

SUMMARY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF THE LIBERATOR
AND HIS WIFE, MARY

Children	Grand children	Gt grand children	Gtgt grand children	Gtgtgt grand children	Gtgtgtgt grand children	Total
Maurice	4	23	21	11	—	60
Morgan	—	—	—	—	—	1
John	6	25	57	38	—	127
Ellen	13	51	78	63	4	210
Daniel	10	20	7	—	—	38
Rickarda	—	—	—	—	—	1
Catherine }	8	12	6	2	—	29
Of both }	—	—	3	5	—	8
Elizabeth }	6	24	—	—	—	31
8	47	155	172	119	4	505

Because CAT is a great grandchild of John and a gtgt grandchild of Ellen it is necessary to show her under one or other but not both. She and her three children, C5PQR, are therefore shown exclusive as descendants of John.

THE ANCESTRY OF DANIEL O'CONNELL AND
MARY O'CONNELL

At the time of the rise to fame of the Liberator, it was the fashion to ascribe to the illustrious lengthy pedigrees connecting the hero to the "chiefs of yore." Such pedigrees sometimes turn out to be strictly accurate, sometimes the light of modern scientific investigation shows them to be mythical.

Later, especially in the period between the world wars, the fashion changed, and for the hero to be a great proletarian of uncertain origin and earthy antecedents was considered romantic.

The latter picture is one quite out of perspective in the case of Daniel O'Connell.

Whatever may be the truth of the long pedigrees which have appeared in books and those which are stored at Darrynane, Killeena, Maulagh, Lakeview, etc., the facts subsequent to 1650 are very nearly those which can be found in

- (a) *Burke's Landed Gentry of Ireland*, 1904, derived from *Burke's Great Commoners*, 1836.
- (b) Mrs. M. J. O'Connell's *Last Colonel of the Irish Brigade*, Keegan, Paul, Trench and Trubner, 1892.
- (c) The sixteen Quartiers made out by Hawkins, Ulster, for the Liberator's uncle, on 17th January, 1778 (when the Liberator was one and a half years of age).

It is proposed to deal with the facts and the proofs of them in subsequent pamphlets, but they may be very briefly summarised here:—

Geoffrey O'Connell of Ballycarbery, Esq., had amongst others, three sons who appear in the Census of 1659. They were . . .

A. John Connell of Ashtown, of whose good faith with the Commonwealth mention is made in 1655, and whose will, printed for the first time in 1894, has produced a number of headaches amongst genealogists. It is dated 17 Jan., 1683: he *d. s.p.* In his will is mentioned the lands of Canburren, then "the ancient patrimony of his ancestors." This farm passed to his nephew, John, John's eldest son, Daniel, Daniel's son Morgan of Carhen, the father of the Liberator.

B. Daniel Connell, will of 20 Oct. 1683, of whom presently.

C. Charles Connell, holding the lands, for lives only, of Ballynaclearagh and Canburren. He is the ancestor of the O'Connell's of Ballinablown, and it is probable that John's nephew, Geoffrey (mentioned in the will as holder for life of the lands of Ballinebow) is the son of the said Charles.

Daniel, above, is said to have *m.* Alice Segrave dau. of Christopher Segrave, Mayor of Dublin, by Alson, dau. of Nicholas Humphreys [see *The Segrave Family*, 1066-1935, pub. Novello & Coy., page 87, and *Burke's Landed Gentry*, 1853], but further strict proof of this fact will be necessary before it can be unreservedly accepted. He had with daughters, two sons,

1. John Connell, the elder son, sometimes called of Gurrane, of whom presently.

2. Maurice, the second son, called in his petition to the Court of Claims of 24 July, 1700, "of Dunmaniheen." He *d.* in 1715, and was ancestor of the O'Connells of Tralee, including Mary, wife of the Liberator, and of Rickard O'Connell who, in 1784 took out 16 Quartiers.

John Connell (his petition to the Court of Claims is dated 8 Aug., 1700) *m.* Elizabeth Conway, a large part of whose lengthy and accurate pedigree is to be seen in "Three Kerry Families," and *Kerry Archeological Magazine*, vol. 5, No. 22, July, 1920. He *d.* 1741, having had, with daughters,

1. Donal "Mor" Connell, of whom presently.

2. Maurice Connell, who inherited Tarrons, but moved from it to Cork about 1758, and *d.* in 1770. He *m.* Mary O'Sullivan Beare, a sister of Morty oge O'Sullivan Beare, and was father of Moritz O'Connell, Baron of the Holy