



THE TULSK MORNING HOWL

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Tulsk History Society PRO Jody Moylan invited me to be the guest editor for this issue of the *Morning Howl*. While acknowledging the inclusion of some items relating to my antecedents, I hope my choice of material will be informative and of interest to readers throughout Tulsk parish. *Mike Lennon*

Straw Rationed and No Tolls in Tulsk – *Freeman's Journal, June 7, 1823*

Government has directed that the Ration of Straw, at present allowed to Cavalry Regiments in Ireland, shall be reduced, in consequence of the scarcity of that article, and the consequent high price it has attained.

We have great pleasure in giving publicity to the following fact, as a proof amongst others, of the liberality of Luke White, Esq. — The Lease of the Tolls and Customs of Tulsk, County Roscommon, where a considerable Fair and several Markets are annually held, having lately expired, Mr. White, the present proprietor, has given positive directions that neither Toll nor Custom shall be charged on any commodity or Cattle to be brought there for sale.

The Land League in the Provinces – Tulsk (County Roscommon) – *The Nation, July 17, 1880*

On Sunday last a meeting of the tenant-farmers of the combined parishes of Kilcooly, Killucan, Ogula, and Killina was held at Tulsk, county Roscommon, in view of the ancient and historic hill of Rathcroghan, for the purpose of establishing a branch of the Irish National Land League. There was a very large and enthusiastic attendance, and the proceedings throughout were marked by the utmost unanimity and good sense. Mr. Peter M'Dermott, Cloonarthbeg, was unanimously voted to the chair. Having addressed the meeting, the chairman concluded by calling on all present to give three cheers for brave Farnell, which were heartily responded to.

Mr. Peter M'Dermott proposed, and Mr. Owen Connor seconded:—

“Resolved—That we, the tenant-farmers of the combined parishes of Kilcooly, Killucan, Ogula, and Killina in public meeting assembled, having studied the aim and objects of the National Land League, do approve and endorse same, and tender to the National Land League our cordial and earnest support.”

Mr. H. Hennigan proposed, and Mr. M'Dermott seconded:—

“That we hereby declare our resolve to establish a branch of the National Land League in this district to be called the Tulsk branch of the National Land League of Ireland.”

The third resolution was proposed by Mr. John Conway, Cloonoulane:—

“That we do solemnly pledge ourselves not to bid for, tender for, nor take any holding from which a tenant has been unjustly evicted, nor propose for any holding the occupier of which is seeking for a reduction of an exorbitant rent, and do hold anyone doing to the contrary in derision and contempt.”

Seconded by Thomas Flanagan, Cloonour, and unanimously adopted. The officers—Mr. Peter M'Dermott, Cloonarthmore, president; Mr. Michael Lennon, Cloonmurray, treasurer; Mr. Peter J. Shannon, Arderna, secretary—were unanimously selected by the people. The working committee are—Hugh Hennigan, Manor; Owen Connor, Rathnagly; Andrew Cuillin, Tulsk; Luke Rorke, Derrykirk; Thomas Flanagan, Carrigeen; Michael M'Cormack, Naanaveigh; John Quinn, Cloonmurray; John Conway, Cloonoulane.

Tulsk Notes by Snow Storm –

Strokestown Democrat, Feb 12, 1916

Orange Blossoms

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr Edward Flanagan, Steil, on the occasion of his recent marriage to Miss Nellie Conry, Clooneyquinn, which happy event was solemnised by the Rev Father Keane at Killina Chapel, which was specially decorated for the occasion.

Cinematographic Display

A cinema performance was given in Tulsk National School by Bailey's Co. on Tuesday and Wednesday night and was highly interesting. Some war scenes were thrown on the screen, but the cowboy scenes were the most interesting and much appreciated by the audience.

Death of the Rev Michael Lennon P. P. Tulsk – *Freeman's Journal, Dec 12, 1871*

Today we record the death, at the patriarchal age of 81, of the Rev Michael Lennon P.P., Tulsk. Trained for the holy ministry in our great national college of Maynooth, he was ordained at Pentecost 1818. He then spent upwards of half a century labouring unceasingly in the vineyard of his Master. It were difficult indeed to tell the works of zeal and love done by this holy priest during that long period; through the trying years of famine and cholera; the children whom he instructed, the sick whom he visited, the mourning whom he consoled, the sinners whom he gained for God. Although the venerable pastor had not been cut off in the prime of life, with promise unfulfilled and mission unaccomplished; though he has fallen "like a ripe fruit into his mother's lap", still the parishioners amongst whom his voice was so familiar were stricken as for the loss of a dear and venerated parent. Fr Lennon was four years CC of Athlone, eight years PP of Oran, and forty one years PP of Tulsk, were his ashes now repose, and where his memory shall be held in benediction from generation to generation. He was buried on Friday within the church which he had raised to God's glory. The Bishop and a large number of priests of the diocese attended.

Roscommon Herald, Sept 20, 1924

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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"LIBERTAS ET NATALE SOLUM."

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 26, 1845.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

On Monday and Tuesday last, our revered Prelate (The Right Rev. Dr. BROWN), attended by the Vicar General, and all the respected Clergymen of the adjoining locality, administered the Sacrament of confirmation to fourteen hundred persons, in the New Catholic Church of Tulsk.

At the conclusion of each days proceedings the Bishop and Clergy returned to the residence of the justly esteemed and much respected Pastor (the Rev. Mr. LENNON,) where after the fatigue and labours of the day, and joined by a select party of his lay friends, they were hospitably and sumptuously entertained, having every luxury which the circumstances demanded or the season could afford.

We are satisfied this visit will prove fortunate to the people, as it must be gratifying to the good Pastor. His Lordship went from Tulsk to Elphin, where he administered the sacrament of confirmation on Wednesday and Thursday last.

October 1954 Advertisement

MAKE SURE YOUR CAR IS FILLED WITH CALTEX PETROL and HAVOLINE OILS at R. KILGANNON'S TULSK

UNDERTAKING

ALL FUNERAL REQUIREMENTS:

Wreaths, Coffins, Etc.

AT

ROB. KILGANNON'S, TULSK

PHONE: TULSK 1.

From A Dictionary of Roscommon Biography

Patrick Moran (1796-1878), medical doctor, landowner and magistrate. A native of Gloria, Cootehall, he practiced as a medical doctor in Galway for many years before coming to reside in Ardkeenagh, Tusk through his marriage to Catherine Plunkett, daughter of Richard Plunkett (1742-1855). Richard Plunkett got into financial difficulties in the mid-1800s. His estate were purchased by his son-in-law, Patrick Moran, in 1852 on the understanding that the property would be returned to Plunkett ownership when the purchase money was refunded. By his will of 1869, Dr. Moran directed that the terms of the sale be carried out and appointed Richard Plunkett's grandson, Hyacinth Plunkett, B.L., as the executor. His wife died in 1871 and he entered a second marriage to Honoria O'Malley in 1873. He died in January 1878 following a prolonged illness. After his death, codicils dated 1876 and 1877 were produced by which all the property was left to his wife and Hyacinth Plunkett was removed as executor. Plunkett contested the validity of the codicil citing Dr. Moran's lack of capacity and the undue influence exerted by his wife and sister-in-law who resided at Ardkeenagh. In June 1878, a jury found the will of 1873 was valid and that the codicils were executed when Dr. Moran was not of sound mind and understanding. This decision was appealed by the widow in February 1879 and a new jury trial was ordered. At the end of the June 1879 trial, the jury reversed the result of the first case by finding that the codicils were valid.

Additional Note:

In February 1851, Strokestown Union rented Ardkeenagh House from Dr. Moran as one of its Auxiliary Workhouses during the two year period the Cloonslanor Workhouse was being constructed. Three months later, it was reported there were 363 inmates in Ardkeenagh. Considering that the house had only 2 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, kitchen and a servant's room, most of the inmates must have been accommodated in what was described later as "extensive out offices, consisting of stabling for several horses, haylofts, turf-house etc."

The Co Roscommon Draghounds and Mid-Roscommon Harriers.
MEET MARCH AND APRIL, 1903.
APRIL, 1903.
 Monday, 6th ... Castleplunket
 At 2 o'clock.
 Monday, 13th ... Point-to-Point Races at Boho at 12 o'clock; there will be a hunt after the Races are over to wind up the season.

From Roscommon Herald, Oct 8, 1949

After Sixty Years.—Mr. John Dolan, of Clifton, New Jersey, U.S., is spending a short holiday with his relatives, the O'Donnells and Dolans, at Castleplunket and area. Mr. Dolan emigrated to the U.S. in 1888 and served with distinction in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American war from 1895 to 1898. He subsequently served in the American police in Jersey City for twenty-five years and retired in 1935. He is nephew of Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, of Castleplunket, and first cousin of Ven. Archdeacon O'Donnell, P.P., V.F., Roscommon.

From A Dictionary of Roscommon Biography

Thomas O'Donnell (1855-1951), teacher, postmaster and farmer. A native of Carnalasson, Fourmilehouse, Roscommon, he was appointed principal of Castleplunkett National School in 1873 after completing a three-year course as a teaching monitor at Carnalasson National School. He continued in that position until retiring in 1918 after forty-five years teaching. After retiring, he was appointed postmaster at Castleplunkett Post Office. He was also a keen farmer and livestock breeder. He died in April 1951 and was interred in Toberelva Cemetery.

John Dowell Grace (1736-1811) who was interred in the family vault in Tusk



From Irish Independent, March 8, 1957

Air Corps Pilot Killed

TWENTY-ONE years old Second Lt. Patrick L. O'Connor, of the Irish Air Corps, was killed yesterday when his Provost training plane crashed in the Wicklow Mountains while he was on a training flight.

He was a native of Corbane, Clooneyquinn, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon, and was educated at the Roscommon C.B.S. and Summerhill College, Sligo. He was commissioned last September and would have celebrated his twenty-first birthday on Monday.

The crash occurred at Caenmalogue Mountain, three miles west of the head of Glenmalur valley and about 2,220 feet above sea level. At the time of the crash a very heavy thick fog enveloped the mountain so that visibility was down to zero.

The plane struck a turf bank on the side of the mountain which ripped the engine from the plane. Portions of the fuselage were found within a radius of 80 yards of the scene of the crash. The crash was discovered by forestry workers who were working on the opposite side of the valley on Cunanalla Mountain. Just before lunchtime they heard the plane pass overhead and then they heard the crash.

When they arrived at the scene they discovered the body of the pilot thrown clear and he appeared to be suffering from severe head injuries. He was alive then and spiritual and medical aid was summoned.

Rev. Hugh Daly, C.C., Beshbor...

Victim Of The Crash



Second-Lt. Patrick L. O'Connor