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# Gleanings from Old Cork Newspapers 1758—1760

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## THE CORKE JOURNAL

19 *January*, 1758 : “ To be let from March that part of Cloghroe called Looneys Lands and Dromin adjacent. Apply to Justin McCarthy, esq. or his agent at Cloghroe, Mr. John Murphy.”

This John Murphy later transferred to Cork city and was ancestor of that famous Murphy family, who became merchants, brewers and distillers.

“ To let lands of Killahora on the road from Cork to Ann Grove. Apply Mr. Edward Coppinger, Mallow lane or William Daly of New Inn, Glanmire.”

6 *February* : “ To let demesne of Clogheen near Cloghnakilty. Mansion house. Brew house. Malt house. Kiln and pigeon house. All beautifully situated overlooking an arm of Clonakilty bay. Apply Horatio Townsend, Bridgemount, Clondrohid, Francis Price, Cont., or Edward Howell, Clogheen.”

“ Last Wed., James Collins of Rathcoole was married to the agreeable Miss Diana Coakley daughter of Abraham Coakley near Kanturk. Accomplished young lady. Fortune of £800.”

16 *February* : “ Died lately at Popes Quay, Cork, Mr. Arthur Doran, an eminent cooper.”

“ To let the lands of Cornet Bartholomew Purden during his minority. Comprise the castle and demesne of Ballyclough, lands of Raghnee, Curaghreen ; Scart, Kilcranathan, Gortnagross or Summerville. Apply to his uncle, Rev. Charles Coote, Arthur Bastable of Castlemagner or Martin Murray, Innholder, Ballyclough, Mallow.”

20 *February* : “ Died lately, Charles McDermott of Shrule, Co. Sligo, commonly called The Prince of Coolavin. Aged 98 years. A gentleman who to the very last retained all the grandeur of the Ancient Irish chiefs.”

“ Died at Downeen, Co. Cork, the wife of Mr. Dennis McCarthy, a gentlewoman in which an assemblage of amiable qualities conspired to render her respected and beloved in life, and in death sincerely and deservedly regretted.”

She was an ancestress of our esteemed member, F. D. McCarthy-Morrogh.

2 *March* : “ Last Saturday morning the remains of Charles Hennessy, esq., late of Ostend, were carried out of Town to be interred in the family vault near Mallow.”

9 *March* : “ The Friendly Brothers of St. Patrick will meet at the Widow Recrafts on March 17. John F. Harris, Secretary.”

“ Last week died Charles McCarthy of Carnavar, Esq. Remains interred in the family vault at Kilcrea abbey.”

23 March : “ To be sold by Lucy O’Hea, widow and administratrix of Matthew O’Hea, late of Kilkieran, Rosscarbery, lands consisting of three ploughlands, arable, pasture and meadow, with mansion houses and offices, held by leasehold of which 1900 years are unexpired, subject to a head rent of £20 a year to the Earl of Barrymore. The mansion is delightfully situated on an extensive lake, stored with a variety of fish, within 400 yards of the sea of which there is a delightful prospect. Proposals to Mrs O’Hea of Kilkieran, Standish O’Grady of Cahirgullamore, Co. Limerick, William Haly of Ballyhaly. The lease and title are in the hands of Baily Rogers Esq., M.D., Cork.”

This Matthew O’Hea is probably the gentleman mentioned in the article on James Cotter, Junior (*Journal* 1963). He was an ancestral relative of our fellow member Lieut-Col. J. J. O’Hea.

3 August : “ Notice. To be let, from March 25, 1759 for 15 years, the castle of Macroom with its outoffices, gardens, orchards, and improvements, with from 10 to 100 acres of meadowing. The castle is as spacious, good and convenient a mansion house, as there is in Ireland. It has a room 36 feet long, 26 broad, and 20 feet high. It has a noble drawing room, overlooking a beautiful river, several large bed-chambers, with closets. There is a parlour, kitchen, servants’ hall, and fine vaulted cellars. The out-offices comprise three large stables, large barn, coach house, brew house, turf house, servants’ apartments, granaries, fine fruit and kitchen gardens, a bowling green and a well walled in orchard. The castle grounds hang over a serpentine river in which salmon and trout abound. They are enclosed with fine groves, and double ditches, and are situated in the most beautiful and wholesome county in Ireland. They are in the vicinity of a fine spa, much esteemed for its curative effects. Proposals to Richard Eyre, Esq., or his agent Joseph Fennell of Macroom castle, or James Hartnett, Esq., Cork.”

4 September : “ Whereas Jeremiah Donovan, late of Killeglinny in East Carbery by will demised the lands of which he was seized in fee, to Daniel O’Donovan of Baunlahan ; and Morgan O’Donovan of Ronayne’s Court, to be sold for payment of debts and legacies. Sale at Cork County Courthouse on November 1, 1758. Remarkably good land convenient to market towns of Ross, Skibbereen and Dunmanway. Deeds to be seen at Richard Byrne’s, the Sign of the Raven, opposite Christ Church, Cork.”

28 September : “ Elizabeth Lane, widow of Abraham Lane, Brewer, will continue brewing and distilling in the house at Hanover Street near the New Fishambles.”

“ To be sold the lands of Ballyhaly, 240 acres on the Ownabuee, within 4 miles of Cork, also 200 acres of Upper Ballyduhig : Apply William Haly, Ballyhaly, James Meade of Cork.”

“ To let part of Cloghe near Kinsale. Apply William Bullen. Also part of Dromdoe, Ballyhander and Currahoe, in Courceys. Apply John Bullen, Currahoe.”

5 October : “ Just published by D. Voster in Brown St., Cork the 5th edition of Voster’s Arithmetic, He has purchased a new London Printing Press with all its furniture.”

28 October : “ Richard Cox eldest son of Sir Richard Cox Baronet was married in Aughadown Church to Eliza Turner Beecher. The lady’s fortune, large as it is, is the smallest comfort she brings to her happy consort.”

18 December : “ It is announced from Versailles that in November, Mr. Walsh, an eminent merchant in Nantes of Irish extraction, who in the year 1745 carried over the Pretender’s son, Charles Edward, to Scotland, has been made a Knight of the Order of St. Louis.”

25 *December* : “ Richard O’Kelly, offers for sale in Cork, Mallow Spa water. It is remarkable for curing decay of the lungs and loss of appetite. Besides it is the best water in Europe for making tea, or brewing punch. Also for drawing fine tinctures for apothecaries. It will be sold fresh every day at Richard O’Kelly’s house in Kifts lane near Tuckey’s quay.”

Kifts lane still exists between the South Main St. and the Grand Parade but the belief in the curative virtues of Mallow Spa water has long since vanished.

4 *January*, 1759 : “ The Lord Justices and Privy Council offer a reward for the apprehension of Timothy Murphy of Raheroon, Co. Cork, who with Daniel Keohane of Tullyland, blacksmith, and several others, broke into the house of Honor Bohane at Ringfineen, Courcies, took her daughter Honour out of bed, and carried her away to Garryndring across a horse’s back. £50 paid for apprehending those two, and £20 for each of the others.”

“ Mrs. Alice Butler, widow to John Butler, surgeon, living next door to Mr. Uppington, Clockmaker, Fishamble lane, cures ulcers, mortifications, scurvy, ague, megrims and rheumatic pain.”

“ To be set from March 25, the lands of East and West Mohireen in Duhallow bounded on the north by the Blackwater, and on the east by Dromaneen. Proposals to John O’Mullane at Whitechurch, near Cork.”

John O’Mullane’s daughter Kate was the mother of Daniel O’Connell.

22 *February* : “ Died recently at the Old Head, the seat of the Honourable Lord Kinsale, Richard Kearney, Esq., late of Garetstown house. All persons who have any demands against the estate send in account to Mr. Patrick Rochfort of the city of Cork.”

The ruins of Lord Kinsale’s seat are at the entrance to the peninsula, where the Old Head lighthouse is situated.

25 *March* : “ Daniel Conner, linen weaver, and chequer maker, in Withvills lane, leading from Shandon steeple to Popes Quay, makes every kind of handkerchief. As he lives in so backward a place, he intends to have all his goods well made.”

16 *April* : “ To be set by Mr. Robert Johnson the house and garden at Chipley near Ballanthamle (Ballintemple) where Richard Brocklesby lived.”

6 *July* : “ Died at Cabragh Lane, Dublin, Mrs. Blackall, wife of Mr. Thomas Blackall, an eminent mercer in Francis St.”

16 *August* : “ Good coal may be had at the Earl of Egmont’s colliery at Coolecough near Kanturk at twenty pence per barrel of four bushels. Also culm for burning lime.”

23 *August* : “ To be sold 90 tons of hay. Apply John Murphy at Cloghroe.”

“ James Chatterton, sworn in an attorney at the Tholsel Court in Cork.”

“ Married at St. Pauls church, Cork, Peter Carey of Careysville, Fermoy to Miss Ann Lawton, daughter to Mr. Hugh Lawton of this city, merchant, a lady of fine accomplishments with an Appendix of £3,000.”

5 *November* : “ To be set 700 acres of the land of Geganach five miles south west of Cork. Apply Denis O’Callaghan.”

The name of this townland has been changed to Windsor.

The victory of General Wolfe over the French at Quebec was made the occasion of a loyal address by the Roman Catholics of Cork. It was presented to the Lord Lieutenant, the Duke of Bedford in Dublin castle by the earl of Shannon on 14 November 1759. “ His Grace is congratulated upon the success which has attended his Majesty’s

armies in the present just and necessary war. They are sensible of his Majesty's paternal care, and tenderness, and acknowledge the protection and indulgence they had received during his reign." The Lord Lieutenant authorised the earl to assure them that while in Ireland he would do his utmost to cultivate those dispositions, which had led to the zeal and loyalty of which the Roman Catholics of Cork city had set such a shining example.

The Catholics of Galway city presented a similar address.

7 January 1760 : "To be sold at Alderman Reilly's cellars salmon cured in the New Castle manner, will keep for twelve months, and stand the West Indies without tasting salty, also salmon in half-tiercer, lately made up."

The Distillery fields and the weir across the Lee belonged to this alderman. In pre-Reformation days they were owned by the Franciscan friary close by.

"To be let during the minority of Edmond Schuldam, esq., east and west Sheehy, a good mountain farm on which there is a farm house. Apply Mrs. Judith Schuldam, Henry Wallis, esq., Dublin, and Mr. Michael Galwey, Inniskeane."

25 February : "Whereas Denis Murphy, otherwise Durrieffe of Cloughmacow, Co. Cork, stands indicted for the murder of Timothy Hurley, now I, the said Denis Murphy, also Durrieffe give notice to all concerned, that I will in due time surrender myself and take my trial at the next assizes."

A headstone in Kilcrea Friary, marking a Murphy family grave, carries this *leasainm*, Durrieffe.

13 March : "William Knapp son to the late John Knapp of this city, clock and watchmaker, has served his apprenticeship to James Aicken. Has opened shop in Broad Lane."

24 March : "Last Friday died much lamented the Rev. Michael Walsh, a Roman Catholic clergyman."

4 April : "Last Friday week Edward Bradshaw, esq., Alderman of Cork, waited on the Right Hon. William Pitt, esq., and presented him with the Freedom of the Corporation in a gold box. Similar presentation to Admiral Sir Edward Hawke.

7 April : "This is to inform the public that Mary Farrell of Cross St., cures evils of long standing, ulcers, scurvies, chin coughs and quinsies. Signed Samuel Croket, Dr. Westropp, Quinten Osborne, Thos. Browne, Isaac Mee, Cornelius O'Leary, Ballymurphy."

"To let in Clonakilty, a house fit for a gentleman wherein James Maxwell lived. Proposals to Mr. Daniel O'Donovan of Skirtagh or Timothy Deasy, merchant."

5 May : "Died last Friday Timothy Tuckey, Esq., M.D. who having ceased general practice, was very serviceable to the poor people, by giving advice and attendance gratis."

31 July : "To be sold by Mr. Henry O'Brien of Kilcur, Castlelyons, light fresh young plow bullocks, well trained to wheeled carriage and field work. Also a carriage fitted for the drawing of limestone in which the said bullocks will draw five tons weight on any good road."

"Letter from Dublin, August 19, relates that the noted General Maguire, now Governor of Dresden, was born in the parish of Ballymacelligot in Kerry, where his grandfather with some other Ulster gentlemen retired during the troubles of 1641. The general's mother was Mary McElligot. He and his sister were taken to Vienna by their father who had relatives in the Imperial service. Miss Maguire married the famous Count O'Kelly, Herald-at-Arms to the Emperor. Young Maguire became an

Ensign and was promoted in the ranks until he became a Lieut. General. He was governor of Carinthia and is a Count of the Holy Roman Empire. It is to him and his kinsman Major Gen. Baron McElligot that their Imperial Majestys are indebted for forming the Croats Pandows and other freebooters into regular and well disciplined troops. Many other brave men have been born in the Kingdom of Ireland who on account of religion have gone into foreign service. Witness the renowned Count O'Mahony, the Marshals Brown, Lacey and others ; would it not be wisdom as well as good policy to let regiments be raised in Ireland to serve in America, and other parts outside Ireland ? ”

13 *October* : “ To be let lands of Knockatour and Knocknasillagh (Willow Hill) near Carrigaline. Inquire of Warham St. Leger at his house in Cork.”

These lands had been part of the confiscated estates of the earl of Desmond, and had been granted to a former Sir Warham St. Leger.

“ Subscriptions for the erection of a statue to King George II may be sent to the Mayor or to Thomas Newenham, Esq. The statue is now completely finished by Mr. Van Most, and may be seen at the cellars of Messrs. Lawton and Carleton.”

This was the George-a-horseback statue which stood on the Grand Parade for a century. Part of it may still be seen in the Museum at Fitzgerald Park.

8 *December* : “ To be sold the wood of Derrygra consisting entirely of oak, situated near the town of Iniskeane. Proposals to William Conner Mosheller, esq., or William Warren of Cork.”

25 *December* : “ This morning one of the galleries of the South Chapel fell down by which accident three or four people had their legs broken and are so bruised that their lives are despaired of.”