



# THE TULSK MORNING HOWL

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Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881.  
Sec. 31.

### NOTICE

MICHAEL FINAN has applied (No. 26076) to the Board of Works for a loan of £90 to improve the lands of Castleland, Grange, Steill, Barony of Roscommon, County Roscommon. Dissents or objections (with reasons) must be transmitted to the Board of Works, Dublin, on or before 3rd June, 1905.

H. WILLIAMS, Secretary.  
Office of Public Works,  
Dublin, 4th May, 1905.

Above: *Roscommon Messenger*, May 6th, 1905

### THE IRISH PEASANT—A CONVICT RETURNED

In the year 1848 a poor tailor, residing in the village of Ardkillan, lost a heifer. It was stolen by somebody who thought it was less sin to steal than to starve. Two men were arrested and tried—one was acquitted, the other found guilty, and sentenced to seven years' transportation. To the authority in Australia this man appeared "a good citizen in slavery"—his good conduct was remarkable, it procured him employment—he was entrusted with a gang, and ultimately with the duties of book-keeper—at the end of three years the authorities gave him his liberty as the reward of his merit. He was fortunate in the bush as a shepherd, more fortunate in the diggings as a gold-seeker. He was last week in England, disposing of a cargo of his own wool, and this week the inhabitants of Tulsk were astonished by the anxious enquiries of a well-dressed gentleman, who wished to see one Betty Connolly, a woman remarkable for poverty, patience, and good conduct—he found herself and her children in a bog cabin—he saluted her with "God save all here—do you know me Betty?" She eyed him calmly for a moment—My own Johny, she cried, and fainted in the arms of her husband. The scene that followed may be imagined—hope and joy tumultuous in either breast—the past a shadow dark—the present all in sunshine.

This is not "a story written for the papers," it is all true. The man who was in the way at home—in Australia he pushed opposition out of the way, and found means to assist several 'highly respectable' Irishmen who were not so fortunate as himself. Amongst the Irish peasantry are to be found a great many of nature's aristocracy. The returned convict is the owner of no less than £50,000, and as many thousand acres, and says, himself, the wife is better than all. This story will be a treat to those who are sick of the Sadliers and

Above: *Roscommon & Leitrim Gazette*.  
July 12th, 1856.

Will the writer with nom de plume "Sincerely," who in October last sent us a song entitled "The Timber Men In Tulsk," for publication, please communicate with this Office.  
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Above: *Ros Herald*, December 1944

### MID ROSCOMMON HARRIERS.

MEET FEBRUARY, 1913

Monday, 17th ... Rathcroghan  
Thursday, 20th ... Heathfield Gate  
Monday, 24th ... Tulsk  
Thursday, 27th ... Ballintubber  
At 12 o'clock.

Above: *Roscommon Messenger*, February 15th, 1913. An advertisement for the 'Mids' as this Horse Hunt club was commonly known

### TULSK NEWS.

#### THE COURT.

There was no business to be transacted at Tulsk court, and neither magistrates, soldiers, or police attended. There were no petty sessions held for the past six months.

#### MARRIAGE.

A pretty marriage was celebrated in Tulsk parish church on Thursday week by the Rev T Levin, P.P. when Mr P Ryan, Rathmoyle, was married to Miss Bridie Noone, daughter of Mr P Noone, Kilree Lodge. Mr P McManus supported the bridegroom as best man, and Miss Kate Noone acted as bridesmaid. A reception was subsequently held at the residence of the bride's father. We wish the happy couple many years of wedded felicity.

#### THE ROADS.

The roads in the vicinity of Tulsk are in a very bad state of repair, especially the South Circular leading through the village of Ogulla, where the ruts are large enough to bury a dog in, due to the motor traffic by the military all the summer. The main route from Ballaghderreen to Strokestown is in as bad a condition, and requires repairing very badly.

#### REGRETTED DEATH.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mrs Margaret Shannon, relict of the late Mr D Shannon, at the residence of her son, at Castleland, after a lingering illness, on Saturday last. The remains were brought to the chapel on Sunday evening and placed on a catafalque before the High Altar. On Monday Solemn Requiem High Mass was sung for the repose of her soul, at which a large number of priests attended. The funeral subsequently to Tulsk cemetery was largely attended. To her sorrowing son and relatives we tender our sincere sympathy in their bereavement. May she rest in peace.

Above: *Tulsk News* from November 1920, and below—news of the Tulsk Fife and Drum Band, February 1912

#### THE BAND.

The band is beginning to make itself heard around the district for the past fortnight, but yet we find that many of our young musicians are absenting themselves from practice, a thing which they sadly need.

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### TULSK NEWS.

#### SELECTING CANDIDATES.

On Sunday last the members of the Tulsk branch U I League held a meeting in the chapel yard for the purpose of selecting candidates to run for the Ogulla division. Mr Mat Donovan presided, and there were also present—Messrs J Feeny, J Flanagan, M McGarry, J Shanagher, D C; W E J McCormack, hon sec; J Lally, P Dufficy, J Green, &c.

Chairman—This is our day to select candidates for the District Council. Indeed an improvement is required on the representatives we have, which will be seen from the papers on next Saturday after the District Council meeting held in Strokestown on Friday last. One of our Councillors moved a resolution to rescind the fines which were put on contractors who did not do their work in due time.

Mr P Dufficy—I have great pleasure in proposing Mr John Lally, and I am sure he will be worthy of the post.

Mr McGarry—I second it.

Mr Lally—I am going to run another horse too (laughter), and I have every confidence in him capturing the stakes over the Ogulla turf, and I accordingly, and with much pleasure, propose Mr W E J McCormack, who has acted as our secretary for a considerable time.

On next Sunday the Parliamentary Fund will be closed.

Above: from *The Roscommon Messenger*, May 6th, 1905. The United Irish League, or UIL/UI League (as above) was an Irish nationalist political organization founded in 1898 to campaign for land reform and Home Rule for Ireland. It had up to 1,000 branches nationwide in the early 1900s. The Tulsk branch was particularly active.



Above: Tulsk village as drawn by Berna Chapman, appeared in the *Roscommon Herald* as part of her county collection of the 1960s-70s

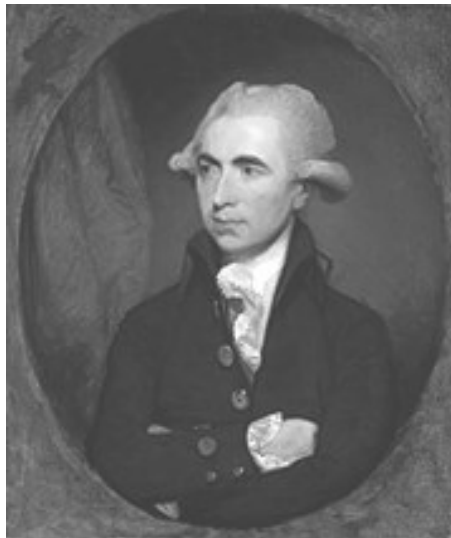
We have great pleasure in giving publicity to the following fact, as a proof amongst others, of the liberality of Luke White, Esq.:—The Lease of the Tolls and Customs of Tulske, County Roscommon, where a considerable Fair and several Markets are annually held, having lately expired, Mr. White, the present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

My house with wicket, and bathmaste was brilliantly illuminated.—*Athlone Herald.*

Luke White, Esq. has purchased the town of Tulske, in the County Roscommon.

The following certificate is published in the

The above newspaper clippings (top from June 1823 and bottom from September 1819) relate to **Luke White**, who was a rags to riches bookseller, lottery operator and a contractor for government loans who went on to serve as a Whig M.P. for Leitrim 1818-1824. He started out as a



newspaper crier on the street corners of Dublin but by the time he died in 1824, he was reputed to have "realised the largest fortune ever made by trade in Ireland." Among his property acquisitions were Luttrellstown Castle in Dublin along with the Longford and Roscommon estates of the Fox-Lane family in 1819, which included Tulske. He was, as the articles state, the one-time owner of Tulske.

#### DEATH OF RICHARD J. GRACE, ESQ.

With deep regret we have to announce the death on the 10th inst., of R. J. Grace, Esq., second son of O. D. J. Grace, Esq., V.L., Mantua House, Elphin. The lamented gentleman was—upwards of thirteen years—Resident Magistrate of Bruff, Co. Limerick, and when his health failed a year ago the Government granted him a liberal retiring pension in recognition of his active and intelligent discharge of his official duties. His noble and generous qualities of head and heart will long endear his memory to a large circle of acquaintances; whilst, in the hearts of the humbler classes the recollection of his numerous acts of benevolence will be long thankfully treasured. On Thursday morning there was a succession of Masses for the repose of his soul from an early hour up to eleven o'clock, when solemn Mass was celebrated in Mantua House Chapel, the walls of which were completely covered with mourning drapery; there was a considerable number of Clergymen in the choir, all of whom wore soutanes and surplices. Next morning his remains were removed to the family mausoleum, Tulske Abbey, and were attended by one of the largest and most respectable funerals ever seen in this part of the country. Deceased was first married to Mary Jane, only daughter of the late W. Sweetman, Esq., Rabeny House, county Dublin, and next to Barbara Eleanor Mary, only daughter of the late E. Taaffe, Esq., county Mayo, who, with her two infant children, will long deplore the premature demise (in the forty-first year of his age) of an affectionate husband and fond father. May he rest in peace.—*Roscommon Herald.*

Above: *The Tablet*, May 21st, 1864.

#### DEATH OF MISS MARY BOLAND, MANOR, CLASHAGANNY.

With feelings of regret we have to announce the demise of the above estimable young lady, which sad and rather sudden event took place at her mother's residence on Friday, 1st April, after an illness of short duration. The deceased young lady was the possessor of a very courteous disposition, and the sad news of her demise, which was entirely unexpected, cast a gloom over the neighbourhood and evoked the sympathy of all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. The deceased was in the enjoyment of good health until a week previous to her death. During her short illness she was attended by Rev J O'Brien, P P, and died fortified by the rites of the Catholic Church, of which she was a zealous member. The interment took place on Sunday in the picturesquely situated cemetery at Tulske, and the remains, which were enclosed in a handsome oak coffin, were followed by an extremely large cortege. The chief mourners were—Mrs Quinn (mother); Misses Ellie and Katie Quinn (sister.); Misses Annie and Katie McGarry, Mrs C Devine, Mrs J McGarry (aunts); Messrs A and James McGarry and Mr C Devine (uncles); Messrs P Smyth, J Smyth, James and Joseph Spellman, T McNally, C Devine, P Devine, Michael Devine, J Devine, and P Quinn; Miss B Smyth, Miss E Quinn, Miss M Spellman, Miss Maggie Quinn, Mrs McNally, Mrs Smyth (cousins). The last ceremonies were performed at the graveside by the Rev JJ O'Brien, P P. May she rest in peace.

Above: *Roscommon Messenger*, April 9th, 1904

#### PRISONERS WELCOME HOME.

The Tulske prisoners—Michael McGarry, Michael Neary and Tom Tiernan, who were undergoing a sentence of ten years in Mountjoy, got a royal welcome home on Saturday week. Over half a dozen lorries and motor cars, accompanied by the Tulske fife and drum band, met the released men in Roscommon and escorted them to Tulske. The greatest jubilation was manifested along the whole line, all the hillsides being ablaze. On reaching Tulske the Volunteer guard proceeded to the home of Michael McGarry where a reception was given, and the boys danced the dust of Mountjoy off their feet.

Above: *Roscommon Messenger*, January 28th, 1922.

#### COUNTY OF ROSCOMMON.

### TO BE LET,

From the First day of May next, For such Term as may be agreed upon, That part of the well-known Grazing Farm of

### CASTLERUBY,

CALLED THE NORTH DIVISION, are in prime condition, and are of the best CONTAINING in or about 299 Acres, 2 Roods, and 30 Perches, of Arable and Pasture Land. The Lands are in prime condition, and are of the best quality for Feeding. They are in the possession of

PATRICK BALFE, Esq. Castleruby is Two Miles from Castleplunket and Three of Tulske.

The Herd on the Land will show the Premises.

Application to be made and Proposals addressed to PETER FITZGIBBON, Esq., 14, Nelson-street, Dublin, who will close with a Solvent Tenant on the value being offered.

April 11, 1842.

Above: *Roscommon Journal & Western Impartial Reporter*, April 16th.

### Sad Occurrence.

#### MAN DROPS DEAD IN FRIEND'S HOUSE.

Dr. E. P. Jones, Deputy Coroner for the County Roscommon, recorded a verdict of death from heart failure at an inquiry into the death of a farmer named James Banahan, a native of Cloonyquin, near Tulske. It appears that deceased, on Saturday last, paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Goodman, at Rosehill, Sleaveen. After some time he left the house but returned also immediately and dropped to the floor. The priest and doctor were sent for with all haste but the latter on arrival pronounced life extinct.

On Sunday the remains were removed to Tulske for interment, followed by a large concourse of people.

Above: *Roscommon Messenger*, November 28th, 1931

To be sold by Cant on Monday the 14th of October Inst. at Foxborough near Tulske in the County of Roscommon, 1500 Sheep, viz. 400 Breeding Ewes, 100 Cullen Ewes, 130 two Years old Ewes, 200 Hog-gill Ewes, 130 two Years old Wethers, 130 Hog-gill Wethers, 400 Lambs, 20 Rams, all remarkable for being the best and choicest Breed in said County, 40 fat Bullocks 4 Years old, 60 Bullocks 3 Years old, 40 Bullocks 2 Years old, 7 yearling Ditto, 10 Heifers three Years old, 12 Ditto 2 Years old, 6 Ditto yearlings, some few Milch Cows, some Draft and Saddle Breeding Mares, Fillies, and Saddle Horses, 1 large Rick of old and 1 Rick of new Hay, well saved, a Haggard of Corn, some Potatoes, 2 new and 3 old Carts, several Cars, Plows, Harrows, and other Materials of Husbandry, a large Brewing Kieve, and some Household Furniture. Six Months Time, Interest free, will be given (if required) on such Security as shall be approved of and Discount allowed for ready Money. The Sale to begin at ten o'Clock, and to continue until all are sold. — The Lands of Foxborough, Comogue, Cuckovers, and Drimnagh, are to be let by Jeffrey Trench, Esq;

This advert in the Dublin Journal of October 1st, 1751 is the earliest known mention of Tulske in an Irish newspaper. The seller of the large stock of animals by cant (public auction) was Jeffrey French (not Trench) who moved to Bath, England where he died in May 1754. He was a brother of Patrick French, Bishop of Elphin, who died at Foxborough in 1748.