

Clonsilla was the venue of several Land League meetings subsequent to the historic Distown gathering of 1879.

Harry Parnell addressed a large concourse of people in Clonsilla in 1880 and an address of welcome from the Ladies League of the district was presented to him.

In 1891 Parnell who had spent the night in the Commercial Hotel (not known) addressed a crowd from the hotel window. Parnell was not well received. He spoke to a large gathering at Distown on the same day.

HISTORIC HOUSES. BURIAL PLACES.

Mr. McEnnelly - American minister to Eire. Ancestors said to have come from Clonsilla or district around the town. Specific information unobtainable. The only probable link being a pair of stained glass side windows in Clonsilla R.C. Church, bearing the inscription which says that the windows are to the memory of Very Rev. Peter Reynolds P.P. and are the gift of Mr. McEnnelly, Hop. Kinton, Mass., U.S.A. The date is 1875.

Most Rev. Dr. Dalton, Bishop of Meath, born in 1833 in Church St., Clonsilla, in the house now owned by Mr. John Murphy, merchant. In the register of the year 1891 for Clonsilla National School is the entry that John

Dalton entered the school of May 4th of that year. His father's occupation is listed as 'publican'. John Dalton was then 8 years old and was placed in 4th class - so must have had schooling before enrolling.

Later he studied at Clonliffe and was ordained in Rome. Was Professor + President of Wainwright College - wrote "Horace and his Age" and others and consecrated Bishop of Meath in June 1942.

Canon Mick Bourke P.P. : President of St. Jarlath's College, Tuam before being made P.P. to Kilsobhan in 1878. One of the best Irish scholars of his day. Wrote "The Aryan origin of the Gaelic race and language" - "Irish Grammar" and "Easy lessons in Irish".

He is buried in Ballycarnell a few miles north of Clannorris.

Chief Justice Maguire, President of the High Court - born at Houndswood, Long but reared in Clannorris from the age of 3 in the house now occupied by Dr. Geo. Maguire, a brother. Justice Maguire's father, Dr. Geo. Maguire, obtained the medical officership of the district and removed from Long in 1891. Educated at Clongowes and N.V.I. became a Solicitor - Barrister - Attorney General, and represented the University as T.D.