

In preparing the database for online publication a number of interesting and intriguing memorials from Co. Wexford were noted. Other extracts describe the difficulties and weather conditions while visiting various graveyards.

#### Transcription Difficulties

Kilmallock: Two headstones within an iron railed enclosure. a) has a lengthy inscription covering the mid-19th century and b) 19th and 20th century dates. Torrential rain and gale force winds prevented me from transcribing these, the last two memorials. If I can, I will visit the graveyard at a later date; the inscriptions will then be included in the addendum.  
Transcribed late December 1982

Kilpatrick: 'A further 20 lines of lichen encrusted inscription follow, persistent rain prevented chalking.'

Wexford St. Patrick's: In the absence of a saw I was unable to clear the upper part of this memorial'.

Tintern: The remainder of the inscription was covered by an ants' nest, this I was unable to remove.

Killane: One of a group of 4 headstones on same kerbed grave. Snow and bitter cold prevented me from recording the three of 20th century date

Rathnure: Driving mist prevented full chalking of this slab

#### Politics

Kilenor Old: Erected/to the memory of John Kinsella/who was foully slain in/ defence of home and country by/the bullets of the Property Defence/Association on the 28<sup>th</sup> of Sep 1887/in the 64<sup>th</sup> year of his age./This memorial was erected by the men of/Wicklow and Wexford as a testimony of/their respect for his many Christian/ virtues and as an indignant protest/against the cruelty and injustice of those/who before God are guilty of his innocent blood.

Taghmon St. Mary's: Here lies the body of P(atc<sup>k</sup> ?)/Doyle dep<sup>d</sup> June 27 17(98?)/aged 39 years. (Part of the inscription appears to have been defaced - could he have been a victim of '98? A curious feature is what appears to be two bullet holes, one hole is shallow and the other completely through the stone. Fr. deVal, P.P. Oulart told me when I was in that area that there is a tradition, in some districts, to indicate such a victim by holes of this nature.)

Carnagh: Erected to the memory of James Ryan/late of Dunganstown Co. Wexford/who died March 2nd 1890 aged 35 years./The deceased took a prominent & active/part in the Land Agitation in/South Wexford during the troubled/times from 1885 to 1889. For the part/taken by him at the defence of/Foley's Fort on the Ballyk; rogue Estate/and at Somer's Fort on the Coolroe Estate/He was made to feel in prison all the/trials and persecutions of the Balfourian/coercion regime. He bore his trials like a man/but his

health was broken down in prison out/of which he came home to die. His last words/being 'Thank God I am not dying a traitor'.

#### Obscure

Erected by/Johanna Synnott of Ustdam/in memory of her beloved husband/Thomas Synnott/who died 18<sup>th</sup> Janry I860 aged 75 years/also his father & mother & brother Patrick/who was (sic) interred here from time to time.

Erected by Eliza Hawkins/in memory of her parents/  
William Allen was 77 years when he died;/53 years past away;  
Eliza 16 years in the Rebellion, 30 years past away.

Ballymitty: Erected by/Bridget Cullaton/of Cullanstown/who departed this life 26th May 1873 aged 57 years/and the above Bridget Cullaton/ who died 18th July 1911 aged 83 yrs/and also her granddaughter Bridget Cullaton/who died 18th April 1906 aged 18 yrs...

Churchtown - Hook: Nicholas Coivin/15-5-1905 - 14-5-1977/beloved husband of Kathleen/and father of his children.

Davidstown: In memory of/Richard Furlong/who died 10th September 1859/ aged 23 years/this stone was erected by/Harry Alcock of Wilton Esq/Captain Wexford Regiment/in whose service he was killed by a/horse falling on him/as a testimonial of respect and esteem.

Rathnure: Erected by the Misses Bolger in memory of a friend.

#### Informative

Carne-Churchtown: Here lies the body of/Dr. Richard Waddy son of John/the son of Richard/the son of Baruck/the son of Edmond of Clogheast Castle/born 13th April 1758/died 21st July 1819.

Kinnagh: Here lieth the body of An/thony Reynolds a native of/The County Tyrone. He was/faithful to his employer and/altho a Miller was an honest/man depd this life Dec<sup>r</sup> 13th/1790 aged 33 years.

#### Maritime

Following a query in The People, Wexford, regarding the RITCHIE burial and lack of other burials in same area, the following was published on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1983:

'The ground where the remains of A. RITCHIE are laid to rest is part of the ancient burial ground of Killilla, reserved for such interments in bygone years. Several unidentified bodies of sailors are interred in that plot, bodies that were swept ashore on the beaches of Ballyconniger Upper and Lower, Ballyvalloo and Ballyvaldon. Legal procedure in those days was: bodies found washed ashore were conveyed by cart to one of the licensed premises in the village of Blackwater; each one of the four houses had to take their alternate turn of acceptance by the R.I.C. Postmortem, coroners' inquests took place there, and followed by the immediate interment of the body in this plot of ground referred

to at Killilla. Sailors from ships then using the sea route through St. George's Channel, which was then in a big business with Wexford port, and many others before Rosslare Harbour was established, experienced many wrecks on the Blackwater Bank with fatal losses of crew and it was in this plot they were all buried. The remains of Ritchie 1916 would have been the last of the seafaring men washed up on the Ballyconnigar beach and interred in that plot at Killilla burial ground.'

Tagoat St. Mary's R.C: Erected by John Hector a native of Aberdeen in Scotland in memory of his beloved/ father James Hector who departed this life 1st of/April 1849 aged 70 years/He was a loving and affectionate parent/a faithful and sincere friend a man endowed with/a great natural science and most ingenious/knowledge of all the branches of deep sea fishing./He is most deeply lamented by all who had/the pleasure of his friendly acquaintance.

/Within this tomb his body lies/and his soul assended to the skies/ He lived a life of happy grace./He is now with our Saviour face to face./His heart was bent on Faith, Hope, Charity and Grace./May God rest his soul in heavenly peace.

New Ross, St. Mary's C. of I: To commemorate the worth/and pay the last tribute of well deserved affection/to a dearly beloved brother/John Cliffe Esq<sup>r</sup>/who under one of those awful dispensations/that man cannot penetrate/in the prime of life and health/and in the enjoyment of taste and talents/granted but to few/ perished on board the Packet William and Mary which foundered in the British\* Channel Oct 23rd 1817/His youngest sister Mrs Anne Vigors/dedicated this monument of her never ceasing sorrow for the loss/ The sea shall give up its dead.

New Ross, St. Mary's C. of I: To the memory of/Thomas Edward Jones/the beloved child and eldest son of/John and Mary Jones/of St Mary's Parish New Ross/Returning homeward to New York on the/'Arctic' Unites States Mail Steamer in/the flower of youth he prematurely perished/when that ship coming into collision/with a French vessel off Cape Race/on the 27 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1854/was lost with upwards of/three hundred souls/This tablet is placed here by his/afflicted and mourning parents/to commemorate his dutiful filial love/and his other endearing qualities.

#### The Longest Name

Rathaspeck: Thomas William Frederick Van Praebentan Van Wilmsdorf Richards

#### Personal

Kilgorman: "One memorial records the death of William Hall, Kings Hill, Arklow, who died in the 1960s aged 90. The late Mr. Hall, a grocer by trade, was known to the writer, no trade is mentioned on his memorial". This comes from the time BCJ was in Kennedy's Mineral Waters and was a supplier of soft drinks, fruit concentrates, chests of tea, tins of coffee, Irel (a bottled coffee syrup substitute made from chicory that became popular during WW2 due to general unavailability of coffee), etc to retailers and religious institutions. He traveled extensively around Ireland taking orders, making deliveries and generally cultivating his commercial contacts.