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O'Connell Primrose, of whom nothing is known.
James Maurice Primrose (possibly called after Sir James of Lakeview). Entered 43rd Foot (first known as the Monmouthshire Light Infantry and then as the Oxfordshire Light Infantry). It is in this regiment that John (killed at San Sebastian, 31 Aug., 1813), son of Daniel, brother of Maurice of Imlaghmore, had done so well in the Peninsular War, and in which John's brother, Rickard (b. 1784; d. Cork, 18 Jan., 1817) had served. Doubtless, Primrose, as a kinsman, found a ready acceptance. He is shown in the Army Lists as Ensign, 6 Jan., 1837; Lieut., 7 May, 1841; Capt., 11 April, 1848; Major, 9 Feb., 1855; Lt.-Col., 20 Mar., 1857; Colonel, 20 Mar., 1862; Major-General, 6 Mar., 1868; Lieut.-General, 4 Mar., 1880; General Officer Commanding, Poona, 1881; (Full) General, 1 April, 1882; Retired, 1882. He served with the 43rd Light Infantry in the Kaffir War, 1851-1853 (Medal), and was sometime D.A.Q.M.G. of 2nd Div. Accompanied expedition to Orange River Sovereignty, and was present at the action at Berea. Commanded the 43rd L. I. on its march from Bangalore through Central India to Calpee, in 1858 (a distance of 1,300 miles, during the hottest season of the year), and throughout the various operations in Bundelcund, and towards the conclusion of the Rebellion commanded one of the seven columns under Brigadier Wheeler especially ordered to clear a large district infested with numerous bands under rebel Chiefs (Medal). He was in Afghan campaign of 1879-80 (Medal and C.S.I.). In 1880 commanded the 1st Infantry Brigade at Aldershot. He m., 12 Oct., 1857, Elizabeth Beresford, youngest sister of Major-General George de la Poer Beresford, Madras Staff Corps (b. 16 Aug., 1830; d. 7 Oct., 1913), and dau. of the Rev. George Hamilton Beresford (b. 1801), son of the Rev. George Beresford (b. 21 May, 1776), son of the Hon. and Rev. William Beresford, 1st Lord Decies (Archbishop of Tuam, 1794), 3rd son of Marcus Beresford, Earl of Tyrone, and brother of the 1st Marquess of Waterford
Maurice and Elizabeth had

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Caroline Mary Primrose.
Mary Primrose.
Ethel Maud Primrose.
Helen Primrose.

That completes all the information the writer has of the Primroses, descendants of Charles Connell Fitz Philip up to 24 June, 1950.

ALICIA, MRS. CHARLES O'CONNELL.

Q1E Alicia m., as his second wife, Charles O'Connell, of Tralee, the stirpes of the O'Connells of Spa. She must have married him some time between 1797 and 1805. She inherited from her mother, Alicia Connell, of Tarmons, a square cut topaz ring still preserved by Rickard O'Connell, of Spa, and sent to her by H.I.M. Maria Theresa of Austria. Alicia of Tarmons' brother, Morty, was Chamberlain to the Empress, and once when he was going on leave to Ireland the Empress asked whether he had any sisters and on his answering she gave him 3 rings, one for Helena O'Connell, Mrs. Sugrue; one for Mary, Mrs. Hayes (it is preserved by Mrs. Quinlan, of Kinneagh), and one for Alicia, Mrs. Charles O'Connell Fitz Philip.

The descendants of Alicia and Charles, of Tralee, are shown in the following appendix, The O'Connells of Spa.

THE O'CONNELLS OF KENT LODGE AND DUNBEG THE SPA, TRALEE

We are tempted to assume, without much proof of it, that the O'Connells of Spa derive from a younger son, Rickard, of John Connell, of Ballymacgullynavlaune. There is no mention of him in the land records of the Ballynabloune estate. We know from these that the said John did divide up his estate in 1726. Now at Llanvihangle Court there is a letter from Samuel Trant MacCarthy, an expert genealogist, writing in the 1925 period, in which it is stated that Sam remembers seeing a will of John, dated 18 Mar., 1725/26, before the Four Courts were destroyed, which mentioned a son, Rickard, who might well be the stirpes of this branch, for the denominator "Rick" has been used to describe all this branch for certainly 150 years and maybe for longer.

Proof of descent starts with an unnamed O'Connell or Connell who m. a dau. of Dean Maurice Connor, Archdeacon of Ardfert. Dean Maurice Connor m. Anne, dau. and eventually heiress, of Barry Denny, M.P. for Tralee, 1696-1699; m., 1691, Catherine, dau. and, eventually, co-heir of Sir Boyle Maynard, Knt., M.P. for Curryglass. Barry Denny was the son of Edward Denny, of Castlelyons, Co. Cork, b. 1630; d. 1695; m. Lady Catherine Barry, dau. of David, 1st Earl Barrymore, by Alice, dau. of Richard Boyle, 1st Earl of Cork, b. 3 Oct., 1566; d. 15 Sept., 1643. The Great Earl of Cork m., 25 July, 1603, Catherine, dau. of Sir Geoffrey Fenton, Knt., Principal Secretary of State for Ireland. Now Dean Maurice Connor had a dau., Mrs. Connell, and also a dau., Catherine, who m. Samuel Blennerhasset, uncle of Sir Rowland Blennerhasset, 1st Bart. of Blennerville (b. 1741), we would, therefore, be safe to put the marriage of Connell with Miss Connor at about 1730, which would fit in with the theory that this Connell may have been a son of John of Ballymacgullynavlaune. At any rate the Connell-Connor marriage of about 1730 had issue.