

Death of Mrs. M. Roberts

Passing of Remarkable Personality

By the death of Mrs Mary Roberts at her residence, Newtown, Clarina, a remarkable personality has passed away.

The deceased lady, who was relict of the late Mr George Roberts, had attained the great age of 100 years, and possessed all her faculties to the end.

She enjoyed a wonderful memory, and was a most informing and entertaining raconteur. In her childhood the country was only recovering from the effects of the penal laws, and she lived through the famine years of '47 and '48, the rising of '67 and the long-drawn out struggle by the Irish farmer for peasant proprietorship.

She was mother of Limerick's famous and gifted surgeon, Dr James Roberts; of Rev Father Aidan, O.F.M., the distinguished Franciscan, and of Mr George Roberts, a prominent member of the Limerick Fishery Board, and grandmother of Dr Michael Roberts, Limerick.

The funeral to Killeedy on Thursday afternoon was a huge concourse.

The chief mourners were:—Rev. Fr. Aidan, O.F.M.; Dr. J Roberts, Mr. George Roberts (sons); Mrs D Hayes, Mrs J Byrne (daughters); Dr M Roberts, Messrs George, Michael, James and Thomas Roberts, William and Anthony Hayes, Patrick and John Byrne (grandsons); Mrs T E O'Donnell (grand daughter); Messrs D Hayes, J Byrne, Mrs G Roberts, Mrs J Roberts, Mr T E O'Donnell (relatives).

The clergy present were—Rev. T McNamara, P.P., Clarina; Very Rev. Canon Rea, P.P., V.F.; Very Rev. Fr Hilary, O.F.M., Guardian; Rev. Fr Cormac, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr Alphonsus, O.F.M.; Rev Fr Adrian, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr Fabian, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr Dermot, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr Anthony, O.F.M.; Rev Fr Leopold, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr Finbar, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr Celestine, O.F.M.