F1 | FEATURE
Entrance Gate

The burial ground in Terryland is bordered by a limestone wall and accessed by a metal pedestrian gate in the western wall. The entrance may have been wider originally as the northern pier is replacement concrete. The top of the gate is decorated with a cross.

Reference: GA-TYLD
GPS: 53° 17' 15.0756" N, 9° 3' 5.1444" W

31 | HEADSTONE
James - Ward 1886

The earliest dated memorial in Terryland burial ground commemorates James Ward (d.1886). Six other members of the Ward family are included on this limestone headstone. The top of the stone is decorated with a well-executed cross motif.

Reference GA-TYLD-0031
GPS: 53° 17' 15" N, 9° 3' 5.5692" W

35 | HEADSTONE
Thomas Kelly - 1889

There are five members of the Kelly family commemorated on this limestone headstone. The top of the stone is carved in the shape of the ring of a cross decorated with a lily and foliate details in releif, ranged around a central IHS.

Reference: GA-TYLD-0035
GPS: 53° 17' 15.1692" N, 9° 3' 5.1084" W

39 | CROSS
Walter Connell - 1900

Walter Connell and his son Edward are commemorated on this Celtic cross carved with Tudor roses, vines and a twisted banner. The limestone kerb that surrounds the plot is well carved and comparable to some of the kerbs in Old Rahoon.

Reference: GA-TYLD-0039
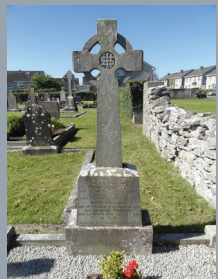GPS: 53° 17' 15.2988" N, 9° 3' 5.9688" W

60 | CROSS
William Francis - 1936

Four members of the Francis family are commemorated on this simple limestone cross which is decorated with an interwoven HIS. The first name listed is William Francis, who died in 1936. His wife Celia, predeceased him in 1913, but is also named in the memorial.

Reference: GA-TYLD-0060
GPS: 3° 17' 15.6012" N, 9° 3' 5.6088" W

Terryland | Reilig Thír Oileáin

The burial ground (GA082-082) in the townland of Terryland is located within Castlelawn Heights housing estate in Galway. This burial ground was in heavy use the late 19th century and continued to be significant in more recent times. When first established it was located outside Galway city and suburban limits, though that is no longer the case. The suburbs have grown up around the site, changing its landscape context significantly. The townland name Terryland/Tír Oileáin means land of the island.

The walled burial ground is very well preserved in a green area in Castlelawn Heights, with a pedestrian gate providing access in the western wall. A total of 188 names are commemorated on 60 modern memorials within the grounds. The earliest memorial, that of James Ward, dates to 1886, but the majority of the graves date from the second half of the twentieth century. The most frequently recorded surnames in Terryland are Collins (6), Connell (5), Francis (9), Kelly (4), Killeen (7) and Ward (6) and these names represent the local families that live in the area.

It should, however, be remembered that the commemorated names only represent a portion of the individuals that are likely to buried in this graveyard. According to local information part of the now enclosed graveyard was used as a children's burial ground in the past. Children's burial grounds date from, at least, the late medieval period when it was common for unbaptised babies, adult suicide victims and unknown individuals, who were excluded from burial in sanctified graveyards, to be buried in designated, often isolated, areas. Some of the most common sites chosen for this purpose included archaeological monuments such as ringforts and ecclesiastical enclosures which retained significance in local folk traditions, however unenclosed areas in the corner of a field were sometimes used. Both Ballybrit and Castlegar burial grounds were also once used as children's burial grounds.

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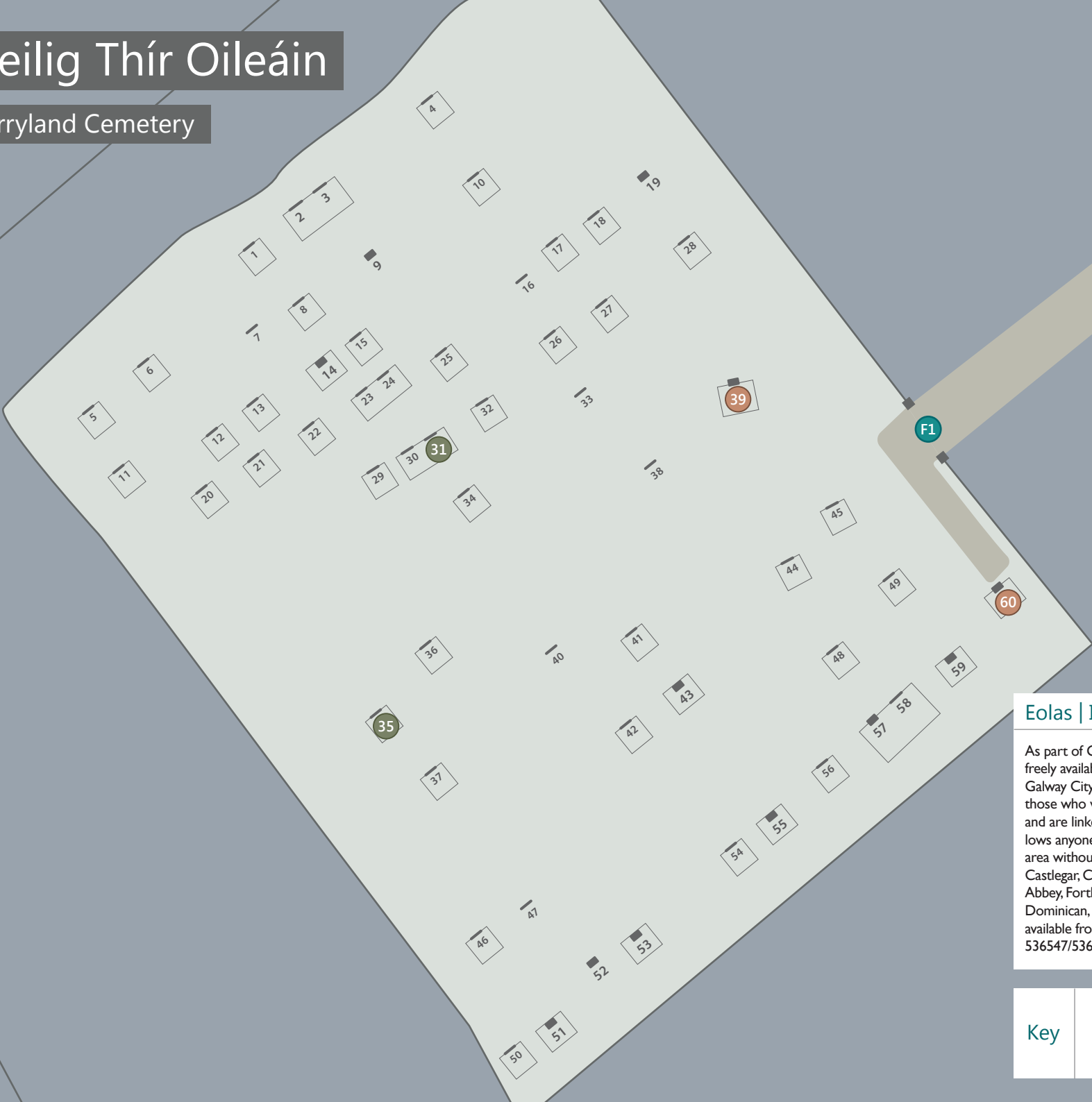
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Eolas | Information

As part of Galway City Council's policy of making information on heritage freely available, a summary brochure like this one is being prepared for each of Galway City's 28 areas. These are being printed along with a map as a guide for those who visit our graveyards. The monuments on the maps are numbered and are linked to the historicgraves.com and galwaycity.ie websites. This allows anyone anywhere to research their ancestry and kinship in the Galway area without charge. Copies of the following 16 leaflets; Ballybrit, Bushypark, Castlegar, Castlelawn, Convent of Mercy Forster St. and Francis St., Franciscan Abbey, Forthill, Menlo, Old Rahoon, Poor Clare Monastery, Roscam, St Mary's Dominican, St Patrick's, Salthill Upper and United Methodist Presbyterian are available from the Heritage Office, City Hall, College Rd, Galway (Tel: 091 536547/536516) and from city library branches free of charge.

Key	Headstone	Kerbed Grave	Cross or Pedestal	Ledger or Chest tomb	Vault or Mausoleum
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