

written in the 1920 period by Samuel Trant MacCarthy—an expert in such matters—which says that in his younger days, when searching at the Registry of Deeds (before so many deeds were destroyed at the burning of the Four Courts) he remembers seeing a will of John Connell, of Ballynablown (the modern equivalent of the longer name), made on 18 Mar., 1725/6, in which he mentions his wife, Mary Connell, also Sullivan and his sons, Geoffrey and Daniel to whom the lands of Ballinavlaune and other land "moytively"; Philip to whom other lands and Richard and Maurice. This fits in with the date of his lease to Daniel and Geoffrey, though the order of mention of the sons is not the same, and Richard and Maurice, not otherwise on record, are mentioned.

In memorial 26.428.16025, of 8 June, 1720, John Connell, of Ballinavlaune, had devised Inesiboy and Drommiragh to David Mahony, of Cappanagrana, for 31 years, "but if John pays £20 before 6 May, 1722, these rights to revert to John. John is to pay £40 in money, goods or cattell at Ballynawlaune in place of a marriage portion unto the said David Mahony." This looks as if there was a daughter of John who had married David Mahony. Who David was, the writer cannot discover, but Cappanagrana lies next door to the O'Connell property in Dromod, and separated by only one townland from Bunaderreen above mentioned. There is a Darby Mahony of the times who features in Deeds.

Next we turn to the will of Daniel Connell of 16 April, 1776. He is clearly the same Daniel to whom his father, John, made a lease of Ballyvicgullyanarlaun on 18 March, 1725, and whom we believe to have been the eldest son. He mentions no children of his in his will and leaves his property between his three nephews, Charles Connell Fitz Jeffry, Charles Connell Fitz Philip and Maurice Connell, whom we know from later evidence to be the only brother of Charles Connell Fitz Jeffry and therefore himself fils Jeffry. Philip had never previous been an O'Connell name, but was an O'Sullivan Bere name.

Thus we are safe to assume that family tradition is right and that in fact there was

A Charles, titulado of Killenleigh (Iveragh) in 1659, who was a brother of John Connell, of Ashtown (d. 1680). Charles d. in 1699, having had a son and heir

I John Connell, of Ballynablown, alive and of full age in 1697. Still alive in 1726, who m. Mary O'Sullivan and had

a Daniel, his son and heir, alive and of full age in 1726. Will 1776, did not have issue surviving.

b Geoffrey, not the eldest son—he did not inherit the willing power over the main part of the property. He was the father, (and the mother was Clara Sigerson, otherwise Connell, dau. of Dennis Mahony, founder of the Dromore Branch, by Alice Connell, dau. of Maurice Connell, of Dunmaniheen, Killorglin (d. 1715) by Ellen, dau. of Col. Callaghan O'Callaghan,) of

i. Charles Connell Fitz Jeffry, still alive in 1802, and the ancestor of the O'Connells of Ballinablown, dealt with in a subsequent Tract,

ii. Maurice Connell Fitz Jeffry, d. in Ceylon, 28 Dec., 1803.

c Philip Connell, alive 18 March, 1725, whom tradition m. to a dau. of John Connell, of Darrinane, and they had a son, Charles Connell Fitz Philip, who was left by his uncle Daniel in the will of 16 April, 1776, "His Estate, Interest and benefit of renewal in the lands of Bohus and Duchallo in the said county of Kerry subject to £11 11s. Od., and a proportion of fines payable thereout and out of the lands of Ballinavlaune and Lative to his nephew Charles Connell Fitz Philip." Dalton, in his *King James Army List*, pages 344-347, mentions attainders of 1691 against James, Philip and John Connell "of Parteen."

It is with the descendants of this Charles Connell Fitz Philip that this Tract deals.

### CHARLES CONNELL FITZ PHILIP

We have no record of any brothers and sisters of Charles, but we know that he m. Alicia Connell of Tarmons. Alicia was the dau. of Maurice Connell of Tarmons, brother of Charles Fitz Philip's mother. Maurice had m. Mary O'Sullivan Beare, doubtless a relation, possibly even a niece of Charles Fitz Philip's grandmother, Mary O'Sullivan, wife of John of Ballinablown. As Tarmons was a property which had been from time immemorial O'Connell property (it was held by Maurice O'Connell in 1641 and Daniel O'Connell in 1659) and as Darrinane was but a new acquisition in the early 1700 or late 1690 period, it was long thought that Maurice of Tarmons was the eldest son of John of Darrinane, and that Donal Mor was a younger son, but this has been disproved by Memorial 69.106.47505 of 14 June, 1731, which is between "John Connell of Darrinane, and Daniel Connell, of Darrinane, eldest son and heir apparent of foregoing, of the one part, and Maurice of Imlaghmore of the other part." The descendants of Maurice of Tarmons (an incomplete record) will be set out in a separate Tract.

Suffice to say that Alicia, wife of Charles Connell Fitz Philip, was the sister of that magnificent old character of whom too little is known, Morty (Muiachheartach) Baron O'Connell, a colonel in