Martello Tower No. 7 (South) Dublin Bay

Bibliography/ Webography

Print:

The main source of information on the tower, before the restoration, comes from unpublished original documents from UK National Archives relating to the construction and later reporting on Tower No.7 (and, incidentally, all the other emplacements in Dublin Bay). These documents were unearthed by Niall O'Donoghue (Doug Rogers) and formed a significant part of the information reproduced in the published research report referred to in the web section below and the subsequent local authorities book on the *Martello Towers of Dublin*.

There are a number of books which deal with the Towers. These tend to cover the whole system and do not deal with the matter in sufficient detail, or timeliness, to have been of use in the restoration project as such. However, they do provide a general background to the system of defences of which the Tower is an integral part.

Martello Towers, Sheila Sutcliffe, David and Charles publishers, 1972

This was the first book to treat Martello Towers worldwide. It is said to be accurate on the British towers, However, it was very much off the mark on some of the Irish towers, and particularly those in Killiney Bay.

Martello Towers, Victor Enoch, self published, 1975.

This was a neat little pamphlet but unfortunately its author, who professed an interest in and an affection for Martello Towers, was responsible for the desecration of Tower No.6 (on Killiney beach) which he bought and to which he added two ugly storeys.

Castles and Fortifications in Ireland 1485-1945, Paul M. Kerrigan, The Collins Press - Cork, 1995

Paul M. Kerrigan was the foremost expert in his day on the Martello Towers of Ireland. He had published material on these in 1974 in An Cosantóir, the Irish Army journal, (see below) and released the illustrated version of this book in 1995. He was actively involved in documenting the Towers over the years and assisted Niall O'Donoghue in drawing up his plans for the restoration of No.7.

Fortress Ireland, John Hartnett McEnery, Wordwell Ltd., 2006

John Hartnett McEnery also explored the defence of Ireland from earlier times to the present day. His analysis emphasises policy and strategic consideration over the purely physical characteristics of the defences, which tend to be the preoccupation of the other books.

Martello Towers Worldwide, Bill Clements, Pen and Sword Books Ltd., 2011

This is a tremendous piece of work by Bill Clements who has visited almost all the sites mentioned in person and has his own photos in the book to prove it. The current book is an updated and expanded version of his earlier publication Towers of Strength in 1999.

The Martello Towers of Dublin, Jason Bolton + Tim Carey + Rob Goodbody + Gerry Clabbey, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and Fingal County Councils, 2012

This is the first book to deal graphically and in great detail with the Martello Towers of Dublin Bay. It is both a story and a reference book. It takes on board and expands on the wealth of material featured in the 2011 Exhibition. The copious illustrations give a great insight into the history and current state of the fortifications erected in Dublin Bay to resist the expected invasion by Napoleon in the period 1804-15.

Between the Mountains and the Sea, Peter Pearson, The O'Brien Press, 2007

This book gives an account of the various areas within the new County of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The emphasis is on those buildings which still survive and their history. It does not refer to the restoration of Tower No. 7, which had not impinged on the public consciousness at that time, but it does cover the surrounding houses and is a great insight into Killiney Bay.

Web:

Website specifically dedicated to Tower No. 7 http://photopol.com/martello/no7.html

Website as background to talk on the restoration, containing links to the presentation itself and to a host of background sources.

http://photopol.com/dca4/index.html

Page showing each of the Napoleonic fortifications in Killiney Bay..

http://www.photopol.com/martello/killiney_bay.html

Article on the military history of Killiney Bay 1793-1815 http://photopol.com/articles/french.doc

Major La Chaussée's manuscript (report) 1797

http://photopol.com/la_chaussee_rec/la_chaussee_ms.pdf

and translation of the above

http://photopol.com/la_chaussee_rec/la_chaussee_trans.pdf

with two of the Major's maps

Map 1 - characteristics of Killiney Bay

http://photopol.com/dca4/la_chaussee_map.jpg

Map 2 - coastal emplacements and overlapping fire

http://photopol.com/dca4/lc_map2.jpg

Interactive Google map, showing all emplacements (La Chaussée & Martello & Battery), location and range of fire

http://photopol.com/articles/martello_map_dcla4.html

Paul Kerrigan's series of 4 articles in An Cosantóir (1974) covering his initial work on what was later to become Castles and Fortifications of Ireland.

http://photopol.com/dca4/kerrigan_cosantoir.pdf

Research report on existing documentation relating to Martello Towers world wide and more particularly in

http://www.fingalcoco.ie/Planning/ConservationHeritage/HeritageProjects/Martello%20Towers%202008.pdf

Archaeology Ireland in its 100th edition this Summer, has included an article on Martello and Signal Towers. http://photopol.com/dca4/archirl_towers.pdf

Niall O'Donoghue' illustrated brochure describing No. 7 Tower.

http://photopol.com/dca4/welcome.pdf

Short (silent) video of the cannon from casting to firing.

http://photopol.com/dca4/the_cannon_silent.wmv

Report of Fortress Study Group (FSG) 2013 Study Tour of Southern Ireland (including No.7) http://www.fsgfort.com/uploads/pdfs/Public/Study%20Tour%202013%20P.pdf

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