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FOREWORD

On 15th February, 1942, when the Japanese captured Singapore they destroyed all the notes and records of the O'Connell family and its descendants which I had laboriously collected from 1913. During forty-four months of imprisonment which followed I resolved to reconstruct these records and get them into print so that they should survive the convulsions of our age.

To do so is no easy task for I am busily employed assisting the fight against crime and Communism in Malaya and Singapore and in those countries I have no books of reference and no time to engage in a wide personal correspondence. I have had, therefore, to decide to get into print such facts as are at my disposal and leave it to future generations to fill in the essential dates and other relevant details.

In my first tract I recorded the descendants of Daniel O'Connell, "The Liberator." For this second tract I attempt to record, as far as I know them, the descendants of Morgan O'Connell of Carhen—the father of the Liberator—arising out of Morgan's marriage of 1771.

Much of the information is hopelessly scanty but it forms a basis for research by the next member of the family interested in such matters.

I must apologise for the code letters attached to each name. They puzzle all, and irritate some, readers. Discount them. They are for my reference, not yours. It will be understood that it is not easy to devise a simple reference to about 4,000 descendants of Daniel (FitzGeoffry) O'Connell of Aghort (will 19 September, 1683). It is my objective to trace and prove and record the descent of every one of these.

BASIL MORGAN O'CONNELL,
of the Lakeview Branch.

MORGAN O'CONNELL OF CARHEN (1739-1809)

In accordance with the licence issued by the Bishop of Cork on 16 April, 1771, Morgan O'Connell *m.* Catherine O'Mullane, of Whitechurch, Co. Cork. Morgan O'Connell had settled at Carhen, outside Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry. He had inherited, under the will of his father, Donal "Mor" O'Connell, of Darrynane, "the farm" of Canburren. This will was dated 19 Sept., 1770, and the farm was that farm mentioned in the will of Donal's granduncle, John O'Connell, of Ashtown (dated 17 Jan., 1680), as "the ancient patrimony of the family."

Morgan's mother was Mairie ni Dhuv O'Donoghue, of Anywss (*d.* 1792).

Morgan's grandfather was Captain John O'Connell, the first to settle at Darrynane. He, in turn, was the son of Daniel Fitz Geoffry O'Connell, of Aghort (will 17 Sept., 1683), who was the brother of the above-mentioned John O'Connell, of Ashtown, and the brother of Charles O'Connell, of Ballynaclearagh, from whom the "O'Connells of Ballinablown" descend. Daniel, John and Charles are all mentioned as "titulados" in Seamus Pender's publication of *The Census of Ireland, 1659*.

Of the descent of Catherine O'Mullane there are few clues to guide us. Tradition says that her mother's name was O'Donnell and her father was John O'Mullane, of Whitechurch. It is believed, but not yet proved that this John was *b.* in 1711, and was the posthumous son of John O'Mullane, of Brittas (who *d.* in 1711), by Rose Hennessy and was, therefore, the grandson of Dermot O'Mullane, of Brittas (will 8 Dec., *d.* 1705). Dermot's mother was a Miss Curtaine (See "Irish Wills," Society of Genealogists, Vol. 2, ac. 13195).

Morgan prospered at Carhen. He started an industry for extracting salt from the sea, and he kept a large store. He was engaged in numerous smuggling ventures. He sent two of his sons, Daniel and Maurice, to be educated in France, and James to be educated in England. There are silhouettes of Morgan and Catherine in the possession of Sir Maurice O'Connell, and a miniature of Catherine in the possession of Mrs. Moorhead. He *d.* intestate in 1809, having been *b.* in 1739.

Of the marriage of Morgan and Catherine O'Mullane there are recorded 9 children.

- A Daniel O'Connell, Esq., of Darrynane Abbey, *b.* 6 Aug., 1775, *d.* 15 May, 1847, Q.C., M.P. His descendants are shown in *O'Connell Family Tracts*, No. 1.
- H Mary O'Connell, of Carhen, *b.* about 1772, *m.* June, 1791, Jeremiah McCartie, of Woodview, J.P., D.L. co. Cork, younger brother of Charles McCartie, of Churchill. She was the eldest dau.
- I Honoria O'Connell, of Carhen, 2nd dau., who *m.* a cousin, Daniel O'Sullivan, of Reendonegan.
- J Maurice (Morgan) O'Connell, *b.* 1776, *d.* *unm.* in San Domingo in 1797.
- K Ellen O'Connell, of Carhen, *b.* probably in 1777, *m.* Daniel O'Connell, of Tralee, son of Daniel O'Connell and Miss Murphy.
- L John O'Connell, of Grena, *b.* 6 May, 1778; *d.* 6 Sept., 1853; *m.*, 1806, Elizabeth, dau. of William Coppinger, of Ballyvolane.
- M Bridget O'Connell, of Carhen, *m.* Myles McSwiney, of Kenmare.
- N Alicia O'Connell, of Carhen, *m.* William Francis Finn, M.P. for Kilkenny. They had no children.
- O Catherine O'Connell, of Carhen, *m.* Humphrey Moynihan.
- P James O'Connell, of Lakeview and Ballybeggan, *b.* 10 Jan., 1786; *d.* 28 July, 1872; *m.* 31 Mar., 1818, Jane, dau. of Charles The O'Donoghue of the Glens; created baronet, 29 Oct., 1869, whose arms, ascendants and all descendants are registered at the College of Arms' (1948).

MARY O'CONNELL, OF CARHEN

- H** Mary O'Connell, of Carhen, *b. c.* 1772; *d.* —; *m.* in June, 1791, Jeremiah McCartie, J.P., D.L., of Woodview, co. Cork. His descent is to be found at pages 218-23, *Kerry Archaeological Magazine*, vol. iii, No. 15, of October, 1915. He was the son of Denis McCartie, of Rathduane (will 1808), by Johanna O'Donoghue Dhuv, of Anywss (called Shevaun-ni-Dhuv). She was a niece of Maire-ni-Dhuv, who was mother of Morgan O'Connell, of Carhen (1739-1809). Jeremiah's brother, Charles McCartie, of Churchill (*d.* 1826), had a son, Denis, who *m.* Catherine O'Connell (K1), and another son Donal.
- Donal McCartie's only child, Mary, *m.* John O'Connell (A2B).
 Daniel McCartie, son of Denis McCartie and Catherine O'Connell (K1) married Mary O'Connell (A2D).
 Mary, of Carhen, and Jeremiah, of Woodview, had 11 children:
- H1A** Denis McCartie, *b.c.* 1800; *d.c.* 1870, *d.s.p.*
H1B Robert McCartie, *b.* —; *d.* 1864; *m.* Johanna Finn, of Kanturk, and had,
H2B1 Katherine McCartie, *d.y.*
H2B2 Mary McCartie, *d.y.*
H2B3 Anne Alice McCartie, *b.* 1847; *d.s.p.* 1933; *m.* 1874, Capt. George Robert Randall Phayle, who *d.* at Kanturk.
H1C Daniel McCartie, *b.* 1807; *d.* *unm.* 1885.
H1D Charles McCartie, 'who farmed Castle McAuliffe, Newmarket, *d.* 1894; *m.* Mary Burns, and had 8 children,
H2D1 Edward McCartie, *b.* 1829; *d.* 1915; *m.* Mary McGillicuddy of Killorglin (who *d. c.* 1886). They had,
H3D1 Edward McCartie, *b.* 1870; *d.* 1904; *m.* Mary A. Hartigan *d.s.p.*
H3D2 Daniel McCartie, *b.* 1872; *d.s.p.* 1894.
H3D3 Mary McCartie, *b.* 1876; *m.* 1901, James Randal de Roebec Lynch, of Whiteleas, Co. Kildare. Mrs. Lynch was living at Cold Fryn, Birch Hill, Llangollen, N. Wales, in October, 1946, and has,
H4D1 James Edward Lynch, *b.* —; *m.* 1934, Edith Mary Yerburgh Bonsey, and has,
H5D1 James Michael Randal Michael Lynch, *b.* 1934.
H4D2 Frances Rachel Mary Lynch, *b.* —; *m.* 1935, Patrick Rowan Herron.
H4D3 Caroline Anna Mary Lynch, *b.* —; *m.* 1940, Kenneth Percy Morris, and has,
H5D2 Leslie Anna Morris, *b.* 1945.
H3D4 Kathleen McCartie, *m.* William Scarff, *s.p.*
H3D5 Anna McCartie, *m.* Major M. T. Egan, R.I.C., Chief Constable of Southport, and now H.M. Inspector of Constabularies; now of Vrondeg, Llangollen, N. Wales.
H2D2 William McCartie, *b.* 1832; *d.* 9 Oct., 1928; *m.* 1884, Norah Cashman (*b.* 1861), of Clonfert, co. Cork. She *d.* 1927. They had,
H3D6 Mary, Sister Magdeline McCartie, Sister of Mercy, Cork Street, Dublin; alive 1948. *b.* 1885
H3D7 Margaret McCartie, *b.* 1886; *d.unm.* 1903.
H3D8 Charles McCartie, *b.* 1888; ranch owner in Oregon, U.S.A.; alive 1947.
H3D9 Brigid, *d.* young; *b.* 1892.
H3D10 Cornelius McCartie; farming in Cork, 1947; at Gooseberry Hill, Newmarket.
H3D11 Jeremiah McCartie, *b.* 1895; ranch owner, Oregon, U.S.A.; *m.* 1924, Bernice Shark, and has,
H4E1 Norah McCartie, now Mrs. Schooler, alive in Oregon, 1947; *b.c.* 1892.
H4E2 Mary McCartie, *d.* 1945, *unm.*
H3D13 William McCartie, *b.* 1897; farmer of Castle McAuliffe; *m.* 1930, Margaret Murphy, and has,
H4F1 Liam McCartie, *b.* 1931; alive 1947.
H4F2 Norah Mary McCartie, *b.* 1933.
H4F3 Denis McCartie, *b.* 1935.
H4F4 Eileen Theresa McCartie, *b.* 1938.
H4F5 Cornelius McCartie, *b.* 1941.
H4F6 Daniel McCartie, *b.* 1942.
H3D14 John McCartie, *b.* 1899; 1947, ranching in Oregon, U.S.A.; *m.* twice; 1st wife *d.s.p.*; 2ndly Miss Florence Koughan, dau. of — Koughan, of Kalmuth Falls, Oregon.
H3D15 Patrick McCartie, *b.* 1901; alive and *unm.* 1947; ranching in Oregon, U.S.A.
H3D16 Norah McCartie, alive in 1947, living at Gooseberry Hill, Newmarket.
H3D12 Eileen McCartie, *d.* young.
H2D3 John McCartie, *b.* 1830; *d.* 1907, *unm.*
H2D4 Charles McCartie, *b.* —; *d.* in America.
H2D5 Mary McCartie, *b.* —; *d.* 1915, *unm.*
H2D6 Margaret McCartie, *d.* *unm.*
H2D7 Timothy McCartie, *d.* *y.*
H2D8 Jeremiah McCartie, *d.* *y.*
H1E Hannah McCartie, *m.* George Gould and *d.s.p.*
H1F Elizabeth McCartie, *d.* *unm.*
H1G Bridget McCartie, *d.* *unm.*, 1887.
H1H Alice McCartie, *d.* *unm.* 1889; a Presentation Nun.
H1I Mary McCartie, *m.* Dr. John McChrystal; *d.s.p.*
H1J Catherine McCartie, *m.* James Fitzgerald, of Cork, and had,
H2J1 James Fitzgerald, *d.* *unm.*
H2J2 Thomas Fitzgerald, *m.* Miss Cox, and had,
H3J1 Dr. Denis Fitzgerald, alive in 1946.
H3J2 Catherine Fitzgerald, *m.* Lt.-Col. Taafe, R.A.M.C.

- H2J3 Mary Fitzgerald, *m.* Richard O'Donovan, of Donovan's Cove (for the pedigree of Richard O'Donovan, see the *Annals of the Four Masters*) and had an only child,
H3J3 Elizabeth O'Donovan, *m.* John Crosbie O'Callaghan, and had an only child,
H4J1 Kathleen Crosbie O'Callaghan, *m.* Dr. Crofton, of Bristol.
H1K Anne McCartie, *m.* Michael Boyan, C.E., and had 7 children,
H2K1 John Boyan, *b.* 1836; *d.* 1911 *unm.*
H2K2 Mary Boyan, *b.* 1838; *d.* 1855, *unm.*
H2K3 Katherine Boyan, *b.* 1841; *d.* 1933; *m.* 1875, Maurice J. Molony of Greenfields, Kanturk, and had,
H3K1 Maurice Molony, *b.* 1876; *d.* 1881.
H3K2 Anne Molony, *b.* 1876; alive in Cork, 1946.
H3K3 Margaret Molony, *b.* 1878; *d.* 1934, *unm.*
H3K4 Edward Molony, *b.* 1882; *d.* 1909, *unm.*
H3K5 Michael Molony, *b.* 1883; *d.* 1886.
H2K4 Elizabeth Boyan, *b.* 1843; *d.* 1891, *unm.*
H2K5 Hannah Boyan, *b.* 1845; *d.* 1924, *unm.*; Sister of Mercy.
H2K6 Bridget Boyan, *b.* 1847; *d.* 1883, *unm.*; Sister of Mercy.
H2K7 Jeremiah Boyan, *b.* 1848; *d.* 1903, *unm.*
This ends the list of the 71 descendants of Morgan O'Connell, of Carhen, through his eldest daughter Mary, as they were recorded on 27 April, 1947.

HONORIA O'CONNELL, OF CARHEN

- I. Honoria, the 2nd dau. of Morgan O'Connell, of Carhen, probably was *b.* before the Liberator, that is to say in about 1774. She *m.* Daniel O'Sullivan, of Reendonegan, near Bantry. He was a clansman and connection of Murtoth O'Sullivan, of Coolagh (some 8 miles north of Castletown Bere), who had *m.* Honoria's aunt, "Norrey" in 1752. Honoria and Daniel had 3 children,
IIA Roger (1st), who inherited Reendonegan, then about 1,040 acres. of him more presently.
IIC Honoria, *m.* Mr. Galway, and *d.s.p.*
IIB Daniel, for whom the Liberator procured a post as Stipenda^d Magistrate, Dominica, British West Indies. He *m.* an English lady, and had 3 children,
I2B1 John O'Sullivan, who entered the British Army.
I2B2 Laura O'Sullivan, who *m.* a Russian officer, and had
I3F1 a son in Russian Navy.
I2B3 Lillie O'Sullivan, *m.* S. O'Hea Cussen, and had
I3B1 George Cussen, Senior District Judge, Dublin; *b.* 1867; *d.* 1940; *m.* 1883, Theresa Moore, who was alive in 1947.
I3B2 Joseph O'Hea Cussen, *b.* 1868; Inspector, National Board of Education; living at Chelmsford, Avoca Avenue, Blackrock, Dublin; *m.* 1900, H. Fleming, *d.s.p.*
I3B3 Kathleen Cussen, *b.* 1871; *d.* *unm.* in Cork, Dec., 1946.
I3B5 Stephen Cussen, *b.* 1873; *d.* *unm.* 1912.
I3B5 Daniel Cussen, *b.* 1880; *d.* *unm.* 1943.
IIA Roger, above, *m.* Nelly Cronin, and had.
I2A1 Roger (2nd), *b.* Dec., 1851; *d.* 28 Aug., 1938; *m.* Miss Stokes and had,
I3A1 Roger (3rd), alive and in Australia.
I3A2 Daniel, now of Reendonegan, *b.* April, 1879; *unm.*
I3A3 Kitty, living at Reendonegan in 1948; *unm.*
I3A4 Matilda, *m.* April, 1925, Michael Donovan, merchant, of Main Street, Kenmare; *b.* 2 July, 1896, and has,
I4A1 Dermot Donovan, *b.* 30 April, 1926, of Messrs. O'Brien and Corkery, Main Street, Kenmare.
I4A2 Roy Donovan, *b.* 1928. Engineering student in the National University, Dublin, 1948.
I3A5 Mary, *m.* Mr. Stephinson; alive in Australia, 1948.
I3A6 Letty, in Australia; 204 Longville Road, Lane Ave., Sydney.
I3A7 Thomas, lives at Kenmare; *unm.*
I3A8 Madelein, *unm.*; lives at Kenmare.
I3A9 Elizabeth, of Selfridges, Ltd., London; *unm.*
I2C1 Jeremiah O'Sullivan, *m.* Julia Lucy, and lived at Borlin, outside Bantry. They had six children,
I3B1 Ellie, *d.s.p.*
I3B2 Maurice O'Sullivan, alive in Cork, 1948; *unm.*
I3B3 Kate *d.* in America.
I3B4 Lizzie, alive 1948.
I3B5 Mathilda, alive in Cork, 1948; *m.* Mr. Graham Henderson.
I3B6 Nora, in America; *m.* Mr. Hartnett.
I2C2 Honora, *m.* Con Donovan, and had,
I3D1 Mathilda, alive and *unm.*, 1948; living in Bantry.
I3D2 Kitty, *m.* Mr. O'Sullivan, of Castleisland, who had one child, *d.s.p.*
I2C3 Mary, *unm.*; *d.* at Reendonegan.

This ends the list of 37 of the descendants of Morgan O'Connell, of Carhen, through his second daughter, Honoria, as they were recorded on 14 Sept., 1948.

MAURICE MORGAN O'CONNELL, OF CARHEN

- J. Maurice, 2nd son of Morgan O'Connell, was *b.* in 1776. He was called after his uncle, Maurice (Hunting Cap). He was sent with his brother, Daniel, to the college at St. Omer, but was moved from there on 17 Aug., 1792, to the Grand College des Anglais, Rue de Mort, Douay. He is shown in Harte's Army List of 1798, page 303, as a Lieutenant in Count Walshe de Serrants' Regiment

with seniority, 1 Oct., 1796. It is clear that he *d.*, *unm.*, at San Domingo, West Indies, together with many of Pitt's "Irish Brigade." This Irish Brigade was recruited mostly through the instrumentality of Maurice's uncle, Count Daniel Charles O'Connell, who commanded a regiment therein.

It is regretted that a mistake appears in Tract No. 1, at page 21. It was the sporting activities of Daniel nor Maurice which evoked Hunting Cap's spleen. See page 272, vol. ii., *Last Colonel*

ELLEN O'CONNELL, OF CARHEN

- K** Ellen, 3rd dau. of Morgan O'Connell, was probably *b.* in 1777. She *m.* Daniel O'Connell, of Tralee, her third cousin. He was known to the family as "Splinter." His miniature was in existence in 1910, and a photo of it exists. Its present whereabouts are unknown. "Splinter" was an attorney-at-law in Tralee. His father was Daniel O'Connell, and his mother Miss Murphy. He had at least two brothers, Lt. John O'Connell, of the 43rd Regt., who, after a gallant career in the Peninsular war, was killed in action at San Sebastian, and Rickard O'Connell, Asst.-Surgeon of the 43rd Regiment. Rickard *d.* before 13 Feb., 1824, and was the father of Major Edward Maurice O'Connell, of the 99th Regiment (Ensign, 22 May, 1829, Capt., 28 April, 1837, and Brigade Major to his cousin, Sir Maurice Charles Philip O'Connell, K.C.H., at Sydney, in 1844/45). The descendants of Major Edward appear to be extinct with the death, 19 July, 1922, of Maurice Edward O'Connell in Australia. "Splinter" was a grandson of Geoffry O'Connell (Sheara na moe mor) of Kilkeeveagh, who *d.* in 1722. Sheara was the son of Maurice O'Connell, of Dunmaneheen, who was the brother of Captain John O'Connell, first of Darrynane. "Splinter" and Ellen lead an unhappy life and soon separated. She returned to Darrynane, where she lived with her uncle, Maurice. There was one child of the marriage, Catherine, and when she married, then Ellen joined the order of nuns founded by Nano Nagle, and died of a fever contracted whilst nursing the poor of Cork. The child,
- K1A** Catherine, *b.* — ; *d.* 2 Feb., 1873 ; *m. c.* 1820, Denis McCartie, of Headford (*d.* before 1873), son of Charles McCartie, of Churchhill (*d.* 1826), by Ellen (*d.* 1838), dau. of Geoffry The O'Donoghue of the Glens, by Elizabeth, dau. of Randal McCarthy Mor (see also H above). Catherine and Denis had,
- K2A** Daniel McCartie, of Headford, *b.* 3 Oct., 1826 ; *m.* 24 Nov., 1858, Mary O'Connell (*b.* 16 Dec., 1834) A2D, dau. of Maurice O'Connell, of Darrynane, M.P. (A1). 15 of their descendants are shown at A2D in Tract No. 1.
- K2B** Charles McCartie, never *m.*
- K2C** Denis McCartie, *b.* 1842 ; *m.* 1868, Anne McCarthy, of Kilfadamore. He emigrated to Australia and contact has been lost. They had two children only,
- K3C1** Catherine McCartie, *b.* 1869 ; *d.* *unm.* 1934.
- K3C2** Elizabeth McCartie, *b.* 1872 ; *d.* *unm.* 1943.
- K2D** Kate McCartie, *b.* 1836 ; *d.* 1886 ; *m.* 16 Feb., 1871, Alexander O'Driscoll, of Old Court, Skibbereen, "The O'Driscoll," only son of Timothy O'Driscoll of Old Court, and had,
- K3D1** Dr. Alexander O'Driscoll (1872-1917), *m.* K. O'Keefe, of Lorryherta, co. Cork, and had,
- K4D1** Alexander O'Driscoll, *b.* 1908 ; now in America.
- K4D2** Mary O'Driscoll, *b.* 1904 ; *m.* 1935, Daniel Morrogh, of Garrybeg, Woodhill Park, Tivoli, Cork, and has,
- K5D1** Mary Morrogh, *b.* 1936.
- K5D2** Alexander Morrogh, *b.* 1938.
- K5D3** Edna Morrogh, *b.* 1941.
- K4D3** Catherine O'Driscoll, *b.* 1906 ; *m.* 1940, J. Hyland, of Glenleam, Blackrock, Co. Cork, and has,
- K5E1** Alexander Hyland, *b.* 1941.
- K5E2** Catherine Hyland, *b.* 1942.
- K5E3** Anne Hyland, *b.* 1910.
- K4D4** Ellen O'Driscoll, *b.* 1910.
- K3D2** Denis O'Driscoll, *b.* 1878 ; *d.* 1908, *unm.*
- K2E** Mary McCartie, *b.* 1837 ; *d.* 1904 ; *m.* 1869, R. P. Sheehan, and had,
- K3F1** Denis McCartie Sheehan (1874-1918), *d.* *unm.*, and other children all *d.* young.
- K2F** Jane McCartie, *d.* young.
- This ends the list of 23 of the descendants of Morgan O'Connell, of Carhen, through his third daughter, Ellen, as they were recorded on 12 June, 1947, and excludes the 15 descendants of Morgan already shown in Tract No. 1.

JOHN O'CONNELL, OF GRENA

- L** John, third son of Morgan O'Connell, of Carhen, was *b.* on 6 May, 1778. He did not have the same advantage of education abroad as did his brothers. He was, indeed, a vivid personality, and needs an appreciation of more than a few lines. I can find no trace of a picture of him, but he is described as a fine-looking, athletic man, plain in face and dark in colour. In this he was more alike to his brother. "the Liberator", than to his brother James. He was a man of great height and bulk and dressed and behaved very much as befitted a country squire, which it was his delight to be. The first record I have of his activities is a correspondence between

his uncle Maurice, Hunting Cap, and the Rt. Hon. Col. Maurice Fitzgerald, the Knight of Kerry, at Ballinruddery. Hunting Cap complains, on 19 March, 1803, when John was 25, "of the malignant attack made upon my nephew, John Connell, before the last Assize, for his zeal and indefatigable exertions on procuring the peace and tranquillity of the Barony of Iveragh and taking up the leaders of the Seditious Banditti," etc. The Knight of Kerry promised help and nothing more is heard of the matter.

In 1806 he *m* Elizabeth dau. and heiress of William Coppinger, of Ballyvolane (William *d.* 1816). Her 16 quarters, published at page 318, vol. ii, *The Last Colonel*, show her descent from, amongst others, the Galways of Lota, the Goulds of Cork, the Earls of Ormonde and Castlehaven, the Barnwells, Viscounts Kingsland, the 2nd Earl of Westmeath, the 12th Lord Delvin, Sir Laurence Esmonde, 2nd Bart. and *de jure* 3rd Lord Lymbrick, Theobald 7th Lord Cahir and Sir Redmond Everard, 2nd Bart. Through her mother she was heiress of the McMahons of Glenagh and heiress of the eldest branch of the Esmonde family.

After a year living with her father at Barry's Court they settled at Grena, on the Lawne River, near the north shore of Lough Lein, Killarney. Later Grena's name was changed to Grenagh, and it was the home of Daniel James O'Connell, John's nephew, and later still the home, temporarily, of Morgan Ross O'Connell, later of Lakeview.

At Grena John kept open house and lived lavishly on the expectation of a rich share of his uncle Hunting Cap's estate, and in the hope of great wealth from his wife's estate. In 1807 there were still-born twins, and later their sons, Maurice and Daniel, who *d.* as babies. It was not till 1811 that Morgan John O'Connell, who was to be his heir, was born. John led the Catholic party in Kerry, whilst Dan led the party in Dublin. John's style and sentiments were effective and he was a convincing public speaker. John was a noted pistol shot and is credited with 18 duels. One of those deserves special mention.

On 1 Aug., 1812, a meeting was held in Tralee, with the then Lord Castlerosse in the chair, to take action to repeal the Penal Laws. This was followed by a dinner party, at which John presided. In the town a commotion took place and the military were called out. Only good fortune and level-headed behaviour by John prevented the military opening fire on what was essentially a peaceable crowd engaged in viewing the decorations and celebrating the occasion. The incident, however, led to hot words and a vituperous correspondence between John, on the one side, and the leader of the opposing faction, Richard Francis Blennerhasset, on the other. An account of the conduct of this affair of honour, of the challenges and of the attempts at meetings between the parties appears at very great length in *Western Herald and Kerry Advertiser* of 15 Dec., 1812.

It must be confessed that John goaded Blennerhasset so persistently that the latter had either to fight or leave the country. However, knowing John's reputation as a dead shot, Blennerhasset practised assiduously with his pistols, and when they met, in 1813, it was John who fell with a bullet which entered his face and came out through his neck. It was only because of first aid rendered by Miss Mary Hussey dau. of Counsellor Rice Hussey, that John's life was saved. It probably cured John of his duelling, and may, indeed, be the reason why no picture of John survives.

He bred a special class of beagle of very large size, and used them for hunting. He kept both staghounds and beagles, and one finds references in the contemporary newspapers of special hunts held by him to entertain notables visiting Killarney. However, when Sir Walter Scott came there he refused to hold a hunt for him because he believed that the Author had anti-Catholic tendencies.

The only personal relic of him which appears to have survived is a hunting crop with a silver handle in the form of a hare, inscribed as presented to him by the followers of his Lawne Harriers.

On the death of his father-in-law, in 1816, the money due to him from the McMahon and Coppinger estates under the marriage settlement was not forthcoming, and his uncle, Hunting Cap, insisted on the execution of a writ of outlawry against the brother, William Coppinger, which drove the latter out of the country till 1860, when he *d.* In 1824, however, on the death of Hunting Cap, John became again a rich man, and he inherited further money from his uncle, the Count. But after Morgan John came of age John lavished money on him. On one contested election alone John spent £9,000.

Finally, the famine of 1846-7, and the consequent drop in the value of landed property in which most of John's money was invested, broke an ageing man, and he had to sell up and go to France, where he was befriended by a French Royalist family, the de Tourvilles. It was said at the time "that nothing became him more than misfortune." He *d.* on 9 Sept., 1853, at Dinan, in France, where a monument to his memory was erected.

His children who reached maturity were,

- L1A Morgan John O'Connell, M.P., J.P., D.L.
- L1B The Rev. John Dominic O'Connell.
- L1C Jane Frances O'Connell; firstly by Madame O'Donoghue and secondly by Mrs. MacCarthy O'Leary.
- L1D Catherine O'Connell, Mrs. Vines.
- L1E Maurice John O'Connell.

- L1A Morgan John O'Connell was b. 27 Aug., 1811, at Grenagh; educated St. Mary's, Oscott; entered T.C.D., 18 Jan., 1830; B.A.; called to the Irish Bar, 4 May, 1833; represented Kerry in the British Parliament from 1835-52; was J.P. and D.L. for co. Kerry, but was deprived of both commissions because he was a member of the Repeal organisation. The financial crash arising from the Famine led to his resignation from Parliament in 1852, when he was called to the English Bar and started to practise. In 1863 he succeeded his uncle, William Coppinger, in the Barry's Court property, and, in 1864, he succeeded his mother in the Clare property—the McMahon estate. On 21 Feb., 1865, he m. Mary Anne, dau. of Charles Bianconi, D.L., of Longfield House, Cashel. She was born on 16 Sept., 1840, and d. 1908. She was the authoress and compiler of various works, including a life of her father and one of Lt.-Gen. Daniel Charles Count O'Connell, her husband's grand-uncle, under the title *The Last Colonel of the Irish Brigade*. Morgan John was a close companion of Thackeray, and both were members (with Charles Dickens) of an institution called "Old Fielding's Club." He d. 2 July, 1873, at Longfield, having had 2 children,
- L2A1 Elizabeth O'Connell, b. 21 June, 1868; d. in infancy.
- L2A2 John Coppinger O'Connell, b. at Longfield, 19 Oct., 1871; educated in Cork; inherited Ballylean, Barry's Court and Ballyvolane, and on the death of his mother, in 1908, Longfield; m. 10 Jan., 1894, Arabella, dau. of T. P. Hayes, of 42 Lansdowne Road, Dublin (d. Jan., 1932). On the death of his mother he assumed the name "O'Connell Bianconi" in accordance with the will of his maternal grandfather. He was a J.P. for Cork and Clare. He d. on 14 Oct., 1929, at Lacknashanagh, and is buried in the family vault at Boherlanagh, the parish church of Longfield, wherein is a very pretty chapel of ease erected by the family. The memorials therein to John Coppinger and to his father, bear the arms: 1st and 4th—O'Connell with crescent for difference; 2—Coppinger: Az. a bull's head between 3 stars for difference 3—McMahon: Arg. 3 lions passant guardant. They had,
- L3A1 Helen O'Connell Bianconi, b. 14 Nov., 1895; m. 1918, Major-General William Tyndall, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., R.A.M.C., Director of Medical Services, S.E.A.C. Mrs. Tyndall lived at Cobham Court, Bekesbourne, Canterbury, and is now living at Ballydowling House, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow. They had one child.
- L4A1 Charles Tyndall, b. 1929; educated Beaumont and Cambridge; Captain, R.E.; served in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Middle East and Singapore.
- L3A2 Mary (Molly) O'Connell Bianconi, b. 22 Dec., 1896, of Longfield House, Cashel, Tipperary; joined F.A.N.Y. in 1st World War; mentioned in despatches and awarded the British Military Medal for gallantry in action; was a Junior Commandant in A.T.S. during 2nd World War; m. 18 Dec., 1919, Capt. Arthur Stanley Watson, R. Surrey Regiment, at Brompton Oratory.
- L3A3 Oona O'Connell Bianconi, b. 3 Sept., 1898; m. 1920, P. M. Kennedy, manager of the Midleton Branch of the Munster and Leinster Bank, Co. Cork. They have,
- L4A2 Mary Margaret Nuala Kennedy, b. — Nov., 1928.
- L3A4 Mabel O'Connell Bianconi, unm. and living at Ballydowling House in 1948.
- L1E Maurice John O'Connell, b. 1819; d. whilst at Oscott School, on 22 Nov., 1836. He had shown considerable brilliance as a scholar, and a poem written by him in 1834, "Ode to Man," was published in *The Dublin Review*, 1836. Previous to going to Oscott he had been to school at Everton, Manchester. Because of his fleetness of foot he was nicknamed "The Deer."
- L1B The Rev. John Dominic O'Connell, b. 25 March, 1828; d. 15 June, 1872, a R.C. priest.

CATHERINE O'CONNELL OF GRENA

- L1D Catherine Mary was probably the youngest child of John of Grená b. —; d. —; m. —, Samuel Vines. He was H.B.M.'s Consul at Para, Brazil, 1852-7; H.M. Envoy at the Court of Honolulu as sponsor on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at the christening of the Prince of Tahiti. Catherine was intended to represent H.M. Queen Victoria. Amusing letters exist of their adventures on this Embassy. They sailed from Boston to Honolulu only to find that the Prince had died and that there was strong Anglophobe American influence in the Islands. One of the American notables making a speech that he wanted "to drink Samuel's blood." He was posted as Consul at the Western Azores (St. Michaels), 14 Oct., 1857-7 Feb., 1868, and then at Islay, Peru, 5 May, 1869-10 Oct., 1872. He then retired, but in doing so before his contractual period was up, he forfeited his pension rights. He d. on 13 Jan., 1878, and his widow unsuccessfully petitioned for a pension. They had:
- L2D1 John Maurice O'Connell Vines, b. 1853; educated King's College, London, and Balliol College, Oxford; B.A. 1879; M.A. 1881; barrister-at-law; d. 1893, d.s.p.
- L2D2 Frederic Austin Vines, b. 1856; educated Magdalen College School, Balliol College, Oxford; B.A. 1879; M.A. 1882; Dean of the University of Toronto; d.s.p. California, 13 July, 1885.