

Tragic Episode Recalled

County Limerick Lady's Death

The death of Mrs John D Harnett, of Bridge street, Abbeyfeale, which occurred after a tedious illness; almost in her 80th year, removes an old and respected resident from the town. A member of an old family of many connections in the district, she was held in much esteem for her kindly and generous qualities. Ever since a tragic episode in the Anglo Irish fight she has been in indifferent health. Following an ambush of Black and Tans on the outskirts of the town, when a member of the R.I.C. was killed and a number on both sides wounded, a reprisal was anticipated and many of the residents cleared out of the town.

Amongst those who left for some friends in the country were the young men—who had no connection with the I.R.A.—Patrick Harnett (son of the deceased), and Jeremiah Healy. Both left Bridge street, from houses almost opposite the barracks, and were followed by two Black and Tans. One of them called on the two young men to halt. They naturally ran, but after a few yards were driven over a fence and were brutally shot dead where their memorial now stands. Much sympathy has been felt for the parents and families of the boys.

The prayers at the graveside were said by the Very Rev T Canon Hogan, P.P., V.F.; Rev J Houlihan, O.O.; Rev Patrick McEgery, U.S.A.

The chief mourners were:—J D Harnett (husband); Thomas Harnett (son); Mrs H T O'Connor (daughter); Thos T O'Connor (son-in-law); Mrs T Harnett (daughter-in-law); Dan Harnett (brother-in-law); T W O'Connor.

There was a large and representative attendance from West Limerick and Kerry districts.