

Sebastian Barry's childhood home

Victorian terraced house in Monkstown where award-winning author grew up

27 Longford Terrace, Monkstown

Sebastian Barry's literary history in a rambling Edwardian house

IDENTIFICATION

The Victorian house on Longford Terrace was architecturally rich in design. Lofty proportions, large windows, imposing living spaces: no wonder the terrace was once described as an aristocratic and commanding pile.

All these fine features led to the house becoming a landmark in the area, and its fine the making of a home to enjoy with. Author Sebastian Barry, owner of the Costa Book award-winning novel, he mentions the house in A Secret Place, commissioned by the Post.

Having an extensive and striking story about his childhood home, Sebastian Barry says: "It was only when I got back to Ireland, when I was about nine... in the Longford Terrace, and I could see the house from the street."

Barry's father, the architect Francis Barry, owned the house from 1911 to 1930, and was one of the architects who lived there until his death.

They've kept a good record, and all the original furniture, including a grand crystal chandelier on the first floor. Nevertheless, there it is, still to be seen, to connect it back to a proper green residence, to give an office space, to a small children's kitchen, and an abundance of plants and greenery.

Apartment

The whole thing stands on a plot of 0.27 acres (0.11 hectares), and it's a very nice two-bedroom apartment on the top floor.

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of how lovely it would all be once the roof is finished, but the terrace is a wonderful family home, and it's a very nice house.

Directly the basement and ground floor are used for commercial use, as there are a number of shops in the area.

Entrances

The house is right outside, the terrace is on the ground floor, and Monkstown Crescent is on the other side of the house.

entrance, it's just behind the house on Longford Terrace, which is on the other side of the house, and it's a very nice house.

Barry & Wise are handling the sale and asking €1.75 million.

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Agent: Beirne & Wise

GEMMA TIPTON

The Victorian houses on Longford Terrace were definitely built to impress. Lofty proportions, huge windows, imposing living spaces: no wonder the terrace was once described as “an aristocratic and commanding pile.

Add some fine literary history to the mix in number 27, and you have the makings for a home to conjure with. Author Sebastian Barry – two time winner of the Costa Book award – grew up here, he mentions the house in *A Christmas Tale*, commissioned by An Post.

Writing an evocative and beautiful short story about his relationship with his great-aunt Annie Dunne, he says: “It was only when I got back to Ireland, when I was about nine...she in Longford Place and myself in Longford Terrace – we were neighbours, and I could go and see her as often as I liked...”

Barry’s father, the architect Francis Barry owned the house, later selling it to the current owners, who have since used it as offices.

They’ve kept it in good condition, and all the original features are intact, including a gorgeous arched window on the first floor return. Nevertheless, there is work still to be done to convert it back to a proper private residence; its legacy as offices means there’s a small utilitarian kitchen, and an abundance of phone and power points.

Apartment

The whole thing extends to 441sq.m. (4,746sq.ft.) and currently there’s a very nice two-bedroom apartment on the top floor. Two rooms on the first floor have been styled to give a sense of how lovely it could all be once the refurb is finished, but the huge bright basement area needs work – a wonderful family kitchen would sit well here.

Currently the basement and ground floor are zoned up for commercial use, so there are operations to operate a business from home. It’s a typical three-storey-over-basement house, with a sweet west-facing rear garden and a fantastic location.

Easy access

The Dart is right outside, the sea is visible from the drawing-room, and Monkstown Crescent, with its shops, cafes and restaurants, is just behind. Recent sales on Longford Terrace include next door, number 28, which sold, requiring work, in 2015 for €1.6 million, and more recently number 18 sold for €2.37 million.

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