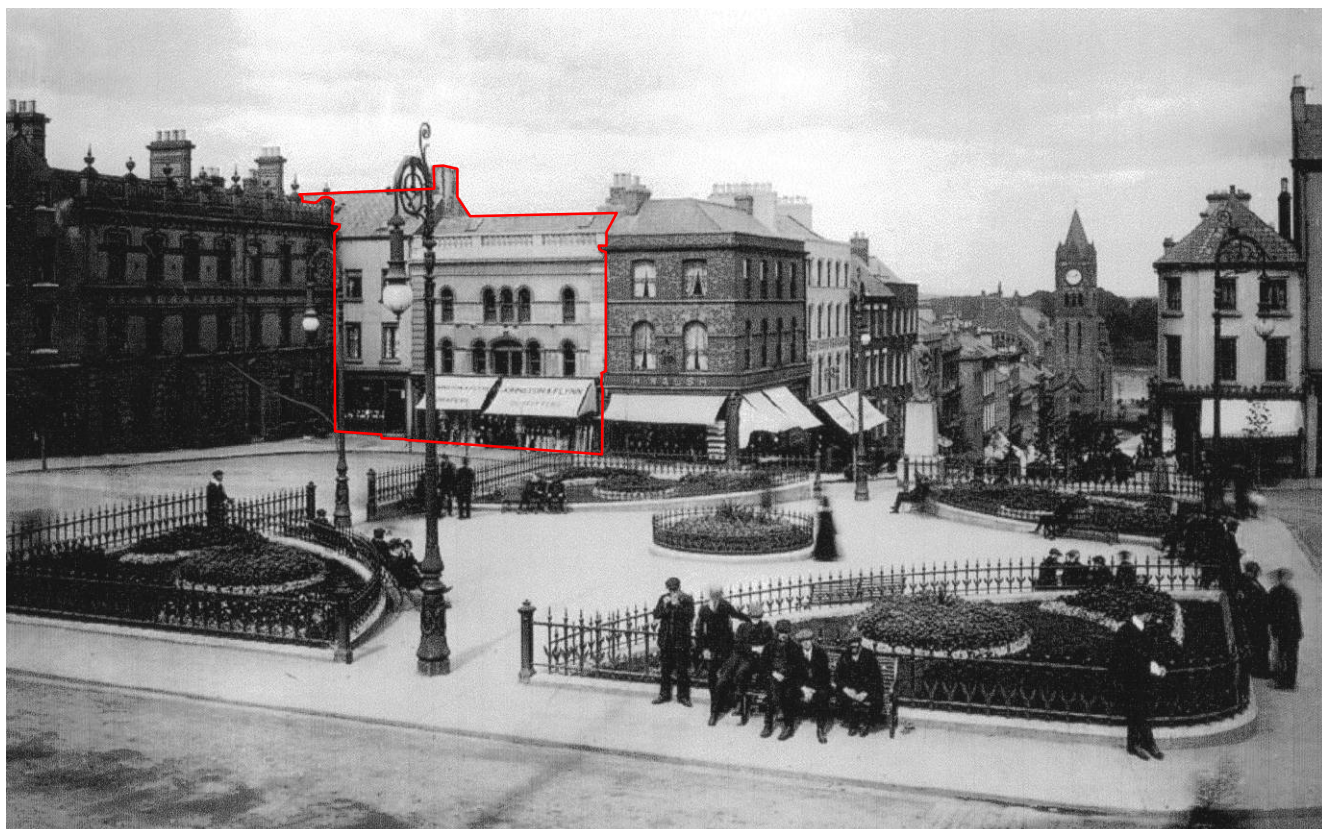
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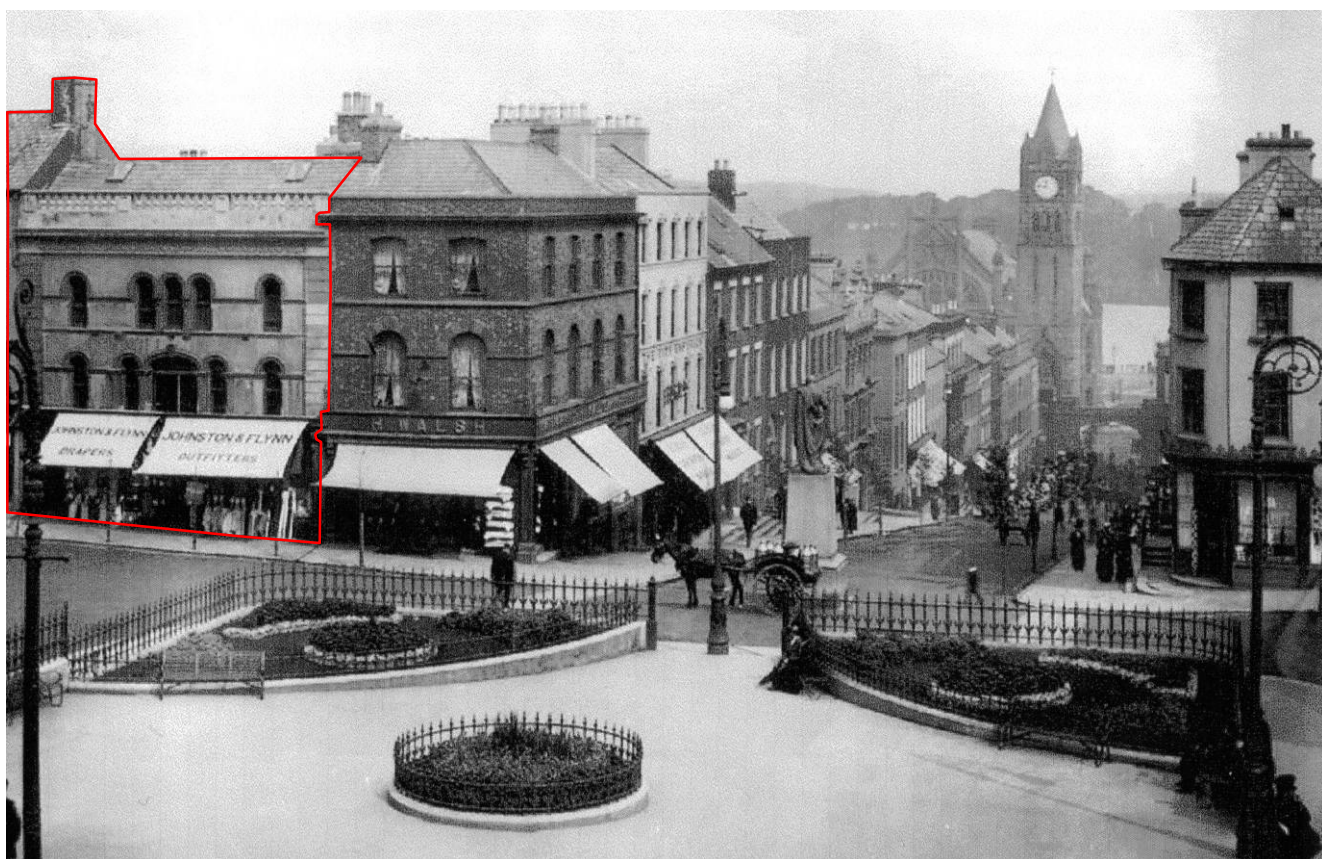
REMEMBER ADDRESS:
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Derry Almanac, 1914

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14 Diamond, circa 1912



14 Diamond, circa 1912



Address	War Memorial
Name	War Memorial
Map Reference	64
Plot Number	N/A
Listed Building Reference Grade	Yes HB01/19/021 B1
Conservation Area Reference	Yes Historic City
Building at Risk Reference	No N/A
Date of Construction	1927
Original Use	War Memorial
Present Use	War Memorial

Description

1927: Sculptor: Vernon March

The war memorial is built on the site of the former town halls. The basement, which may have been used as prison cells prior to 1784, has been retained underground. Originally unfenced, the space around the war memorial is a vantage place from which to view the scene. The centre of the design is a winged figure, 20 feet high, emblematic of victory; on either side of it are figures representing a soldier and sailor in action.

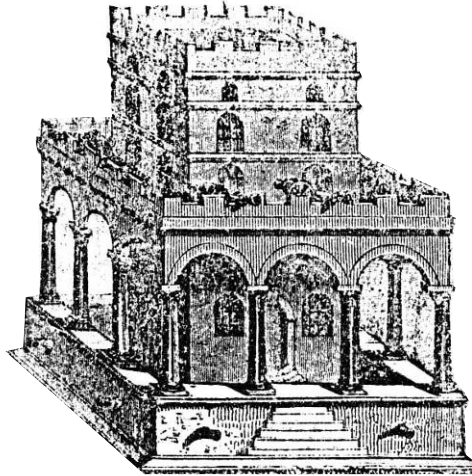
Historic Buildings in and near the City of Derry, Ulster Architectural Heritage Society, 1970

Diamond, the central square of the 17th century town. Here the site of two earlier Market Houses is marked by the First World War Memorial, though the basement of the 18th century Market House remains below ground. The memorial, with a winged figure of victory flanked by a soldier and a sailor, is of 1927, the sculpture by Vernon March.

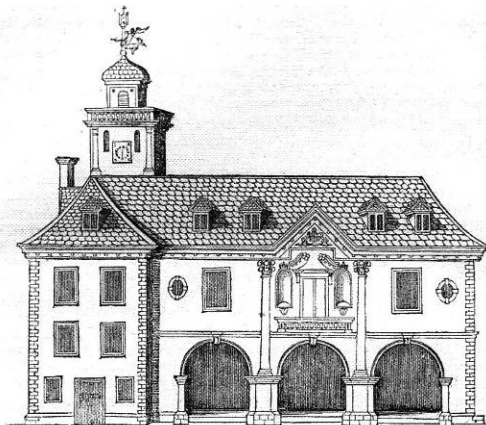
The Buildings of Ireland, North West Ulster, Alistair Rowan, 1979

History

The CORPORATION HALL stands in the centre of the Diamond, on the site of the original Town-House, or Exchange, which was erected by the London corporation in 1622, at an expense of £500.



It has been already stated in the General History, that so early as 1616 it was considered that "a market house and a town house should be erected in Derry, by which the city of London would



The original edifice having been destroyed during the siege, it was replaced by another, of which also a wood-cut is prefixed, copied from Neville's engraved plan of the siege, to which the following particulars respecting its erection are subjoined: "The former Town Hall being destroyed in the late seige by y^e enemies bombs, upon application made to their maties King William and Queen Mary by the corporation of Londonderry, they were graciously pleased as a mark of their favour, to give a largess of 1500*l.* towards y^e building an Exchange, y^e repaires of the church, gates, and walls of y^e city; appointing the may^r, aldermen, and burgesses to dispose of y^e money to that use, which trust they most faithfully dischargd to the best advantage; and to promote this great and good undertaking the gen^l. of the grand jury for the city and county were pleased to grant an applottment of 300*l.* towards finishing the Exchange, with the court of judicature, guard house, gaurd [guard] chambers, comon councillroom, grand and petty jury roomes; of which building the above is the proper front." The Concise View of the Irish Society records that on the 6th of May, 1691, "A warrant was issued to the wood-rangers, to supply sixty tons of timber, towards rebuilding the market-house, repairing the gates, and other public buildings in Derry at the usual rates;" and that on the 4th of December following, it appeared "that one hundred and twenty tons of timber, and forty thousand laths, were allowed for building the town-house of Derry."

The Town-House, or "Their Maiesties Exchange," was accordingly rebuilt by the corporation, in 1692, on the 15th of April in which year the first stone was laid by Bishop King and Alderman Locky. The plan was designed by Captain Francis Neville.

In 1823 the corporation undertook to give the Town-House such a thorough repair as should be almost tantamount to re-erection. The expense was £5500 9*s.* 11*d.*, with £400 for furniture, although an outlay of no more than £2000 had been originally contemplated. The new building is inscribed with the date of its completion:—"1826." It measures 120 feet by 45. The southern part, in which is the principal entrance, is circular. The upper story contains the common council-room; an assembly-room, which measures 75 feet by 36; and an ante-chamber: the assembly-room is occasionally used for balls, concerts, public exhibitions, and corporation dinners. In the lower story, now closed in, there is a news-room, established by the corporation in 1835; and a well-appointed kitchen. A dancing academy, also, was for some time held in this building.

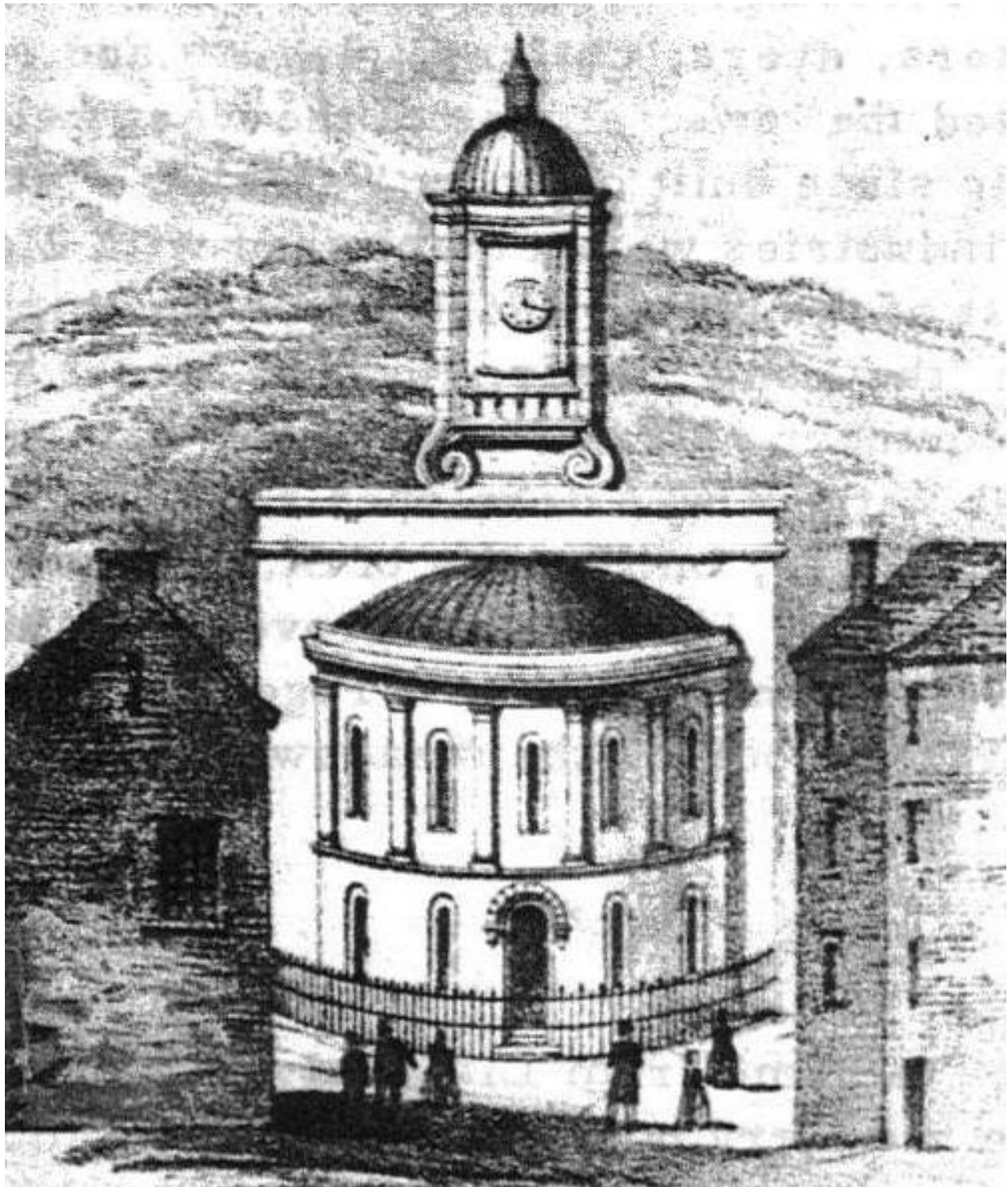
Ordnance Survey Memoir of Londonderry, Colby, 1837

The New Market House was built in the Diamond on the site of its predecessor in 1692. It was a rectangular structure with short cross arms at the south end, dignified by an attempted classical order with an open arcade on the ground floor and assembly rooms above. Meal and potatoes from the surrounding area were bought and exchanged within its open arcades, and it continued as the exchange for over 130 years...In 1826 the Exchange shared with most Irish arcaded markets the indignity of having its arches built up to accommodate a Public Reading Room.

The Buildings of Ireland, North West Ulster, Alistair Rowan, 1979



Market House, circa 1780.



Corporation Hall (South Elevation), circa 1847

IRISH SOCIETY VISITATION IN LONDONDERRY.

THE CLEARING OF THE DIAMOND

The Mayor and Town Clerk and several members of the Corporation called yesterday at the Irish Society's House, St. Columb's Court, to pay their respects to Alderman Newton, Governor, and the other members of the Visitation of the Irish Society now in the city. The Mayor having welcomed the Visitation on behalf of the citizens, mentioned that the Corporation had no matters in particular to bring before them on this occasion further than to express appreciation of their action in making grants towards the equipping of Brooke Park and the Brandywell-road municipal grounds. In the course of the conversation which ensued it was understood that the Irish Society took it that the site offered by them for a public library in Foyle-street had been deemed unsuitable for the purpose. The Governor intimated that the Society would be glad to assist the Corporation in ornamenting the Diamond consequent upon the removal of the existing building. The Mayor and deputation remained for lunch.

Newspaper Article, 1897

THE DIAMOND GARDENS

It is frequently our pleasure to congratulate Mr. Lindsay, parks superintendent, on the taste and beauty which characterise the laying out of the flower beds at the Diamond Gardens. Never, perhaps, did the beds present a prettier picture than at present, with the nicely-varied plants in full bloom. A fine display of bridal-robe and marigolds make an attractive centrepiece. The scheme affecting the corner plots is likewise of a most artistic nature, the centre in each case being filled with P. Crampel geraniums and calceolarias, and the border being composed of aleygium or artavara. Scotch visitors have been struck with the magnificence of the gardens, and some will even admit that they compare favourably with the well-known Glasgow beauty spot - St. George's Square. In these warm days, the Diamond certainly suggests an idea of freshness and repose, and the scene is one on which the eye loves to linger. In view of the coming Visitation of the Irish Society, at whose expense the Diamond Gardens are maintained, it is gratifying to have the garden plots attired in so rich a garb.

Londonderry Sentinel, July 1913

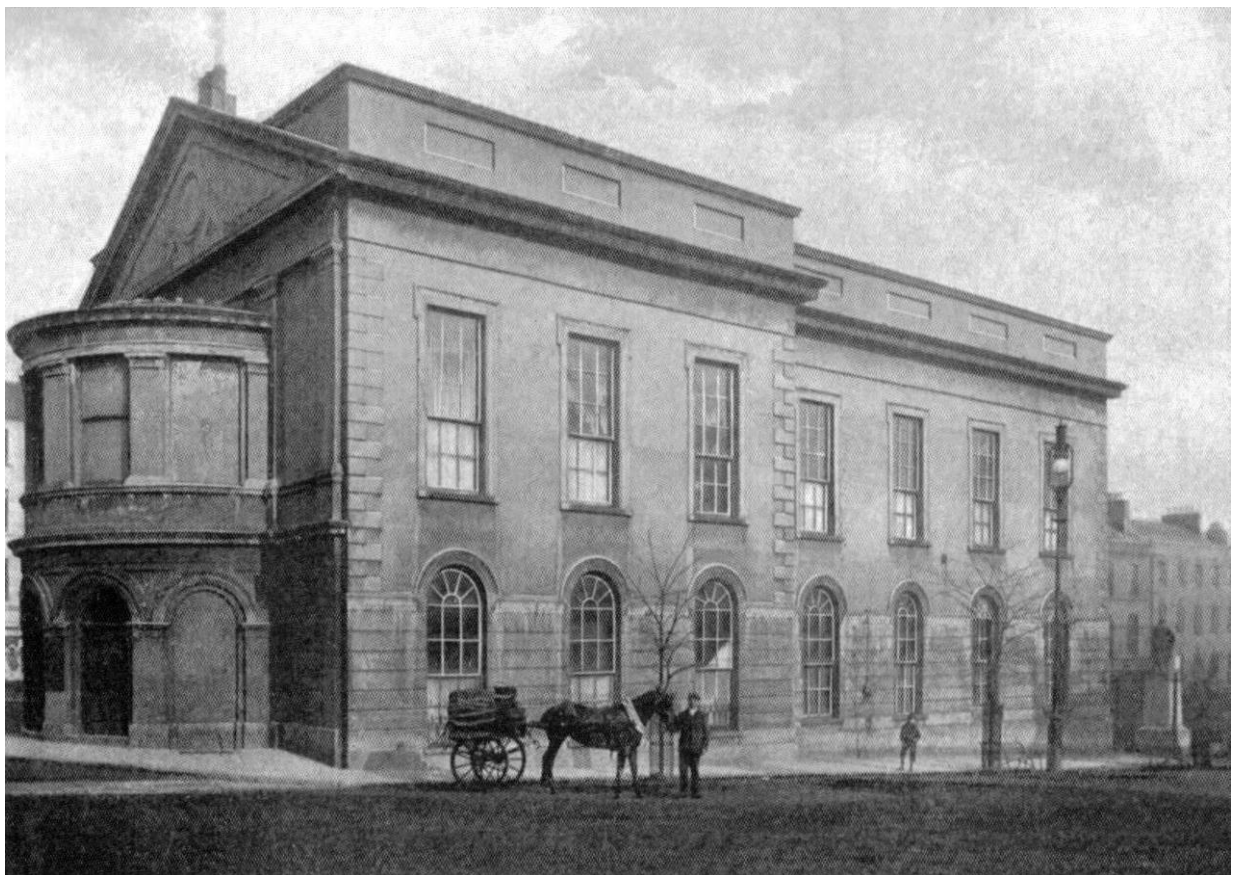
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Corporation Hall (South Elevation), circa 1880



Corporation Hall, Diamond, circa 1880



Art College, Diamond, circa 1906



Diamond, circa 1912



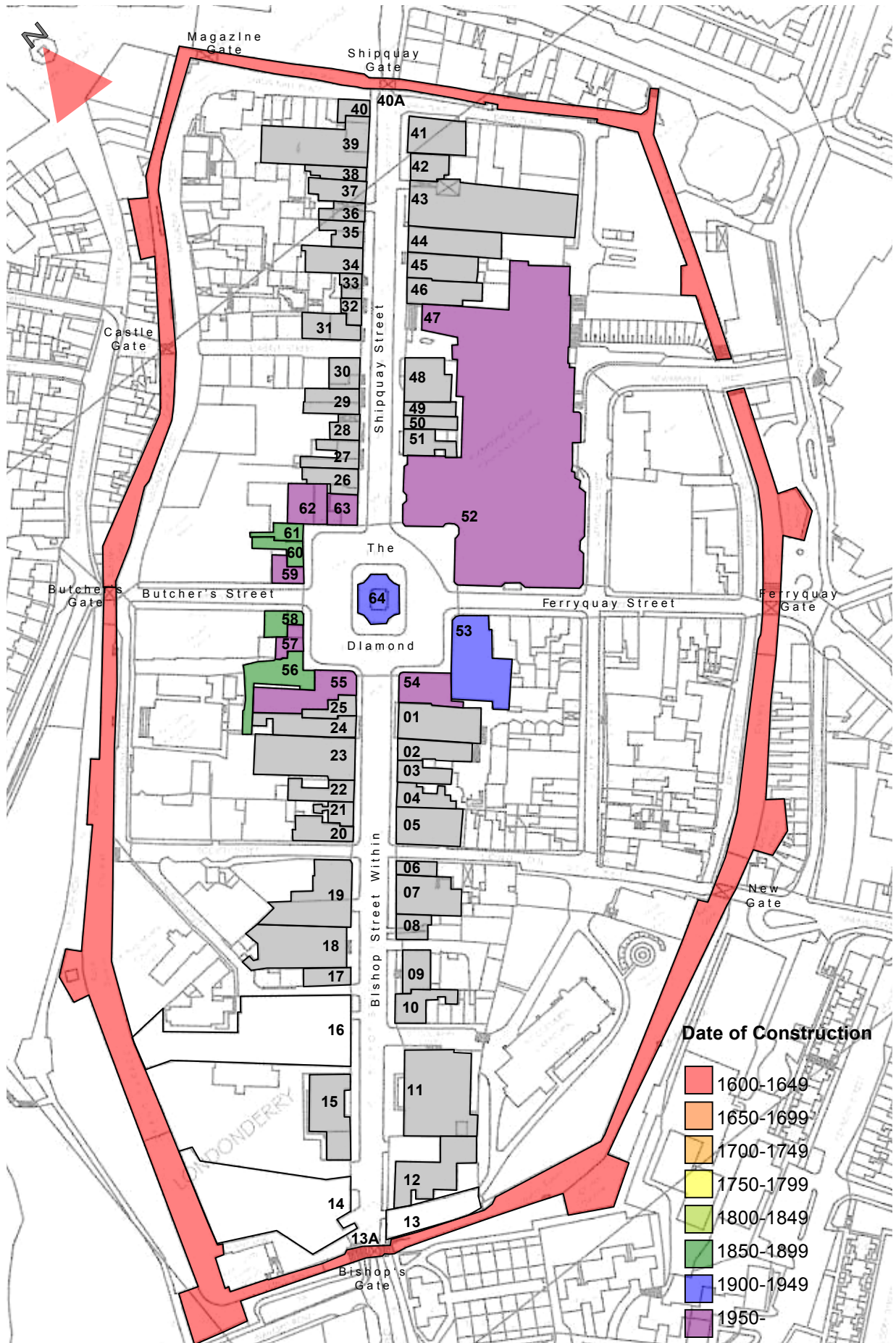
War Memorial, circa



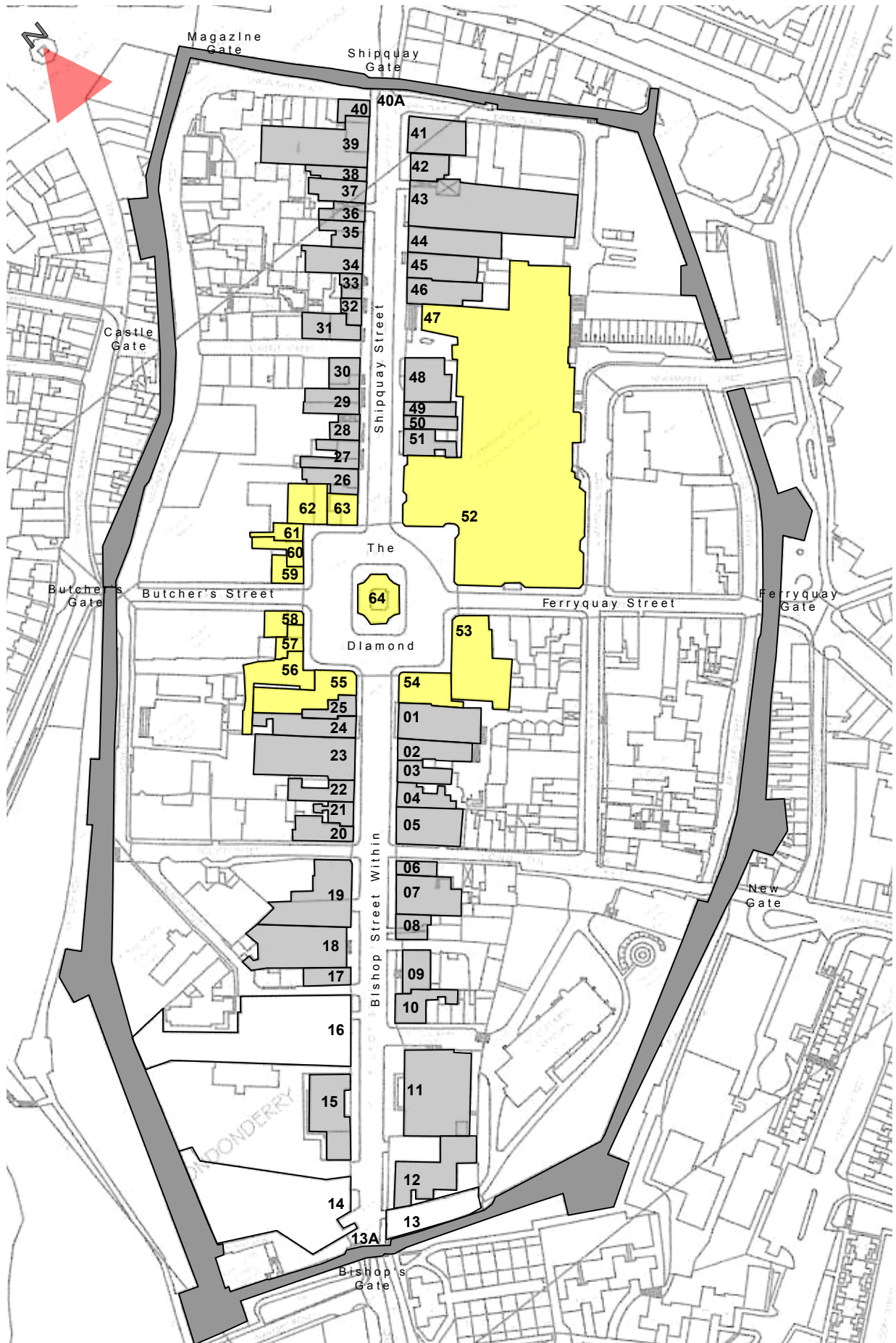
Remembrance Sunday, circa



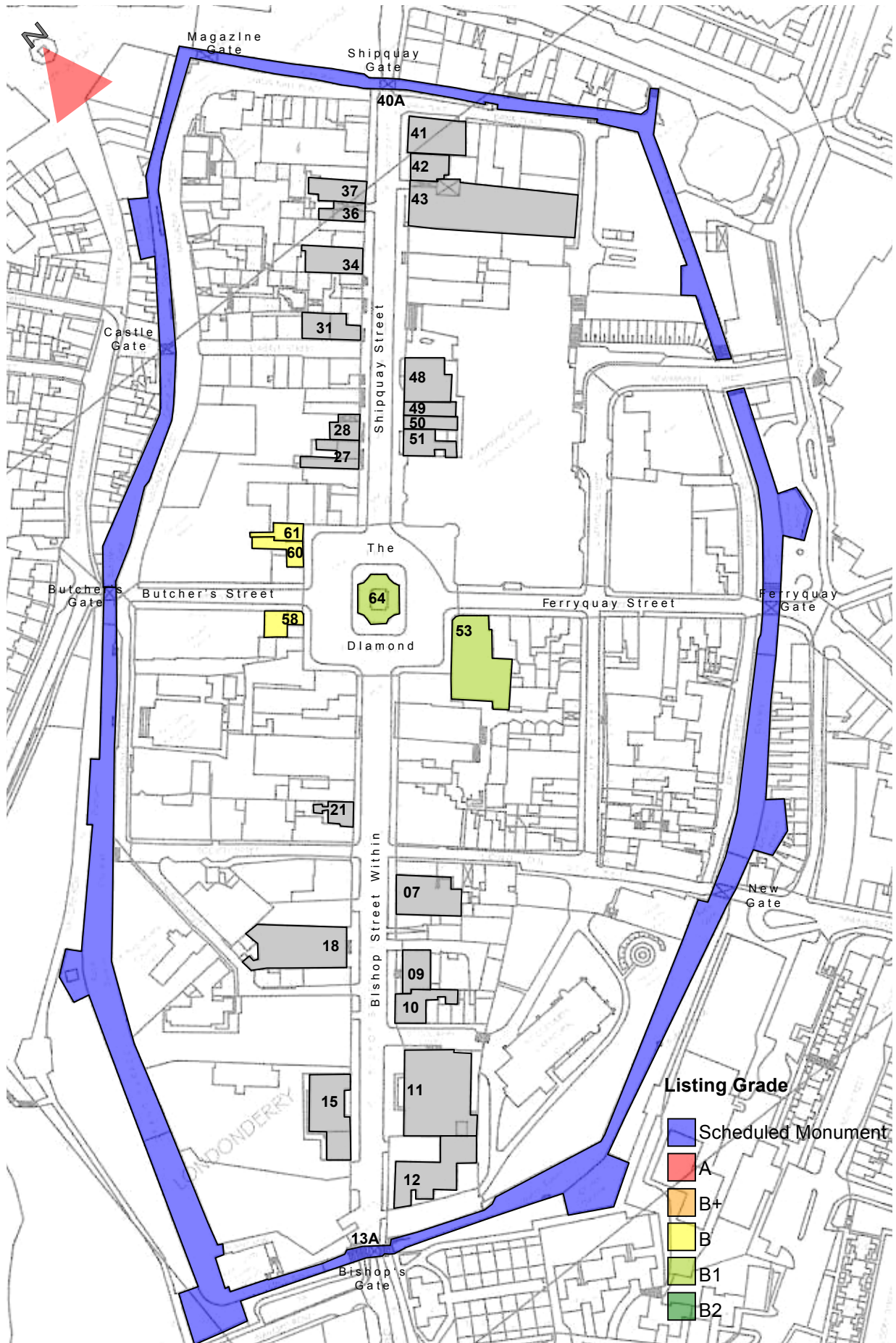
War Memorial, Diamond, circa 1930



Diamond Date of Construction Map



Diamond Reference Map



Diamond Listed Building Map



Name	Diamond
Previous Names	Market Place King William Square
Map References	52-63
Plot Numbers	35,38,39,45,55-59 122-131
Listed Buildings Number	Yes 5
Conservation Area Reference	Yes Historic City

General

Diamond

Before 1780. Calling Squares 'diamonds' is a feature of Ulster urban topography. 24No. premises. Nos.4-6 Austin's burnt in 1903, reopened 1907. First DA numbers in 1933. Oldest surviving part is 21-24, former McKinley's to M&M Scott, 7-12 gone in 1979 for Richmond Centre.

The Streets of Derry (1625-2001), John G Bryson, 2001

King William Square

Before 1702. William III of England (1650-1702). CBS27 says the Diamond was 'briefly' named in William's honour as the citizens tried hard to get some compensation either for damage to their property during the siege or like John Mitchelburne for contributions to William's war effort; but with royalty flattery got them nowhere.

The Streets of Derry (1625-2001), John G Bryson, 2001

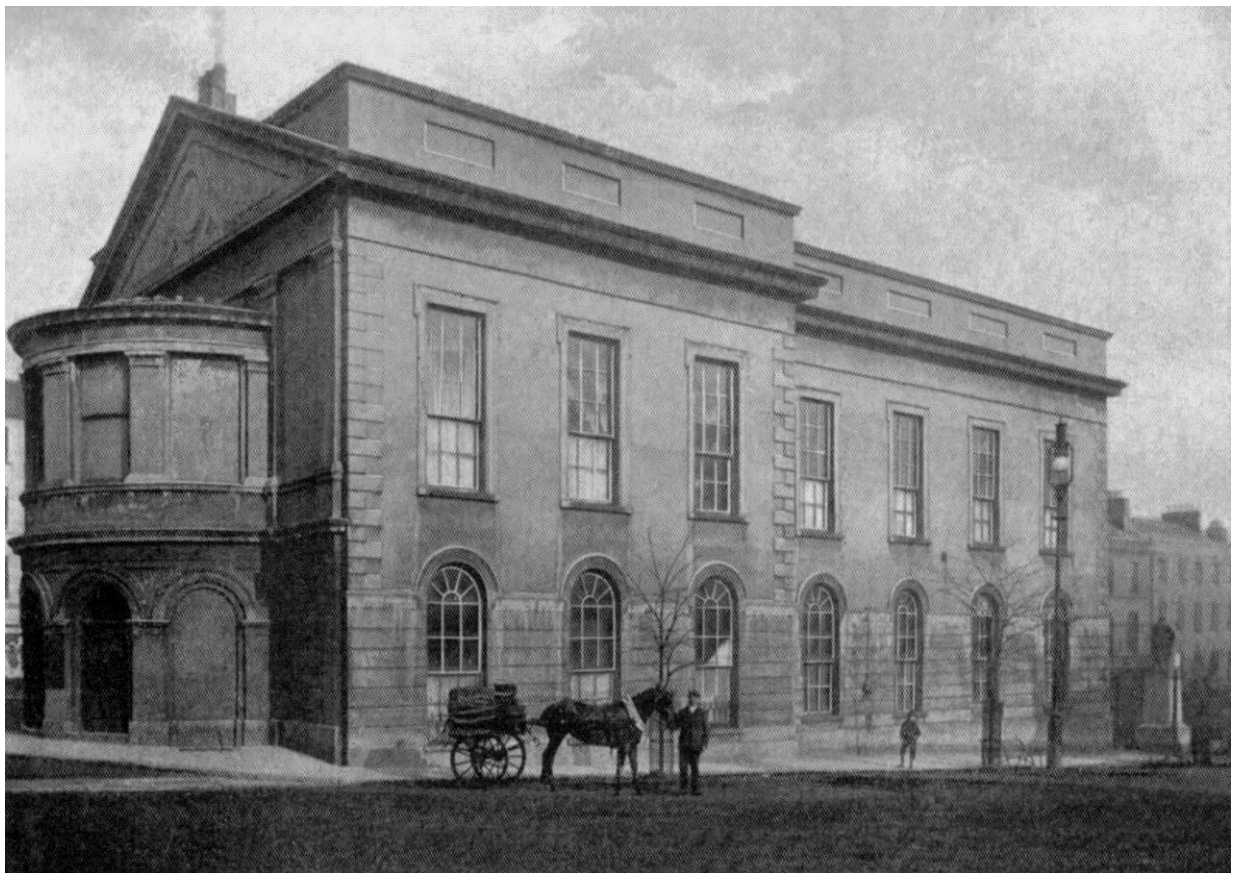
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The Diamond, circa 1860



Corporation Hall, The Diamond, circa 1890



Art College, former Corporation Hall, The Diamond, circa 1906



The Diamond, circa 1913



The Diamond, circa 1913



The Diamond, circa 1913



The Diamond, circa 1913



The Diamond, circa 1913



The Diamond, circa 1913



Hiring Fair, The Diamond, circa 1930



Hiring Fair, The Diamond, circa 1930



War Memorial, The Diamond, circa 1930



The Diamond, circa 1970