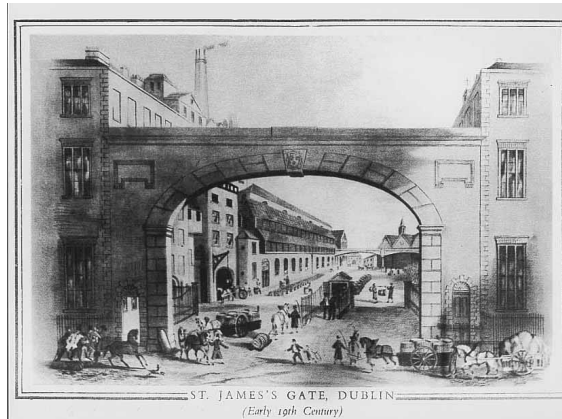




Archive Fact Sheet: Camino de Santiago and St. James's Gate



**19th century representation of entrance to St. James's Gate Brewery
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There is a long link between St. James's Gate in Dublin and the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

Traditionally, St. James's Gate was the location of one of the outer gates of the walled city of Dublin. Merchants and farmers from the south, had to pass through St. James's Gate to enter the city of Dublin.

A holy well was located outside St. James's Gate dedicated to the apostle St. James The Greater, the patron saint of Spain who remains are traditionally believed to have been buried in Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain.

In the middle ages, Compostela was one of the great pilgrimage centres of Christendom, and Ireland had particularly close links with the city. In 1210, Archbishop Henry established a Dublin hostel for pilgrims preparing to travel to

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Compostela. An Irish college was established in Santiago in 1605 and close educational and trading links between Spain and Ireland continued until the 18th century at least.

A medieval fair, known as St. James's Fair, occurred at the St. James's Gate site on 25th July, running for 6 days. The earliest written account of the fair dates back to 1577. The fair was so successful that it attracted merchants not only from England, but from France and Flanders as well.

The Front Gate of the Guinness Brewery, founded in 1759 by Arthur Guinness, stands adjacent to the old medieval St. James's Gate.

Visitors wishing to travel in the footsteps of this ancient pilgrimage route, still today have their 'passports' stamped at GUINNESS STOREHOUSE®, marking the start of their pilgrimage from Ireland.

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