

Irish Constitution, 1866-1879, President of the Australian Association, of the Queensland Turf Club and Vice-President of the National Agricultural Association, and Colonel Commandant of the Queensland Volunteers.

On two occasions O'Connell felt it necessary to defend himself in his place in the Council. In 1871 he was blamed, outside the Council, for his action in dissolving Parliament when acting as Governor. The opposition alleging that he had been induced by private reasons to play into the hands of the Ministry. Again, in 1875, strictures were passed on his presence at a public dinner to celebrate the centenary of the birth of his father's second cousin, the Liberator. At this dinner the toast of "The Pope" was given precedence over that of "The Queen." This caused a public uproar, but he explained that he had no previous knowledge of the sequence, that in his view the Roman Catholics were illadvised in such conduct, and that he was, himself a member of the Church of England.

In 1878 the Legislative Council had presented him with his Bust, which now stands in the Council Chamber. O'Connell died on 23 March, 1879, and was accorded a public funeral. He had for some years depended only on his official income, having been obliged to part with the last portion of his estate in 1867. His widow, Eliza Emmeline Lady O'Connell, was left penniless, and the Queensland Parliament voted her a pension, which she enjoyed till her death in 1903. The marriage was childless.

Portraits of Maurice and his Eliza, painted by Le Bailey of Jersey, and showing him as a dashing young man with his Spanish medals, are in the possession of Col. Hopkinson. Another portrait of him is said to be in the Pioneer Club at Sydney.

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WILLIAM BLYTH J. O'CONNELL

William Bligh J. O'Connell was the second son of Sir Maurice Charles Philip O'Connell, *b.* Joined the 73rd Regiment, 16 Mar., 1832, and was promoted to Lieutenant 16 June, 1837, and to Captain 23 Sept., 1845. He retired 12 Oct., 1852. He was Commissioner of Lands for Queensland. His will, at Somerset House, shows that he *d.* on 25 July, 1896, and that he was then of Clifton House, Cart Bridge, Woking, Surrey, England.

He *m.*, at East Maitland Australia, in 1844, Mary Australia Jones, dau. of Richard Jones, of Sydney. Her sister *m.* the Rev. Mr. Jones, of Sydney, and Mrs. Bancroft, who has greatly helped with details of the family, is a dau. of this marriage, and was alive in 1947.

William Bligh J. O'Connell's family are believed to have been all of them the issue of this and not of William's later marriages.

In 1862 he *m.* secondly, Eliza, widow of Capt. F. Wemyss, Bombay Engineers, and dau. of the then late Lt.-General Dickenson. Eliza having had two daughters, Anne and Alice, by her previous marriage. He *m.* thirdly, at Bathampton, on 8 July, 1868, Mary, dau., and eventually co-heir of General The Hon. Sir Patrick Stuart, G.C.M.G., by Catherine Henrietta, dau. of Captain The Hon. John Rodney, R.N. Sir Patrick, *b.* 1777, *d.* 7 Feb., 1855, was the 2nd son of Alexander, 10th Baron Blantyre. The Barony of Blantyre became extinct on 15 Dec., 1900, with the death of the 12th Baron, a nephew of General Sir Patrick, all Sir Patrick's sons having *d.* without issue male before that date.

William Bligh J. O'Connell and Mary Australia Jones had

Q3B2A Mary Bligh O'Connell who, in the 1920 period, was living at Crewekern, Sydney. She was *b.* in 1851, was executrix of her father's will in 1896 and *d.*, *unm.*, about 1921.

Q3B2B William Bligh Henry O'Connell, *b.* 1852; *m.* Amelia Niske, and had

Q4B2B1 Lena or Zena O'Connell; *b.* 1878; *m.* George Davidson, and had

Q5B2B1A Cyril Davidson, *m.* Betty Henderson, and had

Q6B2A Don Davidson.

Jenifer Davidson.

Q5B2B1B Daphne Davidson,

Q5B2B1C William Davidson. *m.* Eleanor Hale.

Q4B2B2 John O'Connell, *b.* 1879.

Q4B2B3 Ethel O'Connell, *b.* 1881.

Q4B2B4 Fanny O'Connell, *b.* 1883; *m.* A Horsburgh, of Maryborough Queensland, and had

Q5B2B4A Mollie Horsburgh.

Q4B2B5 Charles O'Connell, *b.* 1885.

Q4B2B6 Maurice O'Connell, *b.* 1889; *m.*

A5B2B6A William O'Connell, *b.*

Q4B2B7 William O'Connell, *b.* 1893.

Q4B2B8 Mary O'Connell, *b.* 1894; *m.* C. English.

Q4B2B9 Cecil O'Connell, *b.* 1902.

Q3B2C Thomas O'Connell, *d.* young in 1875.

Q3B2D Maurice Charles O'Connell, a member of the Cocoa Tree Club. Nicknamed Muffins. Described as a man of great charm of manner. One source describes him as a Lt.-Col. in the army, but the correctness of this is doubted. He lived in England from 1895 til his death in about 1928. He was robbed, in about 1917, of the family miniatures in his possession, and of some family relics; *d.* *unm.*

Q3B2E Richard Murray O'Connell, *b.* 1856; *d.* 1923; *m.* in about 1881, the widow of his deceased cousin, Fitzroy William Somerset, Martha, dau. of Captain William Geary, R.N. She was known in the family as "Aunt Patty." They had 2 children

Q4B2E1 Geary O'Connell, *d.* in infancy.