Irish Palatine Experience

the story of German settlers in Ireland

In 1709 several hundred families from the German Palatinate settled in Ireland. These Palatines established roots in Counties Kerry, Limerick, Tipperary & Wexford but mainly in the Rathkeale area of County Limerick.

The Irish Palatine Heritage Centre houses an exhibition which seeks to re-present in detail the Irish Palatine experience ranging from their German places of origin, to their colonisation and settlement in Ireland, and their subsequent scattering all over the English speaking world.

Due emphasis is placed on the Palatines' innovative contributions to Irish farming life and on their formative role in the development of world Methodism.

The Centre features an extensive display of artefacts, photographs, graphics etc. associated with the Palatine story. It is set in landscaped surroundings and includes an archive, a tea-room, gift selection and bus/car park.

Irish Palatine Centre

museum · archive · tea room

Old Railway Buildings, Rathkeale, Co.Limerick, Ireland.

Located alongside the N21 at Rathkeale. 18 mls. from Limerick, 8 mls. from Adare, 46 mls. from Tralee, 50 mls. from Killarney.

Admission: Adults €5.00. Student €3.00. Family €12.00

Open Mid May ~ Mid September
Tuesday to Friday 2 - 5 p.m.
Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays: July - Mid Sept. 2 - 5 p.m.
Other times by advance appointment

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