

A BRAVE ANCESTOR

Of Major McKinley Fought for Irish Liberty and Hanged.

HIS RELATIVES FORCED TO FLEE

To this Country, and the Republican Candidate Descended from One of Them, A Thrilling and Tragic Incident of Ireland's Struggle for Liberty.

New York Times of October 25: In the little graveyard of Derrykeighin, among the far hills of Antrim, on the northeast coast of Ireland, is a moss-grown, ivy-wreathed monument. Long ago it was erected there by the hands of sturdy Presbyterian patriots, who wished to honor the memory of one who had passed from among them, sacrificed to the cause he and they loved. The body of their comrade, a few troubled months before, had dangled from a gallows in the public square in Coleraine. That comrade was William McKinley of Derrycoke.

McKinley was a splendid specimen of Irish manhood. He had a heart in which the blood boiled when he thought of the wrongs from which his country suffered and the injustice which his countrymen were forced to endure. And so, when Thobald Wolfe Tone and Henry Jay McCracken and George Munro and Thomas Russell called on the men of Ireland to rescue their motherland from slavery he was among the first to respond.

He Drilled the Men.

Derrycoke was a pretty village then, as now. Not far to the north are the headlands of Antrim, and the sough of the sea at it rolls over the columns of the Causeway and into the caves may be heard in its single street when the night is silent.

In the valley below the town, by the banks of the Bush, night after night, before the outbreak of '98, the young farmers of the neighborhood led by McKinley, their captain, learned to wield the pike "right soldierly," and prepared to take a part in the coming struggle, which they fondly hoped would bring to Ireland the blessings of liberty which their kith and kin had won for the new land beyond the western ocean.

The wished-for day at length arrived, and the United Irishmen were called to the field to do battle with England's red-coats.

Lost by Accident.

McKinley and his men went south, past Ballymena, until they joined McCracken's forces. They were with him at the battle of Antrim, when victory for a time blessed the arms of the patriots, and they were among the last to seek safety in flight, when accident, working for the British, turned the tide to defeat and disaster.

McKinley ventured back to Derrycoke, believing himself safe among his old neighbors, who would be sure to battle the hunting parties of yeomanry. It was a fatal step. The price for a rebel was tempting.

At Derrycoke lived a family named Smith. The Smiths were not in the best of odor in the community, and were known to have been engaged in shady transactions. No man would think for a moment of taking one of these Smiths into the United men; and the head of the house, Chestnut Smith, always made profession of his loyalty to the crown.

A Long Search.

McKinley's hiding place was kept a close secret, and, except to the most trusted, it was given out that he had escaped to America.

The yeomen frequently searched the houses in Derrycoke and all round it, and every nook in which they thought a man could be concealed, but they had this trouble for nothing.

Four weeks passed, and McKinley's house was a blackened ruin, and his family had to depend on neighbors for shelter.

The visits of the red-coated marauders to Derrycoke had grown less frequent and McKinley and his friends began to think he could come out of hiding and make an effort to get out of the country.

They were reckoning, without Chestnut Smith. Before they could put their plans in execution, Smith happened to call in the house in which McKinley was concealed, and an indiscretion on the part of one of the inmates aroused his suspicion.

Not many minutes later he was on his way to Coleraine, with word for the capture of the "Yeos." That afternoon a strong force of soldiers took possession of Derrycoke and McKinley was captured.

The red-coats set fire to the house in which he was concealed, and he was obliged to surrender. In those days in Ireland there was little delay or ceremony about the trial of a patriot.

McKinley was marched to Coleraine, where before sundown he was tried by drumhead court-martial and sentenced to be hanged.

That night he was swung off a cart, and when the soldiers tired of jabbing his body with their bayonets, his head was cut off and fixed on a spike at the Town Hall.

Uncles in America.

Two of McKinley's uncles, James and William, had come to this country several years before, having been driven from their homes for their opposition to English misrule, and from one of them has descended the William McKinley who to-day seeks the highest honor within the gift of the people.

The descendants of the Informer Smith live at Derrycoke even now. A few years ago one of his family, also a Chestnut Smith, acted as secretary of the Unionist party in Belfast at the time of the visits of Chamberlain and the Marquis of Hartington, now the duke of Devonshire, to that city. Then he distinguished himself by engaging in a daring scheme to defraud insurance companies. When the frauds were discovered he endeavored to escape, but was arrested on board a ship at Moville.

He reached the tender at Derry City, but deeming delays dangerous, hired an outside car and drove thirteen miles to the packet station. There he had himself rowed to the ship. But his haste proved his ruin. The detective at Moville, who happened to be on board, became suspicious, and took him ashore under arrest.

Dorr's Campaign.

BUCKHANNON, W. Va., Oct. 28.—Hon. C. P. Dorr and W. C. Dorrill spoke at Centerville to-day, to a good-sized crowd of Republicans and Democrats. To-night they spoke at French Creek, to a large and enthusiastic gathering.

These crowds were in a thorough good humor and applauded to the echo the many telling points of the speakers.

West Virginia Penitents.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 28.—The following penitents have been granted to West Virginia:

Original—James P. Houston, Myer, Earnest Stevens, Twilight.
Restoration and supplemental—Salethal S. Stalnaker, Parkersburg.
Original widows, etc.—Diana Wallace, Bluefield; Sarah Alley (supplemental), Centerville.

Interests—John T. Liston, Albright; Jakob Hann, Elk Garden; William Blon, Wheeling.

WEST VIRGINIA. The Democratic Ticket.

NATIONAL.
For President, WILLIAM J. BRYAN, of Nebraska.
For Vice President, ARTHUR SEWALL, of Maine.

For Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, JAMES BASSELL, of Weston, Lewis County.

HUBERT T. HOUSTON, of Alderson, Monroe County.

M. G. SPERRY, of Clarksburg, Harrison County.

DANIEL B. LUCAS, of Charlestown, Jefferson County.

DAVID E. JOHNSON, of Bluefield, Mercer County.

D. E. WILKINSON, of Hamlin, Lincoln County.

CONGRESSIONAL.
For Representative in the Congress of the United States for the First District, W. W. AINETT, of Wheeling, Ohio County.

STATE.
For Governor, CORNELIUS C. WATTS, of Charleston, Kanawha County.

For Auditor, WILLIAM H. BOGGS, of Franklin, Pendleton County.

For Treasurer, JAMES W. TUCKER, of Burning Springs, Wirt County.

For State Superintendent of Free Schools, VIRGIL A. LEWIS, of Mason City, Marion County.

For Attorney General, T. S. RILEY, of Wheeling, Ohio County.

For Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals, JOHN H. HOLT, of Huntington, Cabell County.

SENATORIAL.
For State Senate for the First District, FRANK A. CHAPMAN, of Holliday's Cove, Hancock County.

JUDICIAL.
For Judges of the Circuit Court of First District, L. S. JORDAN, of Elm Grove, Ohio County.

J. B. McLAURE, of Moundsville, Marshall County.

OHIO COUNTY TICKET.
For House of Delegates, GEORGE W. WOODS, of said County.

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For Assessor, Country District, NOAH ZANE, of Whitfield, in said County.

For County Surveyor, CLEMENT C. SMITH, of Wheeling, in said County.

WEST VIRGINIA. PROHIBITION TICKET.

NATIONAL.
For President, JOSHUA LEVERING, of Nebraska.
For Vice President, HALE JOHNSON, of Illinois.

For Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, T. R. CARSKADON, of Keyser, Mineral County.

J. W. REDFORD, of Milton, Cabell County.

D. W. CHAMBERS, of New Cumberland, Hancock County.

ALBERT DAY, of Mannington, Marion County.

D. C. HUGHES, of Buckhannon, Upshur County.

GEORGE LEONARD, of Ravenswood, Jackson County.

CONGRESSIONAL.
For Representative in the Congress of the United States for the First District, G. W. GRIMES, of Marshall County.

STATE.
For Governor, F. C. JOHNSON, of Charleston, Kanawha County.

For Auditor, GEORGE MORROW, of Fairmont, Marion County.

For Treasurer, R. H. RUTHERFORD, of Petroleum, Ritchie County.

For State Superintendent of Free Schools, J. HUGH BOWERS, of Brushy Run, Pendleton County.

For Attorney General, T. S. RILEY, of Wheeling, Ohio County.

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WEST VIRGINIA. National Democratic Ticket.

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For President, JOHN M. PALMER, of Maryland.
For Vice President, SIMON H. LICKNER, of Kentucky.

For Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, HENRY M. RUSSELL, of Wheeling, Ohio County.

J. D. BAINES, of Charleston, Kanawha County.

W. D. ROLLYSON, of Rollyson, Braxton County.

W. H. WILSON, of Charlestown, Jefferson County.

BENJAMIN BASSELL, JR., of Buckhannon, Upshur County.

CHARLES RICHARDSON, of Elizabeth, Wirt County.

CONGRESSIONAL.
For Representative in the Congress of the United States for the First District, THOMAS STONE, of Pine Grove, Wetzel County.

STATE.
For Governor, CORNELIUS C. WATTS, of Charleston, Kanawha County.

For Auditor, WILLIAM H. BOGGS, of Franklin, Pendleton County.

For Treasurer, JAMES W. TUCKER, of Burning Springs, Wirt County.

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WEST VIRGINIA. People's Party Ticket.

NATIONAL.
For President, WILLIAM J. BRYAN, of Nebraska.
For Vice President, THOMAS E. WATSON, of Georgia.

For Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, JAMES BASSELL, of Weston, Lewis County.

HUBERT T. HOUSTON, of Alderson, Monroe County.

M. G. SPERRY, of Clarksburg, Harrison County.

DANIEL B. LUCAS, of Charlestown, Jefferson County.

DAVID E. JOHNSON, of Bluefield, Mercer County.

D. E. WILKINSON, of Hamlin, Lincoln County.

CONGRESSIONAL.
For Representative in the Congress of the United States for the First District, THOMAS STONE, of Pine Grove, Wetzel County.

STATE.
For Governor, N. W. FITZGERALD, of Terra Alta, Preston County.

For Auditor, W. C. MILLER, of Huntington, Cabell County.

For Treasurer, I. H. OFFNER, of Barnum, Mineral County.

For State Superintendent of Free Schools, H. Z. MARTIN, of Neponsit, Summers County.

For Attorney General, I. H. LYNCH, of Spencer, Roane County.

For Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals, A. W. CORLEY, of Sutton, Braxton County.

SENATORIAL.
For State Senate for the First District, FRANK A. CHAPMAN, of Holliday's Cove, Hancock County.

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WEST VIRGINIA. The Republican Ticket.

NATIONAL.
For President, WILLIAM MCKINLEY, of Ohio.
For Vice President, GARRET A. HOBERT, of New Jersey.

For Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, JAMES P. FITCH, of Morgantown, Monongalia County.

S. A. RATHBONE, JR., of Elizabeth, Wirt County.

HENRY HAYMOND, of Clarksburg, Harrison County.

W. A. CHAPLINE, of Shepherdstown, Jefferson County.

JOHN COOPER, of Cooper, Mercer County.

J. W. VANDERVORT, of Parkersburg, Wood County.

CONGRESSIONAL.
For Representative in the Congress of the United States for the First District, H. B. DOVENER, of Wheeling, Ohio County.

STATE.
For Governor, GEORGE WESLEY ATKINSON, of Wheeling, Ohio County.

For Auditor, L. M. LA FOLLETTE, of Grafton, Taylor County.

For Treasurer, M. A. KENDALL, of Parkersburg, Wood County.

For State Superintendent of Free Schools, JAMES RUSSELL TROTTER, of Buckhannon, Upshur County.

For Attorney General, EDGAR P. RUCKER, of Welch, McDowell County.

For Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals, H. C. McWHORTER, of Charleston, Kanawha County.

SENATORIAL.
For State Senate for the First District, OLIVER S. MARSHALL, of New Cumberland, Hancock County.

JUDICIAL.
For Judges of the Circuit Court of First District, JOSEPH R. PAULL, of Wheeling, Ohio County.

H. C. HERVEY, of Wellsburg, Brooke County.

OHIO COUNTY TICKET.
For House of Delegates, H. F. BEHRENS, of Wheeling, in said County.

W. H. BLON, of Wheeling, in said County.

T. M. GARVIN, of said County.

W. H. C. CURTIS, of said County.

For Sheriff, H. C. RICHARDS, of Wheeling, in said County.

For Clerk of the Circuit Court, CHARLES H. HENNING, of Wheeling, in said County.

For Clerk of the County Court, RICHARD ROBERTSON, of Wheeling, in said County.

For Prosecuting Attorney, WILLIAM C. MEYER, of Wheeling, in said County.

For Assessor, City District, ADDISON ISRAEL, of Wheeling, in said County.

For Assessor, Country District, ROBERT ANDERSON, of said County.

For County Surveyor, ROBERT HAZLETT, of Wheeling, in said County.

THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, } set:
OHIO COUNTY.
I, John Walton, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Ohio County, certify that the above nominations for offices have been certified to me and filed in my office. Given under my hand at the Court House of said County, in the City of Wheeling, this 22d day of October, 1896, and in the 31th year of the State.
JOHN WALTON, Clerk.