

Old I.R.A. Man

Funeral of Mr F. Aherne in County Limerick

The death has occurred at his residence, Montpelier, O'Brien's-bridge, Limerick, of Mr Fred Aherne, son of Mrs and the late Patrick Aherne.

The late Mr Aherne was a prominent supporter of Fianna Fail. He was a member of the East Limerick Brigade I.R.A. He served terms of imprisonment in Limerick gaol on two occasions, and in company with his brother staged a hunger strike as a protest against their treatment. His funeral to Castleconnell was one of the largest seen in the district for many years, and all phases of public life were represented in the huge cortege. Many of his comrades in the Abane Hurling Club attended.

Very Rev P Canon Devaney, P.P, officiated at the graveside, assisted by Rev T Duffy.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs E Aherne (mother); Messrs J P and M. Aherne (brothers); Mary and Ellen, Portarlinton [sisters]; D Quilley [uncle]; Jack Joseph and Kathleen Aherne, J and M Ryan, John and Mrs McMahon, J and Mrs Haugh, Dan and Mrs O'Brien, Mrs S McMahon, John and Mrs Ryan [cousins].

Numerous Mass cards and messages of sympathy were received.

The Abane Hurling Club, of which the deceased was a member, was represented by Messrs J and M Mackey and P O'Reilly.