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<b>Born</b>	30 November 1770
<b>Died</b>	8 April 1834 (aged 63)
<b>Allegiance</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United Kingdom
<b>Service/branch</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> British Army
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant-General
<b>Battles/wars</b>	Napoleonic Wars

**Lieutenant General Andrew Thomas Blayney, 11th Baron Blayney** (30 November 1770 – 8 April 1834) was an Anglo-Irish peer. He ruled the Blayney estate at [Castleblayney](#), [County Monaghan](#) for fifty years from 1784 to 1834, and was one of the most illustrious soldiers ever to come from County Monaghan.

As commanding officer of the [89th Regiment of Foot](#), 'Blayney's Bloodhounds' as they were called, he fought with distinction in the [Napoleonic Wars](#). He was taken prisoner at the [Battle of Fuengirola](#), when making a raid from Gibraltar into Spain against a small group of Polish soldiers a tenth his number, and was kept prisoner for four years by the French government. His [sabre](#) is currently on exhibition in the [Czartoryski Museum](#), in [Kraków](#).

He wrote a two-volume account of his experiences in the Napoleonic Wars - *Narrative of a Forced Journey through Spain and France as a Prisoner of War in the Years 1810 to 1814*, by Major-General Lord Blayney (London, 1814).<sup>[1]</sup> He was captured by one of the O'Callaghans of [Cullaville](#), a colonel in the French army and a prominent United Irishman who escaped after 1798. It is said he insisted on Blayney being held to ransom for some of the [United Irishmen](#) who were in British prisons.

During Blayney's long incarceration, the [2nd Earl of Caledon](#) looked after his financial, domestic, and political affairs, and on his return, Blayney was given a seat in parliament for Caledon's infamous "rotten borough" of [Old Sarum](#), Wiltshire.

Lord Blayney died on 8 April 1834 and was succeeded by his son Cadwallader, the 12th and last lord.

## See also

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- [Baron Blayney](#)

## References

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