Maureen Browne recalls a Christmas tragedy of forty-five years ago

Their lives they gave their friends to save — at Caherguillamore

CAHERGUILLAMORE HOUSE, near Bruff, Co. Limerick, lies gaunt and empty to-day, just another lonely ruin, but on N. Stephen's Night, 45 years ago, it rang to the laughter and music of one of Ireland's most daring and tragic dances.

Shortly after midnight, the dance was broken up by a sending in, in which less men died to save their friends and many were wounded. From these killings struck quickly and within six hours, 138 of these men were executed, bodies buried in the same plot, among them 8 were the sons and brothers of the families who now live in this selection of houses. Many of the men who were wounded that night died from their wounds in the years that followed.

A Secret

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The Raid

In the early hours of the morning, a group of men entered the village and began to search for the men who had been killed the previous night. They were looking for any possible sign of life, but they found none. As they left, they heard the sound of a distant gunshot, and they ran back to the village, only to find that the dance had ended and that the men had already gone. They searched for hours, but they could not find any trace of the men who had been killed.

Marked men

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Red with Blood

It was a strictly private dance, and it was said that no one who did not belong to the families who lived in the village was allowed to attend. It was a time of great excitement and celebration, and the music was so loud that it could be heard for miles around.

A small price

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No Escape

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