

One of the great figures of Irish geology whose work through his geological Office of the Ordnance Survey of Ireland lead to the Report on the Geology of the county of Londonderry etc. (1843). Parts of his collection are located in Belfast (Ulster Museum), Dublin (Trinity College) and London (I.G.S.). Further material may come to light, especially in Dublin. See A catalogue of the Lower Palaeozoic fossils in the collection of Major General J.E. Portlock by S.P. Tunnicliff (1980, Ulster Museum).



Labels associated with Portlock specimens.

- a. Two types of Ordnance Survey of Ireland label, a MS label probably in Portlock's hand and a label attached by Miss Wood giving her identification.
- b. The usual locality label. The hand appears different to the other old labels and may be that of P. Doran who collected much of Portlock's material.
- c, d. The type of note often attached by Portlock which do not always agree with the published description.
- e, f. Typical Portlock labels giving a name and a plate and figure reference, though not necessarily indicating the specimen to be that figured.
- g. Labels typical of Portlock specimens, but the plate and figure reference is a later addition by an unknown hand.
- h, i. Labels in Portlock's hand of a type which has suffered most with time. Fig. i (centre) bears the initials J.E.P.