Mount St Michael in History

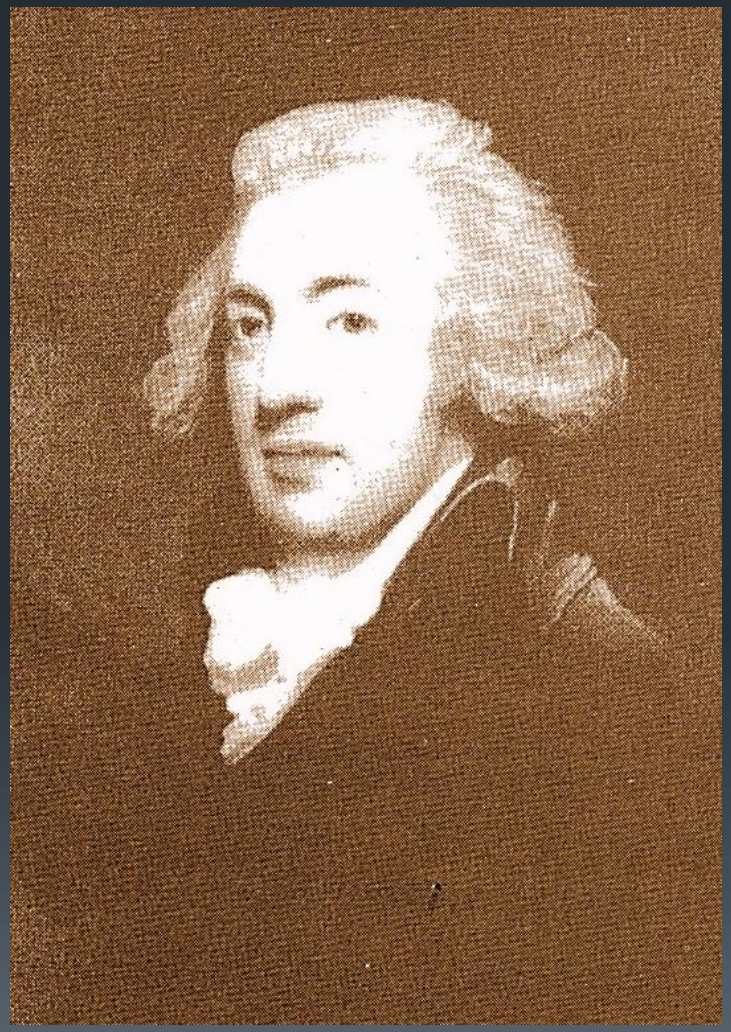






Denis Browne

- Member of Parliament
- Cousin of Browne's of Westport
- Builder of Mt. St. Michael
- Loyal to British Crown
- High Sheriff of Mayo
- Put down 1798 rebellion
- Known as "Donncha an Rópa"
- Died 1829



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Moladh ar an gCaiptín Séamas Bán Ó Máille as Cnoc Mhuire, Co. Mhaigh Eo. Ghlac sé páirt san Éirí Amach agus crochadh é ina dhiaidh sin.

Is mise Caiptín Máilleach,
Fear claímhe, píc' is láige,
Fear cneasta, gnaíúil grámhar
Ar aonach, damhs' nó spóirt.
Is mé a sheasfadh dána
I mbearnain bhaoil le háthas
Ar ceart dom' bhuín 's mo chairde
Dá mba 'ndán dom an róp.

Ceal airm, dín nó éide
I ngleannta doimhne 's sléibhte
Chleachtaigh muid fian-réiteach
Do thíocht na bhFrancach cróga;
I mBeárnain mhaol na Gaoithe
Sa gCaistilbeár na dhéigh sin
Ruaig muid na Breathnaigh bhréagach'
Is ár bpíce len a dtóin!

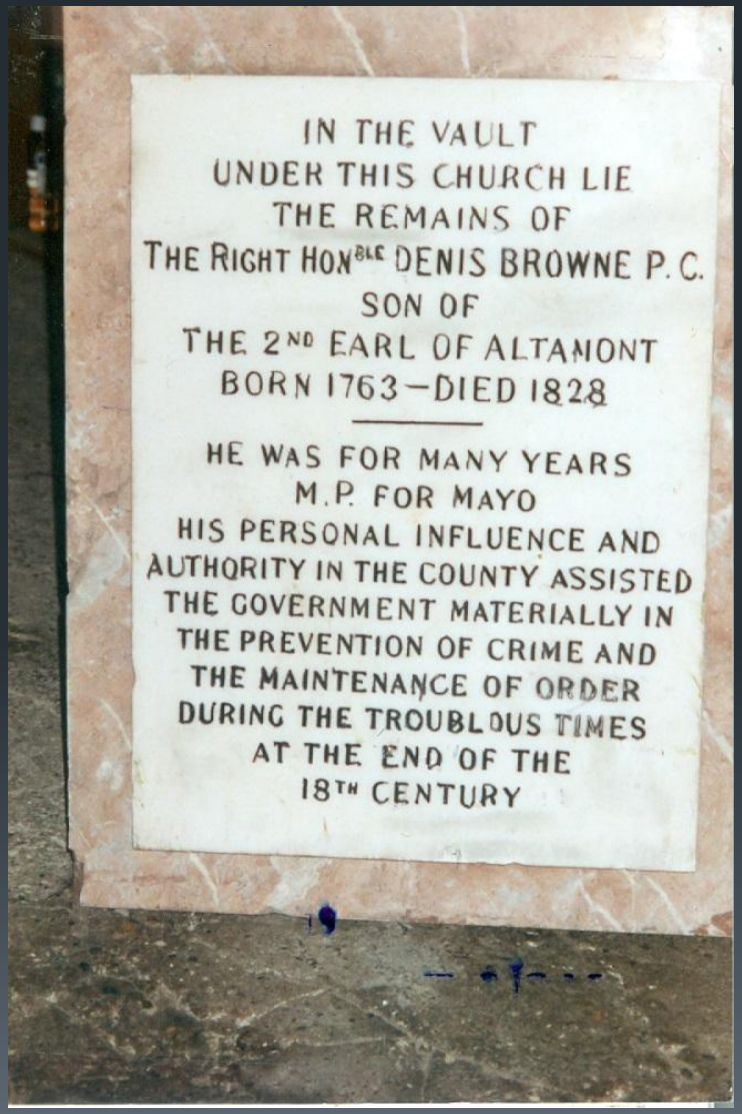
Ach! anois tá mo chnaipe déanta,
Go bhfóire an Tríonóid Naofa 'rm,
An Mhaighdean gheal 's a hAon-Mhac
Go dtarrthaí mé go deo.
Mar is mise an Caiptín Máilleach
Fear ceart de chineál Gráinne,
Fear tíre nó fear sáile,
Fear troda, siams' nó spóirt.

Mo mhallacht ar an mBrúnach
Mark Grady is a chúmplacht,
Na Diolúnaigh is na Diúcaigh,
Is na Dáibhisigh bréana fós;
Bhíodh ár scrios 's ár sciúirse
Ó Swinford go Cúl Luachra,
Ó Scrig go Tullaigh Luachra
Na middlemen 's na Yeos.





Plaque to Denis Browne



St John’s Church 1828

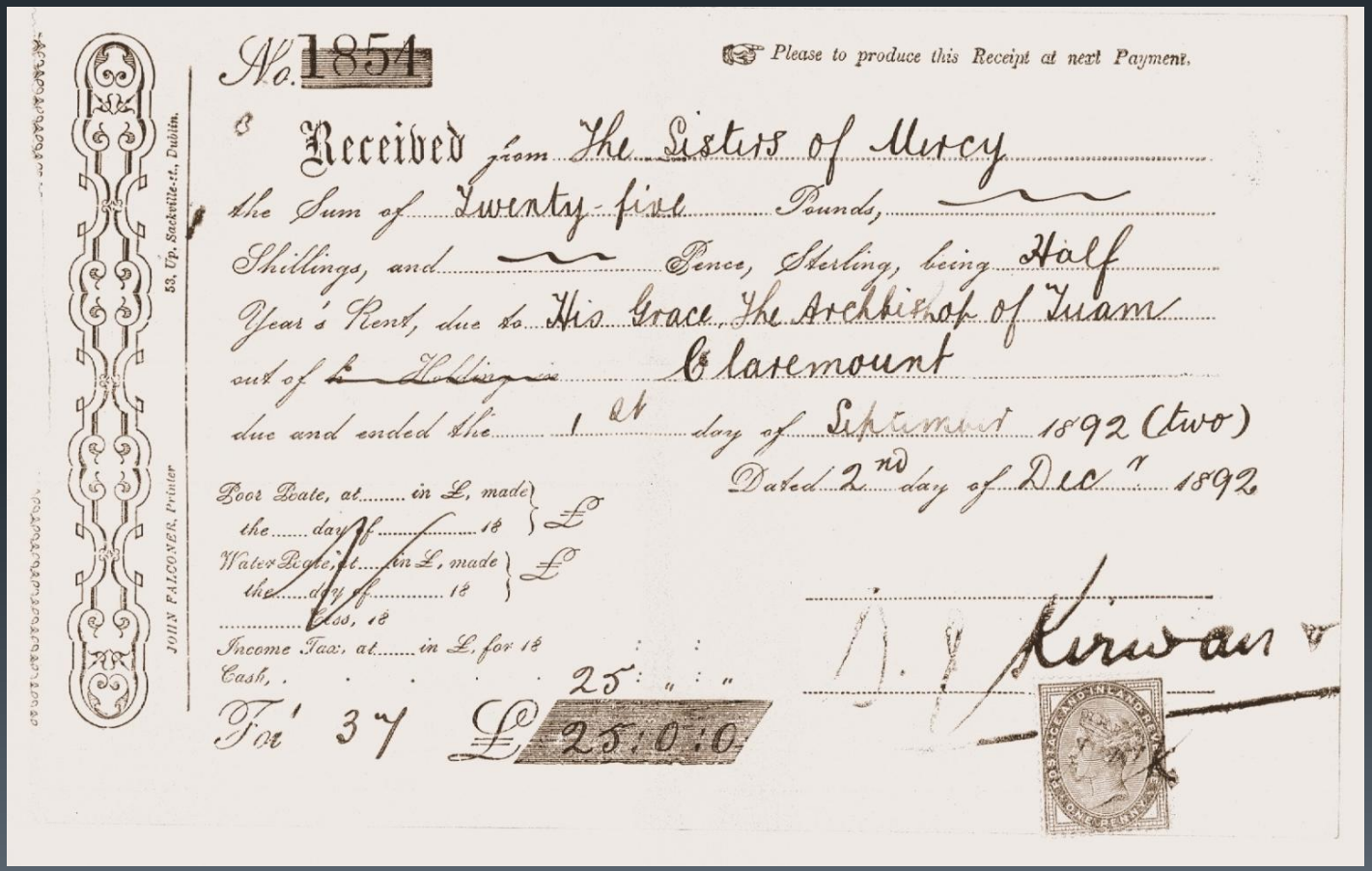
- This colorised image from the Valentine postcard series dates from c1903 and shows St. John's Church (built 1828) as it was at that time complete with pillars and gates. A group of people can be seen standing at the gates. There are no buildings of any kind along Bóthar Dubh, so effectively the church marks the northern end of the town. A non-colorised version of this card also exists.



Oldest image 1871



Paying the Archbishop



No. 1854

Please to produce this Receipt at next Payment.

Received from The Sisters of Mercy

the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds, ~ Shillings, and ~ Pence, Sterling, being Half Year's Rent, due to His Grace The Archbishop of Tuam out of Claremount

due and ended the 1st day of September 1892 (two)

Dated 2nd day of Decr 1892

Poor Rate, at ... in £, made the ... day of ... 18 } £

Water Rate, at ... in £, made the ... day of ... 18 } £

... ss, 18

Income Tax, at ... in £, for 18

Cash, ... 25 : " : "

For 37 £ 25 : 0 : 0

D. J. Kirwan

53, Up. Sackville-st., Dublin. JOHN FALCONER, Printer

Mount St. Michael – a new era…

- On the 1st of January 1877 the first four sisters arrived from Tuam to Claremorris. The Mercy order continued to serve the community into the 21st century but the house was vacated on the 18th August 2000.



Convent Avenue c1905



Maria Byrne's c1895



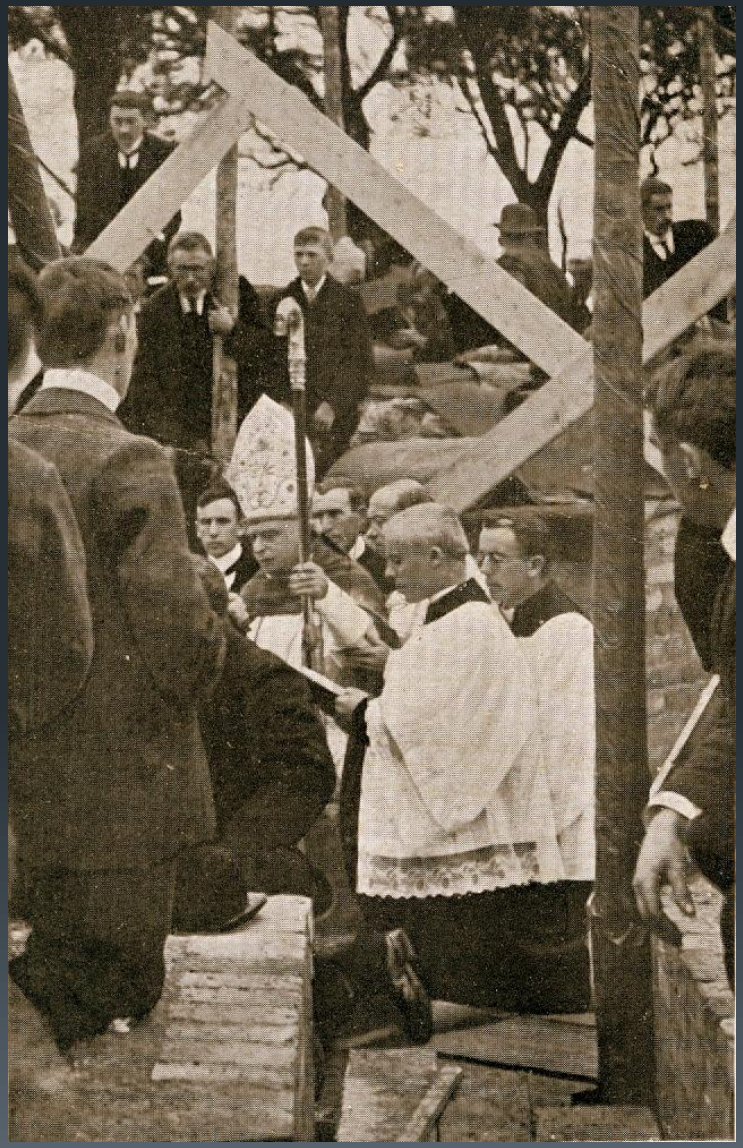
The Square 1900



Main Street c1900



Foundation Stone 1904



Market Day 1905



Claremorris Railway Station 1905



Church Street Market Day 1905



Church Street 1905



James Street 1910



Fair Day c1912



Mount Street 1915



“The Convent”

- The original Convent of Mercy as it was in the early 20th century with the old primary school to the left.



The “Ice House”



The Avenue



Group at Convent Steps 1906



Old Infants Primary School

- The Infants Primary School at Mount St. Michael, Claremorris shortly before its demolition in 1967. Built in 1920 it was replaced by the new Muire Gan Smál primary school down the avenue in the 1950s. The building in the background is the old secondary school.



Old Primary School Secondary Top



Domestic Economy School

- A view of the back of Mount St. Michael's from the 1950s showing what was then known as the school of Domestic Economy building, later the R.H.E School. In 1984 the R.H.E school was closed.



Cardinal & Nuns 1953



Murphy's Shop 1953



Archbishop Walsh 1956



Sisters in the 60s



The Convent Band

- All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil winners, the band of Muire Gan Smál National School, Claremorris on the steps of the school in the mid-1970s. Standing on the right are their teachers Sister Clare Phillips (aka Sr. Dominic) and on her outside Sr. Therese O'Toole RIP. In front of the nuns is Fr. Ritchie Horan RIP.



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