



# School Master's Treasure Hunt

Saturday 9th September 2017 10.30-16.00

1617 saw a Free School built within Derry Walls. Follow this trail of clues around the Walled City and help the School-Master find his salary. Seek help from living history performers along the way. Reveal another story connected with the building of the Derry Walls. Entry into the Treasure Hunt is free and you could win one of 5 prizes of £20 of Foyleside vouchers. You will be able to pick up a registration form/treasure hunt from any of the participating heritage buildings around the Derry Walls – St Columb's Cathedral, Verbal Arts Centre, St Augustine's Church, First Derry Presbyterian Church, Tower Museum, Guildhall, Central Library and Playhouse Theatre.

**Completed forms must be returned to any of the participating venues by 4pm on the day**, for entry of correct entries into a draw for the prizes. This event is part of Derry Walls Day 2017 and NI's European Heritage Open Days 2017.

## **1. Guildhall, Shipquay Place**

Go upstairs to the Main Hall, where there is an exhibition about the civic museum's archive of beautifully hand-drawn architectural drawings. While you're there, have a look at the main window depicting the history of Derry Londonderry. Along the bottom are the coats of arms of the main Irish clans in and around Derry, four hundred years ago. The symbol of one of the clans is three fish; write the name of that clan in the space below:

## **2. First Derry Presbyterian Church, Upper Magazine Street**

Say hello to the 18th century minister of First Derry, the Rev Robert Black, a very interesting character from history. In the porch of the First Derry you will see a large wall plaque giving the names of the all the past ministers and the dates between which they preached in First Derry. Write the dates for the Rev. Robert Black in the space below:

## **3. St Augustine's Church, Palace Street**

The oldest headstone at St. Augustine's isn't in the graveyard; instead you'll find it sitting on one of the window sills inside the church. Ask the Guides for directions to the window and you will find the Carrick Stone and a useful transcription. The last word is the name of a country; which mythical beast is the symbol of that country?

## **4. Verbal Arts Centre, Stable Lane**

Go inside to meet the Master of the 1617 Free School, Mr Reede and find out what it was like to be a pupil 400 years ago. Master Reede is wearing a cap which was an early form of the mortar

board, now only worn by college students when they graduate. If you dare, ask Master Reede the name of his cap and write it NEATLY below:

### **5. St Columb's Cathedral, London Street**

Amongst the pews of this building, the oldest within the Derry Walls, you'll find my Lady Margaret, recently arrived (in 1617!) from London. When she isn't busy telling you how homesick she is, ask her the name of what she is wearing around her neck and write its name below:

### **6. Playhouse Arts Centre, Artillery Street.**

Did you know that the Playhouse was originally a convent school, the one for boys being built in 1911. So you won't be surprised if you meet Sister Agatha in the corridors. If you do, ask her the family name of the architect who designed the 1911 building, and write that name below:

### **7. Old Customs House, 31-33 Shipquay Street (now the Inner City Trust Offices)**

This is one of the most impressive Georgian brick façade buildings within the Derry Walls. Go inside and walking up the beautiful staircase you should notice a date indicating when the building, or at least the staircase, was built. Write the year below:

### **8. Section of Walls overlooking Shipquay Place and facing the Guildhall.**

Phew! You've made it to the last puzzle. There are a row of cannon on this section of the Derry Walls. The top of the barrel of the second cannon, from the end nearest Shipquay Gate, bears a faint inscription of the year in which the Royal Gunmaker, Thomas Johnston, cast it in his foundry in London. Write the year in this space below:

Hint: The information panel within the row of cannon might also provide the required date if you can't find it on the cannon itself.

*The Friends of the Derry Walls, and our partners who opened their doors, really hope you enjoyed this treasure hunt and found out something new about your Walled City, its buildings and the people who lived here. You can also find out more about what we do at [www.the.derrywalls.com](http://www.the.derrywalls.com). You might even want to become a Friend of the Derry Walls yourself!*

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