

Daniel O'Connell

FOREWORD

On 15th February, 1942, when the Japanese captured Singapore they destroyed all the notes and records of the O'Connell family and its descendants which I had laboriously collected from 1913. During forty-four months of imprisonment which followed I resolved to reconstruct these records and get them into print so that they should survive the convulsions of our age.

To do so is no easy task for I am busily employed assisting the fight against crime and Communism in Malaya and Singapore and in those countries I have no books of reference and no time to engage in a wide personal correspondence. I have had, therefore, to decide to get into print such facts as are at my disposal and leave it to future generations to fill in the essential dates and other relevant details.

In my first tract I recorded the descendants of Daniel O'Connell, "The Liberator." For this second tract I attempt to record, as far as I know them, the descendants of Morgan O'Connell of Carhen—the father of the Liberator—arising out of Morgan's marriage of 1771.

Much of the information is hopelessly scanty but it forms a basis for research by the next member of the family interested in such matters.

I must apologise for the code letters attached to each name. They puzzle all, and irritate some, readers. Discount them. They are for my reference, not yours. It will be understood that it is not easy to devise a simple reference to about 4,000 descendants of Daniel (FitzGeoffry) O'Connell of Aghort (will 19 September, 1683). It is my objective to trace and prove and record the descent of every one of these.

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MORGAN O'CONNELL OF CARHEN (1739-1809)

In accordance with the licence issued by the Bishop of Cork on 16 April, 1771, Morgan O'Connell *m.* Catherine O'Mullane, of Whitechurch, Co. Cork. Morgan O'Connell had settled at Carhen, outside Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry. He had inherited, under the will of his father, Donal "Mor" O'Connell, of Darrynane, "the farm" of Canburren. This will was dated 19 Sept., 1770, and the farm was that farm mentioned in the will of Donal's granduncle, John O'Connell, of Ashtown (dated 17 Jan., 1680), as "the ancient patrimony of the family."

Morgan's mother was Mairie ni Dhuv O'Donoghue, of Anywss (*d.* 1792).

Morgan's grandfather was Captain John O'Connell, the first to settle at Darrynane. He, in turn, was the son of Daniel Fitz Geoffry O'Connell, of Aghort (will 17 Sept., 1683), who was the brother of the above-mentioned John O'Connell, of Ashtown, and the brother of Charles O'Connell, of Ballynaclearagh, from whom the "O'Connells of Ballinablown" descend. Daniel, John and Charles are all mentioned as "titulados" in Seamus Pender's publication of *The Census of Ireland, 1659*.

Of the descent of Catherine O'Mullane there are few clues to guide us. Tradition says that her mother's name was O'Donnell and her father was John O'Mullane, of Whitechurch. It is believed, but not yet proved that this John was *b.* in 1711, and was the posthumous son of John O'Mullane, of Brittas (who *d.* in 1711), by Rose Hennessy and was, therefore, the grandson of Dermot O'Mullane, of Brittas (will 8 Dec., *d.* 1705). Dermot's mother was a Miss Curtaine (See "Irish Wills," Society of Genealogists, Vol. 2, ac. 13195).

Morgan prospered at Carhen. He started an industry for extracting salt from the sea, and he kept a large store. He was engaged in numerous smuggling ventures. He sent two of his sons, Daniel and Maurice, to be educated in France, and James to be educated in England. There are silhouettes of Morgan and Catherine in the possession of Sir Maurice O'Connell, and a miniature of Catherine in the possession of Mrs. Moorhead. He *d.* intestate in 1809, having been *b.* in 1739.

Of the marriage of Morgan and Catherine O'Mullane there are recorded 9 children.

- A Daniel O'Connell, Esq., of Darrynane Abbey, *b.* 6 Aug., 1775, *d.* 15 May, 1847, Q.C., M.P. His descendants are shown in *O'Connell Family Tracts*, No. 1.
- H Mary O'Connell, of Carhen, *b.* about 1772, *m.* June, 1791, Jeremiah McCartie, of Woodview, J.P., D.L. co. Cork, younger brother of Charles McCartie, of Churchill. She was the eldest dau.
- I Honoria O'Connell, of Carhen, 2nd dau., who *m.* a cousin, Daniel O'Sullivan, of Reendonegan.
- J Maurice (Morgan) O'Connell, *b.* 1776, *d.* *unm.* in San Domingo in 1797.
- K Ellen O'Connell, of Carhen, *b.* probably in 1777, *m.* Daniel O'Connell, of Tralee, son of Daniel O'Connell and Miss Murphy.
- L John O'Connell, of Grena, *b.* 6 May, 1778; *d.* 6 Sept., 1853; *m.*, 1806, Elizabeth, dau. of William Coppinger, of Ballyvolane.
- M Bridget O'Connell, of Carhen, *m.* Myles McSwiney, of Kenmare.
- N Alicia O'Connell, of Carhen, *m.* William Francis Finn, M.P. for Kilkenny. They had no children.
- O Catherine O'Connell, of Carhen, *m.* Humphrey Moynihan.
- P James O'Connell, of Lakeview and Ballybeggan, *b.* 10 Jan., 1786; *d.* 28 July, 1872; *m.* 31 Mar., 1818, Jane, dau. of Charles The O'Donoghue of the Glens; created baronet, 29 Oct., 1869, whose arms, ascendants and all descendants are registered at the College of Arms' (1948).