

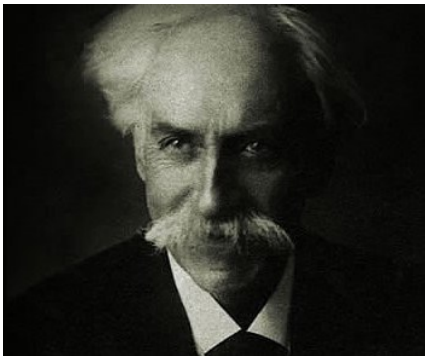


THE TULSK MORNING HOWL

August 2022

Bulletin No. 1

With great enthusiasm Tulsk History Society brings you the first edition of our new bulletin. The title is a tribute to that great former resident of the parish: Percy French. Percy, as we all know, grew up in Cloonyquin, and in one of his earliest forays into writing he came up with his own youthful newsletter, which he named *The Tulsk Morning Howl*. Now, just



over a century and a half later, we have chosen to name our own bulletin in honour of the great man. While our quarterly e-newsletter will focus on new writing (next edition to be circulated on 15 September), the *Howl* will republish old newspaper articles, advertisements and interesting facts. Additionally, we'll bring you a biography section—which begins overleaf with former Carronageelaun native Richard Flynn - as well as the latest THS news. For the purposes of clarity some articles will be re-typed (unedited, word-for-word), while others will appear in their original form.

In the spirit of our new publication we'll recall the words of American writer A. Whitney Brown: 'The past actually happened, but history is what someone wrote down'.

Accidental Fire—Burning of the House of Cargins. From *The Roscommon Weekly Messenger*, Nov. 27, 1852.

On Thursday night this large pile of building was burned to the ground. The illuminated horizon was clearly perceptible from Strokestown, while in the neighbourhood of Tulsk



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it was bright as at noon-day. A cloud of smoke still hangs over the ruins where not a vestige of the building remains except the blackened and tottering walls. It appears the caretaker was in the habit of lighting fires in the different apartments of the house—there were no fenders to keep in the falling sparks, and, at the time referred to, a consequence which might easily have been foreseen occurred. No one remained in the house during the night, the doors were locked and the fires left to take care of themselves as best they might. The bright glare of the immense conflagration, streaming through the windows in the neighbourhood, quickly aroused the inmates, and at about 5 a.m. there were near 200 people looking on, attempting to do anything was out of the question, the fire having by this time gained a complete mastery. Viewing the burning from beneath an old beech in the demesne of Cargins the scene is described as being dreadfully beautiful. The leaden gutters pouring in an almost continuous stream to the ground—The flames bursting through the numer-

ous windows and lapping upwards to the roof which at length fell in with a tremendous crash, bearing in its course the different floors. While the partitions, which were of wood, remained standing in their places though now burned into a glowing cinder, showing even the locks and handles of the doors with distinct minuteness, till shaken with a breeze or struck with a stone by a bystander they sunk from the height of three stories to the ground. The people in the neighbourhood are extremely concerned at this untoward event. Mr Drought, who it may be remembered lately purchased this demesne and had gotten possession of it on the 1st inst., it was hoped would have become a resident, and even though but so short a time in occupation he was giving considerable employment. It would take it is said something about £2,000 to rebuild the house. An addition lately erected escaped, having had a separate gable up to the top and the wind blowing in a contrary direction. The out-offices, which were thatched, also escaped, but the night being exceedingly wet may account for this. Cargins House was we believe one of the largest in this County.

CASTLEPLUNKETT, CO. ROSCOMMON.

BUSINESS PREMISES FOR SALE.

I AM favoured with instructions by the Administratrix of Edward Mulligan, deceased, to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the premises, ON SATURDAY, 11th OCTOBER, 1924 (Fair Day), (or previously by Private Treaty). The Business Premises, and Residence situate in Castleplunkett, and known as "MULLIGAN'S," together with the Plot of Ground at rear of same. The Premises are held in Fee-Simple, Free of all rent for ever. Further particulars in future advertisement or on application.

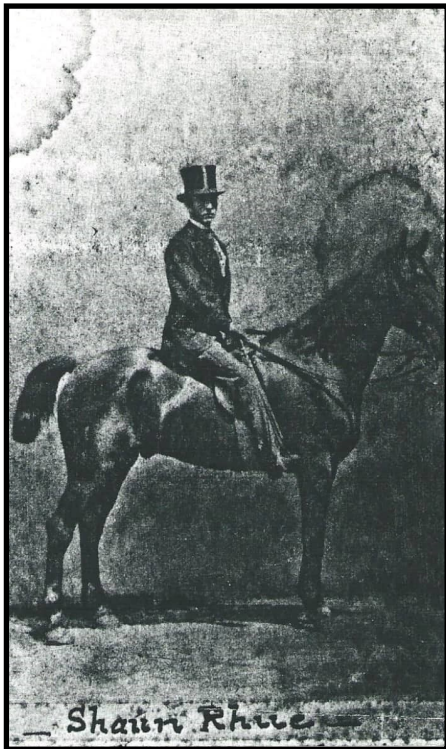
S. G. SENNETT,
Auctioneer and Valuer,
Roscommon.

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(above: *Roscommon Herald*, 20 Sept. 1924)

REMEMBERING: RICHARD FLYNN (1836-1905)

Richard Flynn was a native of Carronageelaun, Tulsk village, and was distinguished in his time as a landowner and, more famously, as a horseman of some note. Pictured on his horse 'Shane



Rhua', Flynn won the stonewall jumping competition on his mount at the inaugural RDS Show in 1868, which took place on the grounds of Leinster House. His prize for the win was a gold mounted hunting crop he received from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Lord Abercorn). The newspaper, *Sport*, wrote on Flynn's death in 1905 that during those early days of the RDS Show 'hardly an exhibition passed without him securing a substantial share of prizes, particularly in the jumping competitions, in which he mostly piloted his own horses'. The gazette summed up by stating; *'To the end, he was heartily devoted to sport, and nothing gave him more pleasure than to discuss pros. and cons. of horse-breeding'*. Flynn was also a

Strokestown Poor Law Union Guardian, and a brother to Michael and John Flynn—distinguished in their own right, and two personalities we will return to. Richard died at the residence of his doctor and friend, Dr J.A. Coen, in Frenchpark in 1905.

TULSK PARISH TRIVIA

July 1845 – Rev. Michael Lennon had the tail of his cow cut off for condemning the actions of the Molly Maguires secret society.

September 1909 – Peter Dufficy, Corgarrow, Cloonyquinn advertised for a "competent bandmaster to train the Fife & Drum Band at Tulsk."

September 1911 – John Padian, aged 105, died at Flaskagh, Tulsk. He was in the 1847 uprising with Thomas Francis Meagher and fought at Killenaulle with John Blake Dillon.

July 1921 – The entrance to the Rathcroghan caves were closed by the military as they were suspected of being used by wanted men.

TULSK HISTORY SOCIETY NEWS

Our first edition of the *'Morning Howl'* has come at a very busy and fruitful period for the society. While we are glad that it 'drops' during National Heritage Week, it is just one of a number of items that we have been focusing on of late.

Our survey of Tulsk cemetery was the society's first major project and it has now reached its conclusion with the erection of a fine directory on the grounds of the historic cemetery and old abbey. The project, which involved much volunteer work last Autumn, has also seen us compile a unique THS survey that has been digitised and is available to view on our office computer.

The official opening of our office on August 21st has been another landmark moment for the society. After the purchase of office furniture, thanks to our successful application for a capital costs grant from the Dept. of Rural & Community Development, it was a natural step to acquire our own office, which came with the greatly appreciated support of the Tulsk Macra Hall committee.

Both our archives and library have been growing, with the research and written work carried out by members of THS for our newsletter being a new and ongoing contribution to the history of the parish.

Next up will be our refurbishment project at Ogulla shrine, with our successful allocation of €5000 under the RCC and Boyle Municipal District Scheme 2022, creating a solid base from which to work off. Having more than 25 members, the help of volunteers, and much local support, Tulsk History Society is heading in the right direction. We hope the *The Tulsk Morning Howl*, with an expected four issues per year, will be a positive new addition.

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AT

TULSK CARNIVAL

9th — 18th APRIL

Ireland's Best Bands

Sunday, 9th

TREVOR JENKINS

Tuesday, 11th

DONIE COLLINS

Friday, 14th

DAVE DIXON

Sunday, 16th

JOHNNY McMAHON

Tuesday, 18th

PREMIER ACES

(above: *The Leitrim Observer*, 8 April 1961.)