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1. TITANIC POSTAL WORKERS’ MEMORIAL

This memorial commemorates the two British Sea Post officers and their three American colleagues, all of whom died when the ship was lost. The plaque is made from a spare marble slab donated by Thomas Andrews, chief designer of the ship. Amongst those named are Thomas Andrews, chief designer of the Titanic, and Robert Knight (both members of the guarantee group at Harland & Wolff, the builders of the ship). The memorial is located in Cumberland Place, near to the corner of London Road.

The Titanic Book of Remembrance, commemorating Southampton victims of the Titanic, can also be seen at this location. This book, displayed on a marble plinth, was donated by the City of Southampton Society.

The building is open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (but closed public holidays).

2. TITANIC MUSICIANS’ MEMORIAL

This is a replica of the original memorial near this site, destroyed during the Second World War. It depicts a grieving woman and Titanic singing, with a musical inscription of the first six bars of ‘Nearer, my God to thee’. The names of all the musicians on the ship, including the band leader Wallace Hartley, are all engraved on the memorial.

The memorial can be found in Cumberland Place, near to the corner of London Road.

3. ENGINEER OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL

Unveiled in 1914, constructed of Aberdeen granite and surmounted by a seven foot high angel, the memorial commemorates the engineer officers on the Titanic, all of whom died. Amongst those named are Thomas Andrews, chief designer at Harland & Wolff (the builders of the ship) and Archibald Frost and Robert Knight (both members of a guarantee group at Harland & Wolff, the builders of the ship). The memorial is located in East Park, Southampton, fronting the main road, almost opposite the Cenotaph (Above Bar Street).

4 TITANIC CREW MEMORIAL

Unveiled in 1915, this memorial (originally a drinking fountain) was made from Portland Stone by local stoneasons Garrett & Hoyson. It was paid for by subscriptions of friends and family of the crew and commemorates stewards, sailors, and firemen who died in the disaster.

Originally located on Southampton Common this memorial was moved to its current location at Holy Road Church, on the east side of the High Street. It is located just inside the door of the church, on the right.

The church gate is locked at dusk, but you can see the memorial from a ground floor opening, just to the right of the gate.

5. FORMER SAILORS’ HOME

This building opened as a sailors’ home in 1909 to provide temporary accommodation for seamen whilst they were in port. Several of the Titanic crew stayed here prior to sailing and the majority of these perished.

Located in Oxford Street, now a Salvation Army centre.

6. THE GRAPES PUBLIC HOUSE

This pub, which dates back to the 1850s, was a favourite for seafarers, and some members of Titanic’s crew (including the three Slade brothers) famously stayed here too long on the morning of departure. They arrived at the dockside just as the ship was about to depart and were refused entry to the Titanic.

The pub can be found in Oxford Street.

7. TERMINUS RAILWAY STATION

In 1912, this was the railway station nearest to the docks. The main station building (designed for the London and Southampton Railway by Sir William Tite and built 1839/40) is now a casino. At the back of the building is a covered area, where the platforms of the station used to be.

Located in Terminus Terrace, opposite the entrance located on the south side of Platform Road. There is no public access to the inside of Canute Chambers.

8. SOUTH WESTERN HOUSE

In 1912 this building was the first class hotel where some of Titanic’s wealthiest passengers spent their last night before the voyage. These included Thomas Andrews and J Bruce Ismay (President of the White Star Line).

Now converted into flats, the building can be seen on the corner of Canute Road and Terminus Terrace.

9. CANUTE CHAMBERS

In 1912 this building was the Southampton headquarters of the White Star Line. A memorial plaque marks the spot where anxious relatives came to await news of their loved ones after Titanic was lost. When the names of survivors were telegraphed to the offices, they were posted up on boards fixed to the railings.

Located on the south side of Canute Road. There is no public access to the inside of Canute Chambers.

10. OCEAN DOCK AND DOCK GATE 4 MEMORIAL

Titanic departed from Ocean Dock (then called White Star Dock) on 10th April 1912. A small plaque, located just inside the security gate for Dock Gate 4, commemorates those who died in the disaster.

11. FORMER DOCKS’ BRANCH POST OFFICE

Built at the turn of the 20th century, this building (now converted into flats) housed the Dock’s Post Office and Telegraph Office. It was here that Titanic’s mail was sorted before being loaded on to the ship.

Located on the south side of Platform Road. There is no access to the building.

12. SEACITY MUSEUM

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13. GATTI MEMORIAL

An oak table, which has a plaque in memory of the restaurant owner who lost his life (including ‘Luigi’ Gatti, who was responsible for the restaurants on board the ship).

The memorial can be found inside St Joseph’s Church, Bugle Street. Please note that the church may not be open at all times (tel. 023 8033 3589).

St Mary’s Church, on the right.

Special exhibition – titanic the legend

Marking the hundred year commemorations of the disaster, 2012 sees the Seacity Special Exhibition Area host a completely original Titanic exhibition – ‘Titanic the Legend’.

The Titanic story is presented through a variety of perspectives and considers why the legend endures and the effect it has had on ship design, safety and technological research. The exhibition also explores the notion of a “Titanic industry.” This special exhibition space will host other temporary exhibitions in future years. Titanic the Legend will be in place until 2013.

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