

A Famous Hurling Family

Unique Gathering of Mourners at Funeral of Mrs. M. Mackey

A unique gathering certainly was that which assembled at the funeral of Mrs Bridget Mackey, Castleconnell, wife of Mr Michael Mackey, who passed away in her 84th year. The bereaved husband, a splendid type of Irishman, standing 6ft 2ins, erect and straight in his 83rd year, was the principal mourner, while her four sons, Messrs John ("Tyler"), the popular Labour member of the Limerick County Council, Pat, Mick and Anthony Mackey, all old hurlers, shouldered the remains of their mother from the old home to the family burial vault, while the four grandsons, Mick, John, Pat and "Kodzie" Mackey, all present-day hurlers, walked immediately behind the coffin.

The cortege included:—Alderman Dan Bourke, T.D., Mayor of Limerick; Messrs M J Keyes, T.D.; R G O'Sullivan, Solicitor Limerick Co. Council; P Sadlier, W F Lee, ex-T.D., Abane; Sean O'Carroll, ex T.D.; Edl Bourke, "Bowsey" Ahern, B O'Connor, M Danagher, T Brennan, J Herbert, J Keane, M Hickey, M Quinlivan, M Ryan, B O'Shelly, P Kelly, J Conway, P Ahern, D Laidan, M Kiergibben, T Humphries, etc, etc.

Three generations of the Mackey family led Limerick teams to All Ireland hurling honours—Michael Mackey, captain, 1887; John ("Tyler") Mackey, captain, 1910-11; Mick Mackey, captain, 1930-'31.

A sister-in-law who predeceased the late Mrs Mackey had reached the age of 91 years. The latter's mother died at the age of 101.

Condolence

The Limerick County Council, at its meeting on Saturday last, unanimously tendered its sympathy to Mr John Mackey, G.O.C., and the members of his family in their bereavement.