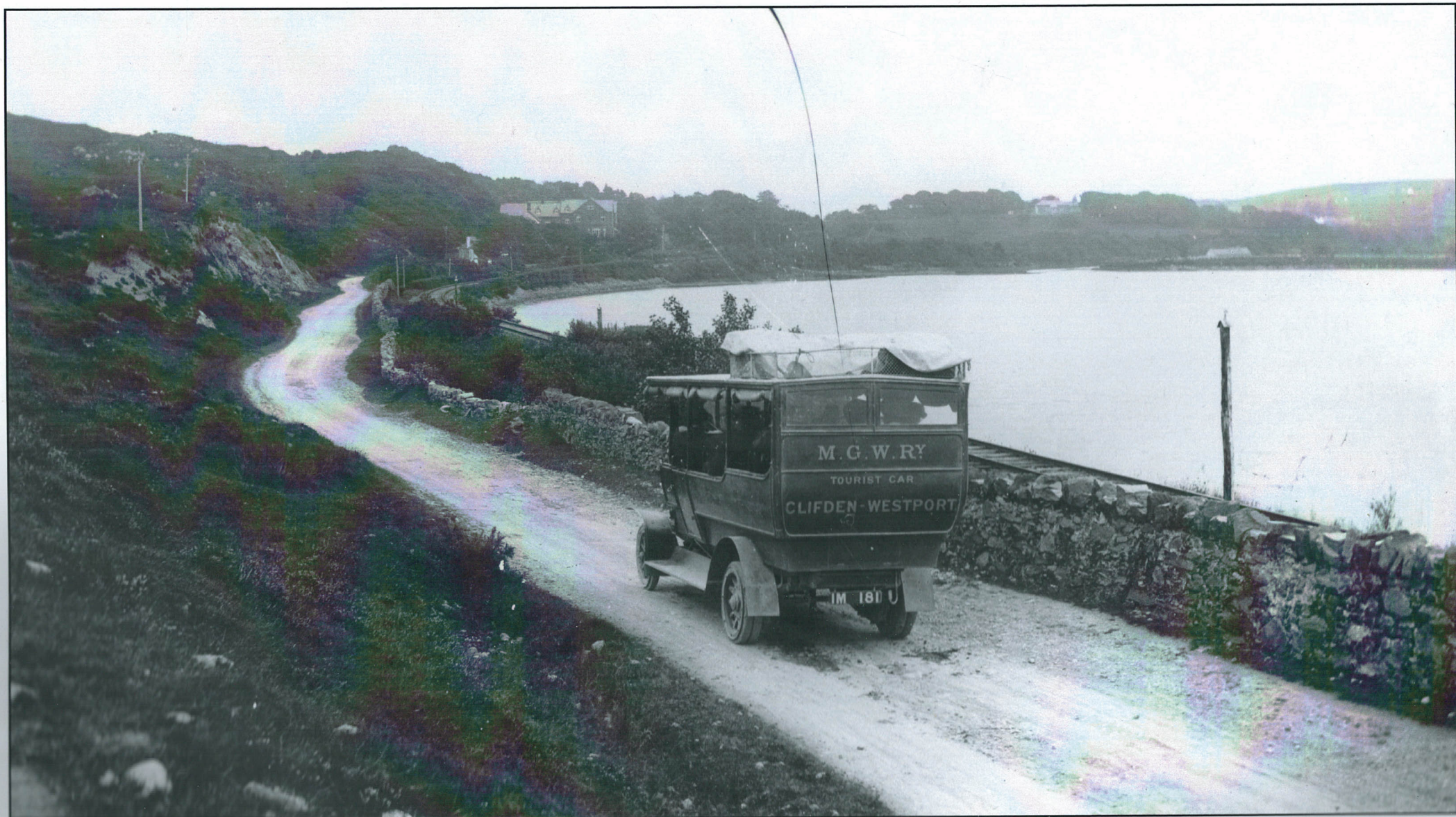


Oughterard Heritage
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**IRISH SPINNING WHEEL
OUGHTERARD**



Tourists who wished to visit Leenane & Westport used to disembark at Recess and Midland Great Western Railway Company provided a link bus which brought people to Westport via Leenane and back to Clifden . They could then get the return train to Galway. It also brought them to their Midland Great Western Hotel near marble factory seen here on the left. The photo shows the link bus travelling along the shore of Glendollagh Lough in Recess heading for the hotel.



LOOKING WEST PAST THE WATERFALL. Late 1800s

To the left is Waterfall Lodge no longer in existence. Built by the O'Flaherties in the late 1800s. It was rented by a Mr Gascoigne but was originally rented to one of the Persse Distillery family who was in a wheelchair.

The next building is The Round Tower which was a bailiff's house guarding the river. Michael Farrell, a shoe maker lived here in the early 1900s.

The roof of the Linen Factory can be seen on the sky line to the right. William Hicks tried to establish a Linen Industry in Oughterard but it never succeeded & it was closed when dye from the factory polluted the river. The factory was converted into one bed roomed apartments by Jacko' fflahertie. Greens, Conneelys, Wards, Murrays & Gibbons were some of the families who rented them.



HURLING INVADES FOOTBALL COUNTRY!

Jackie Geoghegan seen to the right was a member of a Junior Hurling team established in Oughterard in the Mid 50s. Jackie Murray was another founder member. Unfortunately the team hadn't the numbers to prevail.

Jackie worked for the ESB & was part of their Hurling team . He is seen here on right in Corofin with Pat Mannion & his sister Evelyn Mannion.



LDF (Local Defense Force) ON PARADE. Early 50s

Late 40s ,early 50s . 3 story building is the Corrib Hotel (The Railway Hotel in 1901 with Thomas Fahy Naughton as owner), next is Tom Walsh's who was a carpenter , coffin maker & undertaker Dermot's father, next house now 2 story & slated was Tom Walsh's sister Maggie who married a Fahy man from East Galway. She ran a Dressmaking Shop here in the 50s. Mark Geoghegan & his wife used to live there originally. The next building is where Conor MacNamara's shop is today. It was originally Sil O Dowd's

grocery shop, then a Dr Maloney from Laurancetown had a shop there for 10years approx. In 1956-57 Jack Mc Donagh, Rosscahill bought it. (First shop to make their own ice pops !)
The thatched house at the corner was Geoghegan's. Paddy ran a sweet shop & tea rooms here in the 50s. It was also a "Lodging House " B&B. In 1901 a Michael T Walsh had a Tailor Shop here (nicknamed Mickleen "Stuff" Walsh). His wife was a teacher & used to give grinds. They had 2 sons, both tailors who worked in Moons in Galway.



LDF (Local Defense Force) ON PARADE. Early 50s

House in background on left was Joyce's Bar & Hardwarestore now Holland's. Directly across from Joyce's is William Keogh's Shop & Bar;

Next door was Nicholas Egan's Butcher Shop (Fuchia Craft today);

The thatched building was originally Mary Acton's Pub (now Roger Finnerty's Butcher). Rita Egan next door bought it & ran it with her husband Reilly as a pub for 2 years. Their son Bernie converted the pub & ran a butcher shop for 10 years. Roger Finnerty used to work in Egan's Butcher shop next door & in 1960 approx he bought Bernie Reilly's Butchers.

The next house was Henny Hallorans Drapery Shop now Murphy's . Next where The May Fly is today was Andrew Ferguson's shop & bar. He returned from Shanghai (Police) to run the family business.

The Tourist Office is where Laurence Connor had a butcher shop & then Maurice Ferguson had a garage. Freddie Tuck also had it as a garage.

The shed leaning onto the garage is where Andrew Ferguson stored his lorry & Connemara Bus.



HEADING FOR THE BARN!

Michael Clancy, Wellfield on top, Barbara Clancy, Wellfield, Maggie Thornton, Glann
& John Joe Osborne, Oldchapel.



GIVING THE TROUT & MAYFLY A CHANCE!!

Tea break on Carberry Island, Lough Corrib.

Patch Donnellan, Pat Halloran, Roger Finnerty & Mick Walsh.



Left to right: Captain O'Grady, who owned a racehorse and lived in Bolger's House; Mathias Clancy, Rusheeney; Unknown Gentleman

The Anglers Hotel was a noted establishment for gentry & business people to stay on their fishing trips to the West. It was considered a very "Posh" Hotel, meals being presented on silver platters. Jack Finnerty was head waiter / manager of the hotel in the 40s / 50s. He used to dress in black

with a dickie bow. On this site in 1850 approx, a house and forge is listed to a Mark Walsh. The owner of the property is G. O'fflaherite. The next account we have is in 1901 when a Thomas Naughton, 40 and a widower, was listed as a Hotel Proprietier. He is still there in 1911 as owner / occupier. His daughter Teresa inherited the hotel. She married Bill Donnellon from East Galway. Teresa died young & her sister Josie helped run the hotel in the 50s. Liz Donnellon was an aunt of Paddy Hession who also came from East Galway



TECH SCHOOL 1936

The school was originally in Carrowmanagh & then moved to the Railway Station when the railway disbanded in the Mid 30s.

Back, L to R. Christy Healy, John Gibney, Tom Sullivan, Tom Higgins, Terry Sweeney and Jack Fahy

Front L to R. Mary Mannion, Masie Masterson, S.A. Gibbons, Mary Burke, Catherine Geoghegan, Barbara Healy, Nora Walsh, Sarah Melia and Mrs Hipwell –Joyce (Teacher)



Col Brock Hollingshead & family outside Ardvarna House late 1800s.
In 1911 census he is listed as the owner of Ardvarna House.. Col Brock Hollingshead was killed in
WWI at the Battle of Loos, in Belgium.
One of the first car owners in Oughterard.



Natives of Connemara

DONKEY WORK!

Typical scene in Connemara at the turn of the century and even up to the 30s. The Donkey was invaluable on homesteads at the time especially for its work in bringing out the turf from the bog and transporting it home.

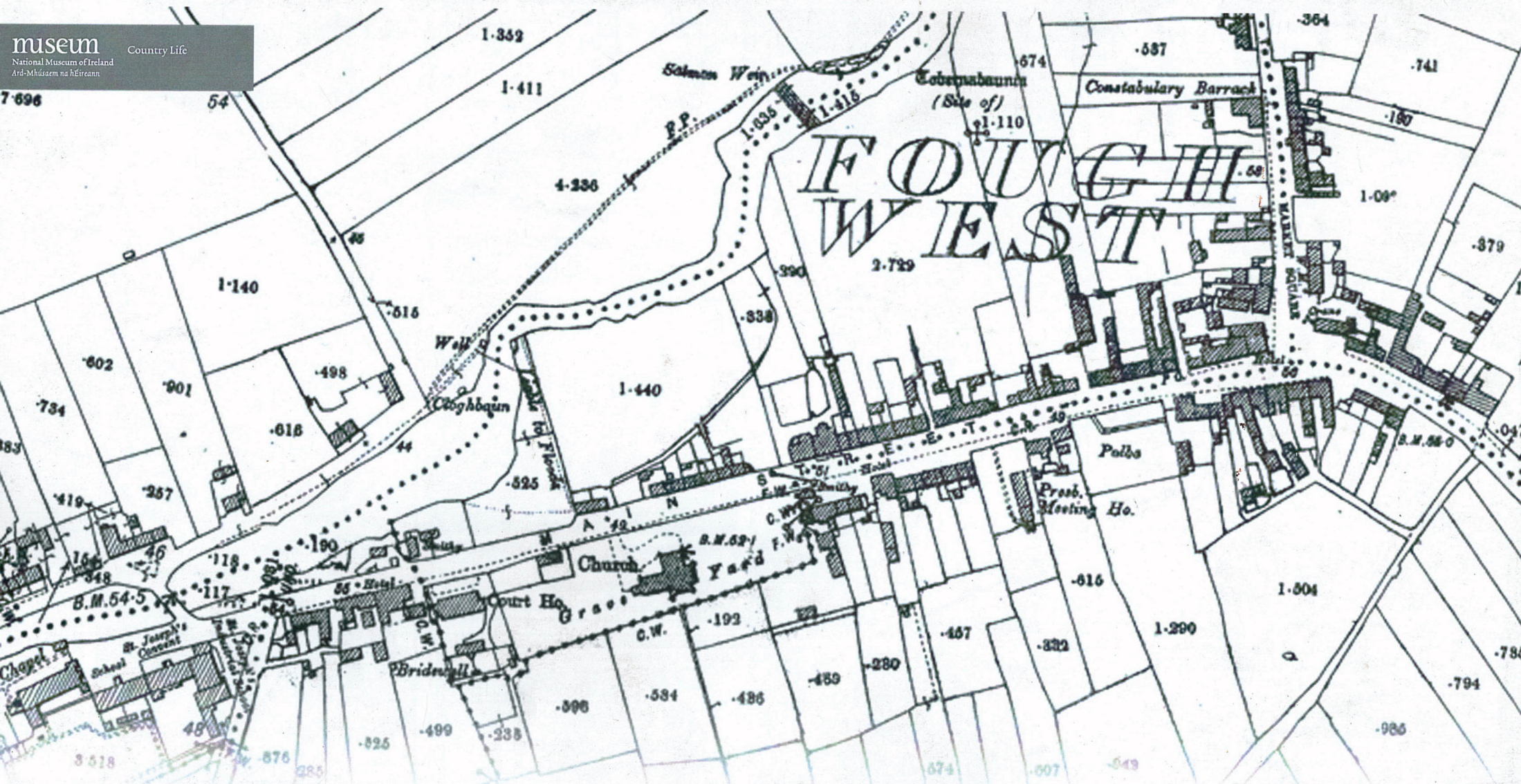


GUARD O'REILLY ON DUTY PATROL!

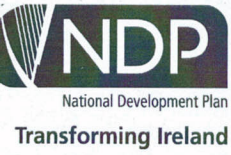
The Old Gardai Barracks was opposite the courthouse and to the left. This was established in 1923. In the 60s the Gardai moved to their present location which was originally the Rector's house.



Mark Geoghegan was a keen horseman. He is seen here behind his house thatched long side Tom Walsh's which was next door to The Corrib Hotel see April Photo. Mark and his wife ran a grocery shop here in the 50s. Mark's children were Jackie, Paddy, Tommie, Mockie, Mary Rose and Francis.



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