
Co. Tipperary Historical Society

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Dear Members,

Despite fever-pitch celebrations to mark our progress in the World Cup, you will be glad to learn that we can still concentrate the mind sufficiently to continue the work of our Society. Our 1994 Journal is already with the printers and indications are that it will again be crammed with excellent articles, in keeping with the high standards achieved in previous issues.

Membership of the Society continues to increase and the present base of 450 shows the success of our most recent drive to attract new members and I would like to thank all of you who helped us in any way to achieve this.

If finances allow, it is hoped to produce a Famine Supplement for each of the three years, 1995 - 1997, to mark the 150th anniversary of the Great Famine. This, I might add, is very much a personal aspiration and ultimately the decision will be a matter for our hard-working Committee.

Our Australian friend, Richard E. Reid, hopes to bring a group from the Society of Australian Genealogists to Tipperary on September 14th next and they will visit a number of locations, including the County Library here in Thurles. It will be the third such visit by this group and we look forward very much to renewing old acquaintances and, perhaps, forging some new ones.

On a more local note, the Committee decided, at our most recent meeting, to host an informal get-together for all local history groups/societies here in Tipperary so that we might get to know each other better and perhaps co-ordinate our various activities in our common efforts to promote interest in our history and heritage. We will decide on a date for this sometime towards the end of the year when matters such as harvesting, turf-cutting and the World Cup have been looked after.

Le gach dea ghul,

Martin Maher

Chairman

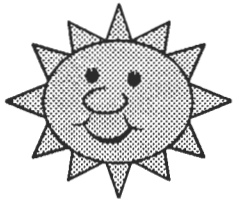
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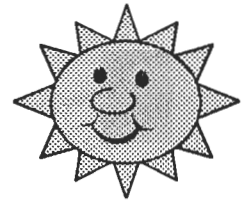
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NEWSLETTER



Summer Schedule



Ormond Historical Society, Nenagh

- Sunday, July 17 First assembly point at Banba Square, Nenagh at 2 p.m.
(2) Bianconi Chapel, Boherlahan (3) Ballagh (4) Dundrum House
- Sunday, September 18 First assembly point at Banba Square, Nenagh
(2) Shinrone and environs

Contact: Nancy Murphy, Nenagh Heritage Centre, (067) 32633

Sr. Áine Historical Society, Templemore

- July Field trips to Bog of Allen, Shannonbridge and the Bog Train
- August Field trip to Carrick-on-Suir

Contact: Jerry O'Keefe, (0504) 31740

Tipperary Town & District Historical Society

- July 17 Day coach trip to Kilkenny, guided tour of Medieval City, visit to Kilkenny Castle
£13.00 per person, meal not included.
- August 14 Trip to Glantworth, Mallow and Castle Abbey. Guide will be Bernard Coleman
- September 11 National Heritage Day: Historical walk around Tipperary Town. Guide will be Dr. D. Marnane
- Late September Proposed visit to Graiguenamanagh, Kells and Jerpoint

Contact: Denis Hartnett, Chairman, (062) 52551 or Kitty O'Donovan, (062) 51269

Old Cashel Society

- July 10 Afternoon trip to Carrick-on-Suir by cars
- Late July Evening visit to Thomastown Castle
- August 21 Afternoon trip to Lough Gur and Glenstal Abbey by cars
- September 11 Visit to Tubrid and Shanrahan

Contact: Margaret Leahy, Secretary, (0504) 41115

Borrisokane Historical Society

- Sunday, July 24 Day tour of the Midlands including Tullyally Castle. Led by Con Manning
- September Evening, 7.30 p.m. approx., Local field trip led by James Armitage, incl. Rathmore ring fort.
- October Lectures resume. A.G.M. in December

Contact: Cyril Crawford, Chairman, (067) 27302

Clonmel and District Historical and Archaeological Society

- September 11 National Heritage Day, Society will give tours of Clonmel

Contact: Liam Ó Duibhir, (052) 22917

Fethard Historical Society

- July Proposed walk of Fethard with Dr. Tadgh O'Keefe
- July Proposed walk of Tullamaine Castle, moat, cemetery with Eddie Dalton
- August Musical play "The Tolpuddle Martyrs" in the Abymill, fundraising for conservation work in Abbey church
- September 11 Proposed outing to O.P.W. sites to mark National Heritage Day

Contact: Joe Kenny, (052) 31663

Second Annual Slieveardagh Summer School

- July 4 - 8 At Presentation Convent, Ballingarry, Thurles. Theme "Education: Rooted in Place and Community".

Speakers Séamus Ó Riain, Michael Hassett, William Nolan, Tom McGrath, Michael Coady, Patrick Raleigh, Jim Maher and Michael Langton

Contact: Peggy McGarry, Co-ordinator, (056) 34333 after 4.30 p.m. Booking and payment (£40.00). Brochure available.

Mullinahone Kickham Weekend

- August 12 - 14 Extensive range of activities, starting with official opening on the 12th at 7.30 p.m. by Sean Treacy, T.D.

Contact: Sheila Foley, (052) 53200

Co. Tipperary Historical Society

- September Hosting a visit to the Clonoulty area and the Co. Library for the New South Wales Society of Genealogists on their 1994 Irish tour.

Recent Publications

Books of interest to Co. Tipperary. Details given where available. For further information, contact the Local Studies Department, Co. Library, Thurles at (0504) 21555

Power, David	Long way from Tipperary Glen Publications, Clonmel, 157pp, £5.99
St. Ailbe's Heritage	A Guide to the history, genealogy and towns of the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly Tipperary Heritage Unit, 124pp, £4.00
Finch, T.F./Gardiner, M.J.	Soils of Tipperary North Riding Teagasc, 143pp, £40.00
Marnane, Denis G.	To do and to teach: a history of the Christian Brothers 1868 - 1994 Friends of the Christian Brothers, Tipperary, 67pp, £4.00
Arrigan, Mary	Andy, Zeph and the flying cottage Hamish Hamilton, £4.50
Arrigan, Mary	Lá le Mamó An Gúm
O'Brien, Sr. Pius	The Sisters of Mercy of Birr and Nenagh Sisters of Mercy, Killaloe Mercy Generalate, Ennis, 148pp, £6.50
O'Driscoll, Dennis	The Bottom Line Dedalus Press, 31pp, £4.95
O'Connor, Yvonne	Poems of the golden years 12pp, £2.00
O'Sullivan, Mark	Melody for Nora: one girl's story in the Civil War Wolfhound Press, 217pp, £3.99
Flynn, Thomas S.	The Irish Dominicans 1536 - 1641 Four Courts Press, 379pp, £27.50



THE GREAT FAMINE COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

To commemorate the forthcoming 150th anniversary of the Great Famine in 1995, The Great Famine Commemoration Committee has been established to co-ordinate events and increase awareness of the various activities which will take place during the anniversary. However, one of the prime objectives of the Committee is to produce a map of famine related sites for the country, to be published in September, 1995 coinciding with an international conference being organised in Trinity College.

The compilation of information relating to Tipperary, both North Riding and South Riding, is being co-ordinated by the County Library. We would, therefore, appreciate any information on the names of places across Co. Tipperary which might help tell the story of the Great Famine, in the years leading up to it and its aftermath. Specific information is required on the following subjects in Co. Tipperary:

Meeting Houses, Historic Churches/Chapels

Great Houses

Workhouses/Auxillary Workhouses, Soup Kitchens, Soup Schools

Fever Hospitals

Famine Roads, Walls or other public works

Famine Burial Grounds, Monuments or Memorials

If you have any information in relation to the above subjects, their location, address, map reference and state of preservation, please contact the Co. Library, Thurles at (0504) 21555 or Fax (0504) 23442. You can contact the Great Famine Commemoration Committee by calling Mr. Tom Maher, Chairman, at (0506) 21405 or Fax (0506) 21659, or by writing to him at "Sheena", Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

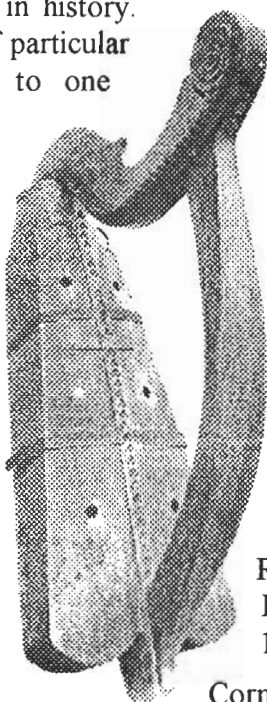
THE O'FFOGERTY HARP

One of the finest items on display in the Local Studies Department at the County Library here in Thurles is the 17th century O'Ffogerty Harp, an instrument steeped in history. Although not highly ornamented, it is of particular interest to Tipperary as it belonged to one Cornelius O'Ffogerty.

Said to be a very fine harper, Cornelius O'Ffogerty, of O'Ffogerty Castle just outside Thurles, was born in 1661. He married Mary Kearney of Miltown, Co. Tipperary, and they had six children:

Timothy, Dr. Thomas, Bryan, Malachy, Mary and Catherine.

After his death in 1730, the harp was cherished by succeeding owners of Castle Ffogerty where it remained until it was given on loan to the County Library in 1985 by the then owner, Mr. Charles F. Ryan.



The present owner is Mr. Michael J. Ryan, Hull, England.

The harp itself is just over 3½ feet in height and is in an excellent state of preservation. The box is formed out of a solid block of black sallow, undecorated and unvarnished. It seems that the harp at no time had any more than thirty-five strings.

Cornelius O'Ffogerty had a famous uncle, Dr. William O'Ffogerty, who was accused of being a conspirator in the "Gunpowder Plot" by the infamous Titus Oates. After his arrest, he was incarcerated in Newgate Prison, where he died in 1678.

His niece, Elizabeth, inherited Castle Ffogerty and married William Lanigan. Her granddaughter, Anna Elizabeth, married John Denis Ryan who subsequently inherited Castle Ffogerty. Sadly, the Castle was burned down in 1922.

Cornelius O'Ffogerty is buried in Holycross.

Heather Sushames, Unit 34, Alloura Waters, Murna Road, Davistown, N.S.W. 2251, AUSTRALIA would like any information on the **O'KEEFE** family of Tipperary.

All the following emigrated to TASMANIA in 1843/1844:

Father: ?Keefe, died before family emigrated; **Mother:** Margaret nee SADLIER, born c1781; **Known Family:** *Patrick Richard*, born c1808 who married Johanna HAYDEN on 26 August, 1836, Emly/Cashel. They had 2 children, Johanna baptised Mar. 22 1838, Rathduff and Margaret, baptised 27 Jul. 1840 at Golden. *Catherine*, born c1811, married William RYAN, Bulliver. They had 5 children, Michael c1833, Tipperary, John 2 Oct. 1835, Margaret 31 Mar. 1838, Judith 30 Mar. 1840, David 27 Mar. 1842, all baptised at Clonmaine. *Michael*, born c1812, married Johanna HICKEY and their children Edmund, baptised 17 May 1835, Ballintemple, David 12 Mar. 1837, Lacken, Denis 9 Jun. 1839, Golden. *Thomas*, born c1815, married Sarah (Sally) RYAN on 21 Feb. 1841 at DRUMINURE/DRUMINACLE?, had one child Margaret, baptised 21 May 1842. *Mary*, born c1825. *David*, born c1826.

John Mitchel, in his "Jail Journal" writes that Michael O'Keefe and his family were turned off the HAWARDEN ESTATES - on arrival in Tasmania, Michael was requested by the Archbishop to start a Catholic school at Richmond.

Heather can find no baptism/marriage records for Michael or his brothers or sisters, and with the baptisms of his children in three different places, no clue is given to his place of abode. Can anyone help?

HELP!

Dominic Bowles, 128 Gosford Road, Shannon, P. Quebec, G0A 4N0, CANADA, wonders if anyone can help with the following:

My great-great-great grandfather, John BOWLES, was born in SPRINGHILL, Co. Tipperary and baptised in Killenaule, 1790. As John was a Catholic, and as his father Joseph and his grandfather lived in the KILLENAULE area, I am asking anyone who would happen to go to the RC Killenaule graveyard, if they would kindly jot down any headstone inscription which has the name Bowles. Since John later moved to THE COMMONS with his brothers George and Charles, I would also appreciate any Bowles headstone inscriptions from the BALLINGARRY and GORTNAHOE graveyards. Such help would be gratefully received by John's descendants here in Canada.

Also, has anyone any more information on the Fr. BOWLES mentioned in the 1990 TIPPERARY HISTORICAL JOURNAL, in Danny Grace's article "The Barricading of Nenagh Chapel in 1849"?

I'd like information like Fr. Bowles's birthplace, Christian name, parent's names, where he studied and so on.

Ruth Duncan, RR4, Site 13, Box 38, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2M 4L4 asks for any information on the following:

John SPEARMAN, born c1760; wife Elizabeth, son John, born 1786 and daughter Elizabeth born 1796 married Patrick CORBETT. The family emigrated from BARRISOKANE, Co. Tipperary to Canada in 1818 with the TALBOTS. Also Rebecca DAGG, born 1802, came to Canada c1820, marrying John, born 1786, after arrival.