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**Worthies Of Thomond**

NO. 159—

**JAMES FITZGERALD, 13TH EARL OF DESMOND**

James Fitzgerald, 13th Earl of Desmond, "The Court Page," was born in the beginning of the 16th century and sent to the English Court to be educated. Here he became a page to Henry VIII and acquired the nickname "The Court Page." He was still at the English Court at the time of his grandfather's death, and Henry allowed him to return home to his estates, being "sufficiently furnished with all things fitting and necessary for such a journey and enterprise, by the bounty of the King."

In the meantime, however, the succession was strongly disputed by his granduncle, John Fitzthomas, a very old man, who considered himself the rightful heir. In the English records, James is described as "speaking good English and keeping his hair and cap after the English fashion," while Sir John is set off with the uncomplimentary remark that he "spoke good English but was full of mischief." However, Sir John was the more powerful of the two and succeeded in maintaining his control of the Desmond estate, until his death in 1536.

His son, James, now assumed the title, and not only took over the Desmond estates, but also acquired those of the Kildares in County Limerick—Adare, Croom, Kilgobbin and Castlerobert. He was supported by the O'Briens and the English in his claim, and the rightful 13th Earl had little chance of asserting his rights. The latter repaired to England, and instead of fighting for his claim in the field, dallied at court, pressing to have his title to the earldom acknowledged. The King at length recognised him and sent him back to Ireland, where the Fitzjohn was becoming too powerful. James landed at Youghal in August 1539, fully prepared now to fight for his right. The deputy arrived from Dublin to assist him and they succeeded in recovering part of County Cork. He then marched to Cork, where the sons of Cormac Oge MacCarthy joined him, and the united forces set out against James Fitzjohn. But the latter appeared on the opposite banks of the Blackwater and hurled defiance at the deputy, who was unable to ford the river owing to its swollen state. The deputy then returned to Dublin, and the Earl settled down in baronial splendour among his subjects.

But a brother of Fitzjohn, Maurice of the burnings, kept closely on his track, and when the Earl ventured into County Limerick on 19th March, 1540, he was waylaid and slain. He was married to Mary, the daughter of Cormac Oge, but had no male issue and his line died out.

**DE COURCY'S LAND AND PROPERTY SALES**

On Wednesday last at the Salesrooms, 7 Glentworth Street, Limerick, Mr. de Courcy offered for sale by auction, on the instructions of Mr. Patrick Clear, the plot of ground at Garraun, Parteen, containing 1 acre and 18 perches (S.M.). Held free of rent. P.L.V. 15/- bidding for this holding opened at 50, and it was subsequently sold to Mr. E. Treacy, solicitor (Messrs. Dundon and Treacy, solicitors), Connell Street, Limerick, in trust for 95 and commission. Messrs. Michael Tynan and Co., solicitors, had carriage of sale.

Later on Wednesday, Mr. de Courcy offered for sale by auction the lands at Ballina, Killaloe, on the instructions of Miss Annie O'Brien, her residential holding containing 6 acres (S.M.). Held on lease Irish Land Commission, subject to the half yearly annuity of 17/9; P.L.V., 46 5s. The vendor reserving the right of residence during her life. Bidding opened at 400 and advanced to 435, at which figure it was announced as having reached its reserve. A number of bidders took part and after spirited competition the holding reached 450, at which price and auction fees, Mr. Patrick Ryan, Killaloe, was declared the purchaser. Messrs. Michael Tynan and Co., solicitors, had carriage of sale.

The accommodation holding at O'Brien's Bridge, withdrawn from sale last week at 400, has since been sold by private treaty to Mr. John Ward, O'Brien's Bridge, at 425 and commission. Messrs. Joseph M. Collins & Co., solicitors, acted for the purchaser, and Mr. J. O'Malley, solicitor, had carriage of sale.

**CALLED FOR TRAINING**

Mr. Timothy O'Leary, youngest son of Mr. D. and Mrs. O'Leary, 15 Smith's Road, Charleville, was amongst the successful candidates who recently qualified in the educational and medical examinations held for the purpose of selecting candidates for appointment and enrolment in the Garda Síochána. Mr. O'Leary has already been called to the Depot for training.

**OBITUARY**

**MRS. DERMOT MacNAMARA.**

The death occurred at the Co. Hospital, Tullamore, of Mrs. Dermot MacNamara (formerly Miss Lily Donohoe), member of one of the oldest and most respected Offaly families, and wife of Professor Dermot MacNamara, Waterpark College, Waterford, and formerly of Wood Road, Castleconnell. Her death, at the early age of 34, deprives her husband and two young boys of a devoted wife and mother. The deceased was a young woman of kindly, gentle nature. Fortified by the ministrations and consolations of Holy Church, she bore her last illness with Christian resignation. On All Saints' Day, with husband and relatives in attendance at her bedside, the end came with great calm. May she rest in peace with God.

The funeral took place to Ballycommon Cemetery on Sunday, the 3rd inst. The huge attendance included public officials and representatives of the professional, commercial and family life of North Offaly.

The chief mourners were: Dermot MacNamara (husband), Patrick Donohoe (father), her brothers and sisters, Mrs. M. Kennedy, Loran Park House, Roscrea; Miss MacNamara, Castleconnell (sisters-in-law); Mchil MacNamara (brother-in-law); Dr. Donohoe, Longford (cousin); Henry Kennedy, M.A., D.Sc., Sec., I.A.O.S.; Michael Kennedy, U.C.D.; J. and W. Buckley (relatives).

From Waterford were present: Rev. Dr. M. F. O'Mahony, M.A., President, Waterpark College; Rev. Dr. M. H. MacCloskey, A.C.T.C.; T. J. Holland, B.A., H.Dip.Ed. (staff, do); W. G. Foggis, B.Sc., Newtown School; Colr. John F. Gloster, R.C.M., Mount Sion.

Rev. Dr. Duggan represented St. Columba's, Tullamore.

Messages of sympathy were received from: P. Boland, T.D.; M. A. Venle, Co. Manager, Offaly; S. MacCall, Co. Secretary, do.; Mrs. M. O'Neill-Planagan, Fairy Hill, Waterford; T. R. Gibson, Inspector of Taxes, Dundalk; Miss J. O'Brien, B.Sc., Ursuline Convent; David Sheedy, B.E., Co. Surveyor, Waterford; T. J. Kelly, Dun Laoghaire; David O'Keefe, Co. Manager, Clare; A. MacCormac, Department of Local Government, Dublin, etc. etc.

**MRS. GRIFFIN, FEENAGH.**

The death took place quite recently of Mrs. Margaret Griffin, merchant, Feenagh, at an advanced age. The deceased lady carried on a most lucrative business for a number of years and enjoyed the confidence of a large circle of friends. Her funeral to the Dromcollogher Cemetery was of large dimensions, bearing ample testimony to the great popularity of the deceased.

The chief mourners were:—Queenie, Julia and Mrs. Marian O'Brien (daughters); T. O'Brien (son-in-law); Willie, Michael, John, Margaret, Joan and Miriam (grandchildren); Mr. Jack Egan (nephew); Miss Margaret Egan, Mrs. M. Ryan, Mrs. E. Gilbourne, Mrs. T. Gilbourne, Mr. Jim Hannan and Mr. J. Egan (cousins); William Bennis, Jack, Mick, Dan and Paddy O'Brien, Mrs. J. O'Brien (relatives).

Mass cards were sent by Queenie and Julia Griffin (daughters); Tom and Marian O'Brien, Miss Margaret Egan; Mrs. May Fitzpatrick, Mrs. E. Gilburn; Mrs. B. O'Connor; John and Mrs. O'Sullivan; Mrs. Quina; Scraphie Mass card sent by Misses O'Shea, Reilly, O'Brien and Hayes. Many letters and telegrams of sympathy were received.

The clergy present were—Rev. Father Dunworth, P.P., and Rev. Father Crowley, C.C.

**MRS. MARGARET O'DONNELL, KILGARRIFF.**

We regret to announce the sad death of Mrs. Margaret O'Donnell, relict of the late Patrick O'Donnell, Kilgarriff, Ballylanders, which occurred at her residence recently. Deceased was a grand old type of individual and won for herself the respect and admiration of all those who knew her.

The interment took place at Ballylanders Cemetery after Office and High Mass in the Parish Church, Glenbrohane. The officiating clergy were—Very Rev. Father O'Donnell, P.P., Knocklong; Rev. Father Kennedy, C.C., do.; Very Rev. Father J. K. Dunne, P.P., Ballylanders; Rev. Father Ryan, C.C., do., and Rev. Father Crowley, Ballylanders.

Deceased was mother of Mr. Michael O'Donnell, who recently returned to his native Kilgarriff from U.S.A. The other chief mourners were—Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Donnell, Mrs. David Condon, Mrs. Jim Howard and Mrs. Cole.

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**MRS. SLATTERY, BALLINVREENA.**

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Mary Slattery, of Ballinvreena, Killinane, which sad event took place on Thursday, November 7th. Deceased was the mother of the Rev. Thomas Slattery, P.P., Marton, near Hull, England. On Friday, Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by her son at Ballinvreena Church. The funeral took place immediately afterwards to the family burial ground at Emly.

Amongst the clergy present were—Rev. Thomas Slattery (son); Very Rev. Dr. Slattery, P.P., Lattin (brother-in-law); Very Rev. Michael Leahy, P.P., Bulgaden; Very Rev. J. Dolan, P.P., Killinane; Very Rev. E. O'Donnell, P.P., Knocklong; Rev. J. Leonard, C.C., Bulgaden; Rev. T. Kennedy, C.C., Knocklong; Rev. J. Shinnors, C.C., Killinane; Rev. E. Ryan, C.C., Emly; Rev. W. J. O'Grady, C.C., St. John's, Limerick; Rev. P. J. Higgins, Plymouth; Rev. R. O'Sullivan, C.C., St. Michael's, Limerick; Rev. J. O'Dea, Limerick. Chief mourners—Rev. T. Slattery, Richard, Patrick and Edmund (sons); Miss M. Slattery (sister-in-law).

**FREE TRAVEL OVER BORDER**

As from yesterday (Thursday), permits or identity cards will no longer be required for travelling between the Twenty-Six Counties and Northern Ireland, as a result

**SLANDER ACTION**

**Limerick Defendant**

**GETS VERDICT IN HIGH COURT**

In the High Court, Dublin, on Monday, before Mr. Justice Martin Maguire and a jury, an action was opened in which Edward Donohue, bookmaker, Galway, claimed damages from Thomas F. Ryan, formerly County Surveyor, Raheen, Limerick, steward of the Irish Coursing Club, for alleged slander. The plaintiff alleged that on the 29th January, this year, at the coursing meeting at Clounanna, Co. Limerick, while on his business as bookmaker on the stand, Mr. Ryan advanced up the steps to him and said: "You should not be betting here," and also used the words: "You owe £42 since the Connacht Cup," and "You owe £42 on a long odds bet over Robert Robinson." The plaintiff alleged that the words were understood to mean that he had been guilty of fraudulent and dishonest conduct, that he was a person who dishonoured the bets or commissions placed with him by members of the public. By reason of those words the plaintiff alleged that he had been injured in his credit and reputation as a bookmaker.

The defence was a denial that the words meant, or were understood to mean, what was alleged, that they were incapable of the alleged meaning or any defamatory or actionable meaning. There was also a plea of privilege.

Mr. J. A. Costello, S.C.; Mr. W. O'B. Fitzgerald, S.C., and Mr. Seamus Sweeney (instructed by Messrs. Emerson & Conway), for the plaintiff; Mr. T. K. Liston, S.C., and Mr. M. F. Fitzgerald (instructed by Messrs. P. J. O'Sullivan & Son), for the defendant.

**PLAINTIFF EXAMINED.**

The plaintiff, giving evidence, said that on the occasion he was on the stand, which was crowded. Mr. Ryan came up through the crowd and said: "You should not be betting there." Witness denied this, and Mr. Ryan said: "You owe it since the Loughrea coursing." Witness said he again denied it, and Mr. Ryan said: "You owe it to Paddy Duggan over a dog named Robert Robinson." Witness said that he told Mr. Ryan: "I never called a gentleman a liar in my life, but you are one." Mr. Ryan, he said, then turned round and called Paddy Duggan, who came up one or two steps, and Mr. Ryan asked him: "Is this the man with whom you had the bet?" and Mr. Duggan replied: "Yes, that is the man with whom my man had a bet." Witness then said to Mr. Duggan: "You know very well I am Eddie Donohue of High Street, Galway—not Pat Donohue from Upper Rathmines, Dublin." After that, he said he told them to leave him alone. The conversation was carried on in a loud voice, and then there was dead silence, and everyone was looking. As a result, it affected his business on the second day of the meeting, and he stopped it, and he did not carry on business on the third day.

Cross-examined by Mr. Liston, the witness said that Mr. Duggan did not say he was sorry; nor did Mr. Ryan say it. He knew that Mr. Pat Donohue had defaulted in regard to the bet mentioned. He said that he shouted down to Duggan that it was Pat Donohue of Rathmines that had defaulted. He did not hear Mr. Duggan say that he had made a mistake, nor did he hear him say he was sorry. Everyone on the stand around him could hear him tell Mr. Duggan that it was Donohue from Rathmines.

He had also taken an action against Mr. Duggan, but he had accepted the £156 Mr. Duggan had lodged in court and it was settled.

**DEFENDANT'S EVIDENCE.**

The defendant, in evidence, said that when he asked Mr. Duggan was this the man, Mr. Duggan replied: "Yes." Mr. Duggan said to Mr. Donohue: "You wrote acknowledging the bet." Donohue replied that it was not he who wrote but Donohue of Rathmines. The witness said that Mr. Duggan then replied: "I am sorry. I made a mistake." He had, he said, previously seen the letter written acknowledging the debt and when the complaint was made it was necessary and desirable that it should be investigated at the earliest possible moment.

Cross-examined by Mr. W. O'B. Fitzgerald, he said that he stood by his authority as steward to speak to Donohue. As he went up to Donohue, who was wearing glasses, Donohue turned his head and he saw that it was the wrong Donohue. He thought that the matter was finished when Mr. Duggan had said that he was sorry, and that he had made a mistake and that it was not necessary for him to apologise, as he had been acting on the complaint of Duggan.

The further hearing was adjourned until Tuesday.

**VERDICT FOR DEFENDANT WITH COSTS.**

On Tuesday the jury found that the words were spoken, that they were defamatory, but that they were bona fide spoken by the defendant in his capacity as a steward, without malice and they assessed no damages.

Mr. Justice Maguire ruled that the occasion was privileged and gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

A stay of execution was granted.

**HOSPITAL FAIR**

The November fair at Hospital was brisk. There was a big attendance of buyers and a good clearance resulted at advanced prices. 1½ year old bullocks sold at prices ranging from 114 to 118 and 1½ year old heifers from 114 to 120. 2½ year old bullocks were sold at varying prices from 120 to 126. Old cows were in good demand and sold well; calves realized from 14

**MARKET PRICES**

**Breadstuffs**—Flour (bakers), 64/6 per sack; retail, 64/6 per sack; wholemeal, 62/- per sack; oatmeal, 5/- per stone; flake oatmeal, 5/6 per stone.

**LIMERICK MARKETS—Saturday.**

**Butter**—2/4 per lb.  
**Hen Eggs**—3/10 to 4/- per doz.  
**Duck Eggs**—3/5 per doz.  
**Chickens**—10/- to 15/- per pair.  
**Ducks**—8/- to 11/- per pair.  
**Old Fowl**—7/- to 10/6 per pair.  
**Eating Apples**—3/- to 6/- per basket.  
**Cooking Apples**—2/6 to 3/6 per basket.  
**Potatoes**—8d. to 1/1 per stone.  
**Upland Hay**—130/- to 172/6 per ton.  
**Oaten Straw**—70/- to 80/- per ton.  
**Weekly Cattle Market**—There were 59 calves in market; they sold at from 10/- to 70/- each.

**THE PADDOCKS, LIMERICK.**

**WEEKLY DAIRY MARKET.**

Tuesday, November 12th—The entry totalled a greater numerical strength than last week, and included a number of very choice dairy cows. There was a strong attendance of buyers, with shipping interests fully represented, all in quest of cows and heifers showing dairy qualities. This description found ready and willing purchasers, with a quick sale, spirited competition and advanced values all round. Proceedings were manifested with firmness and stability, and a bright business activity, buyers on the look out for top lots were not disappointed. Choice dairy cows were in exceptional demand; business in this section was marked with a strong and active inquiry for dairy cows showing promise of proving good milchers, and this description was readily bought up, top prices being unhesitatingly paid; rough and poor cows not so much in favour. In the heifer section trade was brisk for promising heifers at increased rates. Promising and well bred medium-sized heifers in steady demand, but backward and poor heifers met a dull trade. Inquiry for choice and promising cows and heifers continued active to end of day, with rates showing a substantial all round advance, and a particularly good clearance effected. A choice dairy cow, the property of Mr. Wm. Walsh, Templemichael, Pallasgreen, realised 145 10s. ("being a record price for the season so far"), the runner-up being Commander Morrisset, Tervoe House, Clarina, at 143 10s. Dairy cows, choice, 136 to 145 10s. Promising, 130 to 133 10s.; ordinary, 123 10s. to 127; second run, 118 5s. to 123. In calf and calved heifers, promising, 126 15s. to 130 10s.; ordinary, 123 to 125; small, 118 10s. to 121 5s.—Wm. B. Fitt and Co., Auctioneers.

**THE PADDOCKS, LIMERICK.**

**WEEKLY CATTLE AND SHEEP MARKET.**

Wednesday, November 13th—Cattle—Substantial entries again forwarded; strong and representative attendance of export and home buyers. Beef in fair numbers met a somewhat easier market; nice medium weighted heifers in most demand, and met a firm selling trade with late rates about repeated, but secondary and plain cattle easier, and vendors in order to clear had to accept slightly lower rates; heiferish cows of nice quality bid for and cashed, also secondary and older cows met a firm selling trade, and last week's rates easily obtainable. The turnout of stores well up to the description of last week; promising forward feeders keenly competed for at advanced rates; polled bullocks in most favour, and changed hands readily, but heifers met a quiet market. An exceptionally good entry of young stores, well bred 1½ year old bullocks and heifers of the right stamp enquired for and sold well, with prices slightly firmer, lots showing quality and condition easily cashed, but backward and plain types tedious and hard to negotiate. A very satisfactory volume of business transacted, and an exceptionally good clearance effected. Fat heifers and bullocks, small, 121 10s. to 127 15s. Fat cows, 121 10s. to 125 10s.; second run, 115 5s. to 118. Old, 117 15s. to 114. 2½ year old bullocks and heifers, 117 10s. to 121 10s.; second run, 115 to 117. 1½ year old bullocks and heifers, 112 2s. 6d. to 117 15s.; second run, 117 17s. 6d. to 111 2s. 6d.

Sheep—Entries less than last market, full average seasonable supply, and a good show of mutton. Usual attendance of buyers showed a favourable business disposition for prime wethers and hoggets, and were quite willing to part full values for choice pens; a firm tone ruled, with a ready repetition of last week's top values. Well fed hoggets with quality had plenty of buyers, and good small sheep were also in favour. Fresh ewes in condition in fair request. Small entry of fat and store lambs, useful thick well bred sorts were bid for at recent rates. Small lambs met a quiet trade; a very satisfactory clearance, and full average turnover. Fat middle weight, 123/- to 127/6. Hoggets, 120/- to 130/-; second run, 110/- to 117/6; small, 86/- to 105/-. Lambs, 40/- to 77/-.—Wm. B. Fitt and Co., Auctioneers.

**OCTOBER'S WEATHER**

Summary of weather observations at The Crescent for month of October, 1946:—  
Atmospheric pressure or highest barometer, 30.42, on the 11th; lowest barometer, 29.48 inches on the 20th; mean for the month, 30.04.  
Temperature—Warmest day was the 2nd, when the thermometer registered 69 F. degrees, which is very unusual for October. The lowest or coldest night was the 30th, when it dropped to 38 F. Generally night temperatures were much higher than in previous Octobers.  
Rainfall—Total was 3.42 inches; most of which fell on the 1st and 25th, which were two very wet days and nights; otherwise very little rain fell during the rest of the month. The following are the rainfall figures for previous Octobers:—1945, 5.41; 1944, 5.16; 1943, 4.17; 1942, 4.17.

**WEEKLY FAT NOVEMBER**

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**BULL RECORD**

**At Limerick**

This Annual become one of the yearly Friday las, Messrs. Wm. enry, number heaviest yet re last year's sale of the bulls c than recent year a number of bulls, well bro colour and qu outstanding; m well known exa ance was pr most repres distance. Ther and demand fo colour and qua ready buyers choicer anima competition. C calf realised the guineas. Limer the right stamp buyers and ch Small calves an lity and condit slower and quie good all round held firm to a price for licens to Mr. Martin Newport, at 34 being Mr. M. L the runner-up Blackwell, Hill Caherconish; John Conway, the bull calf s choice roan bu of Mr. John Rock, Pallasgr competition and ring between judges and w down to Mr. J ville, at the re The runner-up Mr. P. E. Raff 26½ gns., to Mr. mount, Charlev by Mr. C. J. C Clarina, at 25 Irwin, Kilmeece sale was obtain Doherty, Kileo a pedigree Here to Mr. M. S. Newcastle Wes Licensed bull to 34 gns.; pr 21½ gns.; ordin gns. Bull calv 41 gns.; prof 18½ gns.; ordina small, 6 gns.; Hereford bull, shorthorn bull, was highly sati up strong with clearance, and bulls showed an tioneers.

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**ABBEEFEA**

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