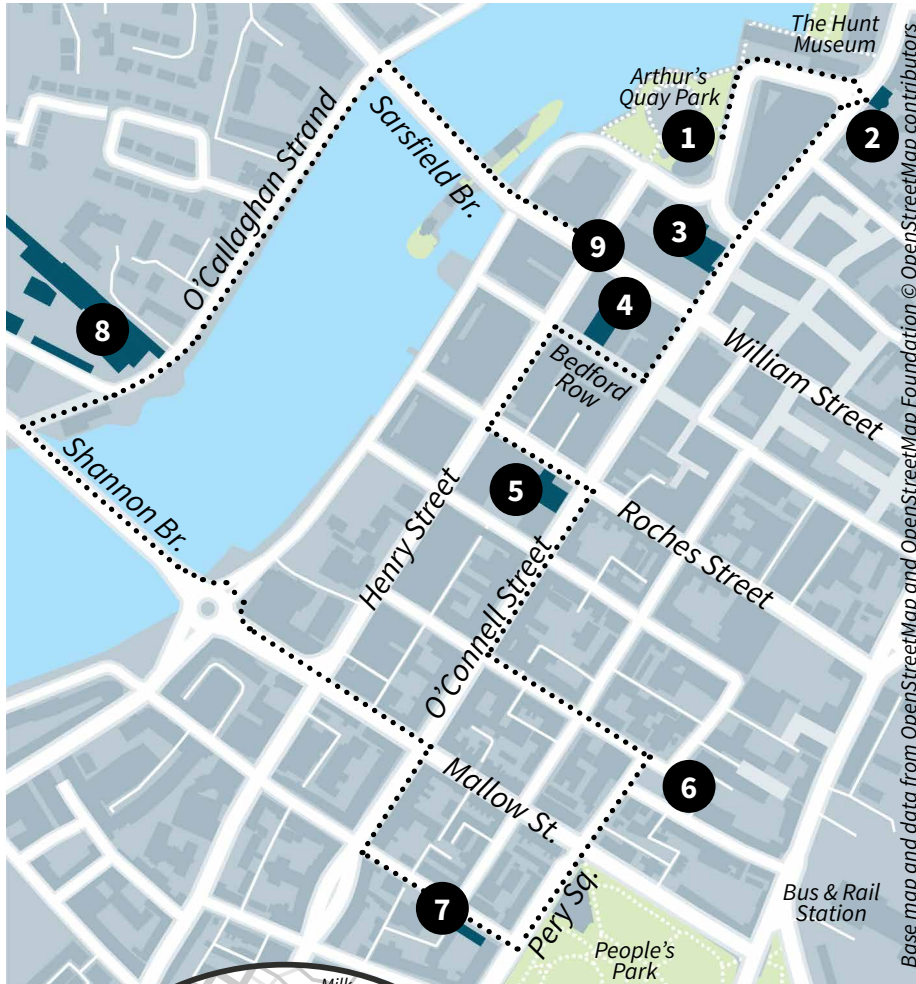


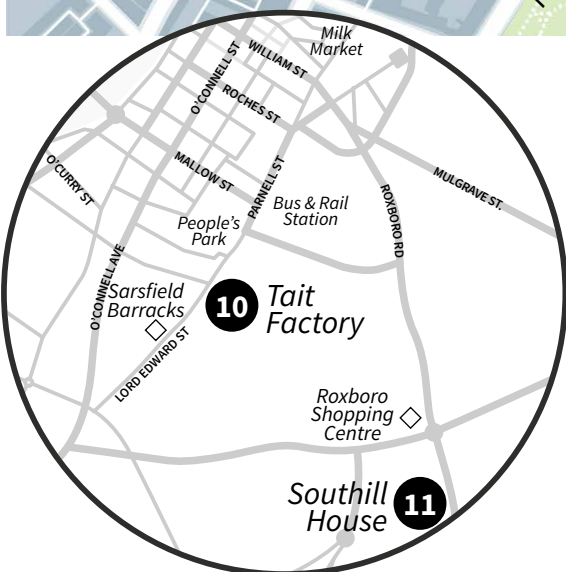


Tait Trail

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A self-guided walking tour of the landmarks of the former global clothing mogul.

- 1. Arthur's Quay Park:** Where Tait arrived into the city as a teenager. The park was built on reclaimed land.
- 2. Old Town Hall (Rutland Street):** Tait attended this building during his three-year role as Mayor. This building was erected in 1805 at a cost of £8,000.
- 3. Cumine & Mitchell (now Penneys):** Where Tait got his start as an apprentice. He later returned as co-owner of Cannock, Tait & Co on this site and rebuilt the store (designed by William Fogerty), which has since been replaced.
- 4. Bedford Row:** Where Tait was married in the Independent Chapel, lived with his wife Rose (The Bedford Hotel) and started his first factory.
- 5. The Royal George Hotel:** Where Tait hosted the majority of his dinner parties here while Mayor (building replaced twice since then)
- 6. The Tait Testimonial Clock** (it is not a memorial, as he was still alive when it was put up): Erected by public subscription in 1867. Designed by William Corbett. Originally had a metal flag on the top saying Tait.
- 7. Mechanics Institute** (Hartstonge St): Peter Tait was president of the Congregated Trades of the City of Limerick, attending the HQ on Bank Place. This building was erected in the 1920s as a replacement HQ.
- 8.** Tait was instrumental in the attempt to re-establish the flax industry out of what was then Russell's factory, now **Cleeve's Condensed Milk Factory**.
- 9.** In 1857, Tait purchased a site on the corner of Brunswick Street (now Sarsfield Street) and Henry Street. However, this was never used as a clothing factory and the property was sold in 1866.
- 10. Limerick Clothing Factory:** A purpose built factory, once the largest single span roof in the British Isles. Building started in 1863. This site has been largely conserved as part of a local authority housing scheme.
- 11. South Hill House:** Built 1820s for the O'Brien family and purchased by Tait in the mid-1850s as a family home. In 1863 following a serious fire, it was extensively rebuilt at a cost of £1,500 under the direction of William Fogerty.

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