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# Glin Old Quay: And Bits Of Local History

(By D. M. O'LEARY)

In the story of the Glin River and the Old Castle in your columns a few years ago, I left the tale as told at the Old Castle. Since then old Glinsters not only in the U.S.A. and Britain but in the Far East and Far West — for having been Principal of Glin Boys School I have widely scattered correspondents—have reminded me that I have left out the part of the river course most interesting to them, where Glin River debouches into the Shannon — the noble Shenan spreading like a sea," as Spenser wrote. There is the Quay, the Creek and Knockerranna, the round lowhill, and evergreen boss, at the foot of the town, having the creek between it and the green; then the main road, and the terrace, running parallel to one another.

## THE PLAYGROUND OF THE YOUNG.

The quay and its surroundings were the playground, and still are, of the generations of young Glinsters; hence the truly nostalgic yearnings of so many exiles. The river proper ends with a short, deep run between the last two bridges, the castle bridge and that spanning the main road, calm after its lively winding course, like the end of a well spent life. On the left or west bank there is Mary's Lane, once the home of many fishermen engaged in Glin's former and considerable salmon fishing. The Thompson family, still at fishing, were the leading and best known members. My father, later agent for Glin Estate, was in his youth acting at Glin for a big Billingsgate, London, fish company. An account book of his of nearly a century ago has some very interesting local items. The Mangan family had a boat building yard at Quay. Two steamers plied regularly between Limerick and Kilrush, calling at Glin, in addition to local boats and the train boat between Foynes and Kilrush for Kilkenny in the season. When the spring tides are full the salt water comes up under the last bridge, but at ebb the creek is bare of it and Glin River runs out by Knockerranna on to the foreshore.

## GLIN A TOWN—NOT A VILLAGE

The Old Quay, as it was known when the pier was built at the north-east side of Knockerranna is very old. The main road was continued west from Glin in 1830, when the Terrace was built by a Captain Hamilton, whose name it still has officially and who put the picturesque turret on Knockerranna. I spoke in 1902 with a very old man who worked on the new road. At either end of the Terrace are two handsome detached residences. At the town end, for Glin is a little town and not merely a village, is Garnavilla, formerly the Parsonage, and at the west end "The Villa," the parochial residence. From the villa runs up the Private Road, so known till late because it was a private road of the Demesne till the new road was available.

## MUCH ADMIRER BY VISITORS.

The Private Road is much admired by visitors, being a succession of vistas in sylvan setting between a grove in the Presbytery grounds and Glin Demesne with glimpses of the Castle, white against the wooded background. It was from Glin, the stronghold of his kinsman and ally, the Knight

of Glin, that James Fitzmaurice set out in 1576 for aid from Spain in the Geraldine War. Then, too, Malby encamped at Glin, too strong to be attacked from Glin Castle, on his way to take part in the big massacre at Smerwick. He had himself carried out, one in Clonleharde forest, where the people had taken refuge, a few miles from Glin, for massacre of all ages was a feature of Elizabethan warfare in Ireland. Sir Walter Raleigh, who was with him, had carried out a slaughter on his own near Rathkeale.

## RIVER TRADE WITH LIMERICK.

In living memory we had three large sailers trading between Limerick and Glin, the Dreadnought, owned by the Molony family, that of Miss Margaret Moloney, Press correspondent, Glin, the Baron, the Pegums property, and The Mary, of the Mangan family, of whom Mr. J. C. Mangan, New York, is one. There were till lately, too, a number of fishing boats and a few pleasure boats to be seen at the Quay.

At spring high tide the scene is, indeed, fair and pleasant. In our brief heat wave last June one evening impressed me. To paraphrase Byron:

"Slow sank, more lovely ere his race was run,  
Along the western hills the setting sun."

On the tennis court of the Green a match was proceeding with a lot of lively onlookers. Suddenly a thrush burst into song from a tall elm in the Terrace. He did "pour his throat" and moved to and fro on his stance, like an impassioned tenor in a farewell aria as if he knew his season was ending with the summer solstice; and to complete the performance a blackbird started an obligato from across the creek.

## RECENT DEATHS

### MR. MICHAEL SEXTON, FEENAGH.

The death took place recently of Mr. Michael Sexton, Kil-murry, Feenagh. The deceased, who had reached an advanced age, was very popular, as was attested by the very large attendance at the funeral on Sunday from Feenagh Church to Castletown Cemetery.

Mr. Sexton is survived by three sons and two daughters.

The clergy who officiated were: Very Rev. Fr. Finn, P.P., Feenagh and Kilmeeby; Rev. Fr. Wall, C.C.; Rev. Fr. O'Flynn, Tullylease, and Rev. Fr. O'Connor, Milford.

### MR. JOHN J. O'CONNELL, KILCONLEA LOWER.

The death occurred recently at his home, Kilconlea Lower, Abbeyfeale, of Mr. John O'Connell, farmer. The deceased was aged 72 and was in reasonably good health up to a week before his death. He was a member of a well known local family and his passing is widely regretted. A large and representative crowd attended the interment in the old cemetery, Abbeyfeale.

Very Rev. P. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F.; Rev. J. Halpin, C.C., and Rev. Fr. Guiry, C.C., officiated at the graveside.

Chief mourners—Ellen O'Connell (widow), Vincent O'Connell (son), Mrs. D. O'Connell (daughter).

ers for two further cottage received on 24th July 1956. The Deputy informed by letter dated 1 July, 1956, that the proposals received on 25th June last under examination and the decision would be issued as soon as possible.

Consideration of these proposals has been deferred until the long needs position of the could be reviewed joint officers of the Department, the Council. Arrangements have been made to have the investigation carried out at an early date and there will be avoidable delay in issuing a decision when that review has been completed.

## HINTS FOR THE HOME

(By MARY HARDY)

### BATHING A DOG.

WHEN bathing a dog use tepid water for a dog is more sensitive to heat than a man. Dip a bare elbow in the first to see that it is just warm.

### CLEANING.

Use a little cleaning fluid the necks of dark coats dresses after taking them that no tell-tale marks of rain. The same treatment to keep wool jumpers fresh.

### DUSTERS.

Wash dusters well and then in clear water containing drops of paraffin oil so that dust will be more easily shaken off the dusters are dry.

### TILED FLOORS.

Marks on tiled floors can be removed by rubbing with pumice on a soft cloth. If it is attempted no soda is used because it tends to discolour tiles look greyish.

### APPLE PIE.

Add interest to the home pie by including some raisins have been steeped in wine and lemon juice to make plump.

### BEFORE KNITTING.

When using an unfamiliar wool for a knitting pattern a small practice square first that your tension agrees with the recommended in the directions.

### MR. DENIS DANAHILL, TIERNAHILLA.

The death of Mr. Denis took place at his home, Tiernahilla, Clounacagh, recently notified by all the rites, Holy Church. An octogenarian, as he was popularly known, he was a body in the locality, was of Templeglantine but a most of his life in Clounacagh where he enjoyed the respect of all who knew him. He was a hard-working and a long life was when he reached the stage that he could not work. He was the father of a large family and two of his sons, Jim and Sean, have taken a prominent part in our pastimes and have done the interest of the game as members of the Kincshilla Hurling Club.

There was a very large attendance at the removal of the remains from the house to Clounacagh Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon, and the funeral family burial place at Mt. Tuesday was large and a tribute of all classes of the community, bearing a touching testimony to the respect in which he was enjoyed by his many members of his family.

The Very Rev. Father P.P., Templeglantine, a Father McCarthy, C.C., Clounacagh, recited the prayer at the graveside.