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JAMES MICHAEL CURLEY 1874-1958

"With the death of James M. Curley the curtain has gone down on an era of local politics which produced a galaxy of colorful political figures the most colorful and magnetic of which was James Michael Curley.

"In the boisterous rally hall or in the quiet drawing room he was always the finished master, the center of attention, the fighter or the charmer as the occasion warranted. He could meet every situation with an aplomb born of self-assurance and the sincere conviction that he was the voice and the leader of the great mass of people.

"James M. Curley could have been one of the greatest of all Shakespearean actors. He could have been one of the greatest trial lawyers of our time. He could have been one of the most widely read authors of the contemporary period for James M. Curley was a man gifted with many talents but he chose to use those talents in the public service and it was in this arena, the give and take of politics, where he was happiest.

"The end of a long era has come. Never again, perhaps, will another figure like James M. Curley arise to shine in the political firmament, for life has changed and conditions will never be as they were when James M. Curley was in the flower of his manhood.

"The turbulent times in which he lived, and the part he played during his sixty years of political activity will be tempting material for future authors. James M. Curley has left the scene he loved so well. His name, his memory, his deeds, his deep love for the common man, will never be forgotten."

JOHN B. HYNES, *Mayor.*



James Curley's parents were from Canrawer, Oughterard. His father Michael and his mother Sarah Clancy emigrated as children in the 1860s to escape the post Famine poverty. James Michael was born on November 20th 1874 in Boston. He was elected Mayor of Boston on three occasions 1914-1918, 1922-1926, 1930-1934. He was also Governor of Massachusetts (1935-1937). He was convicted of Mail Fraud in 1947; pardoned in 1950 by President Truman.



1953 OUGHTERARD SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM

Back Row: L-R Joe Healy, Unknown, Peter Geraghty, Stephen Tierney, Han Keogh, Joe Keogh, William Keogh, Seamus Kyne, Joe Conneely, Frank Gibney, Mick Walsh, Frank O'Toole, Michael Waters, Johnny Keogh, Unknown, Andy Joyce, Ned Keogh

Front Row: L-R Mick Keogh, Colm Higgins, Edwin McDonagh, Tom McHugh, Ignatius Burke, Frank Kyne, Mattie Joyce

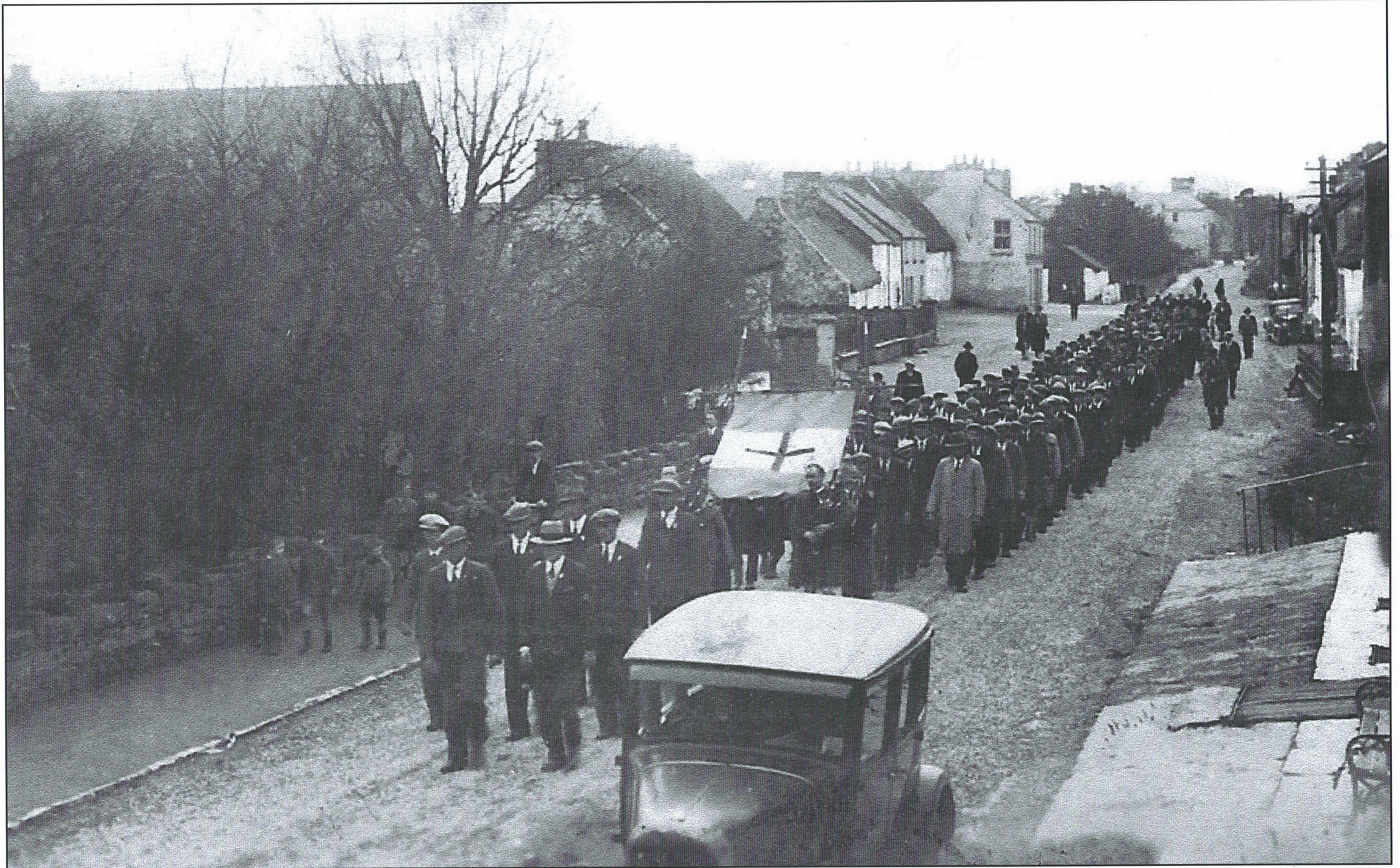


C.1926. SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

Back Row: L-R Mary Faherty (The Square), Unknown, Nellie Conneely (Rusheeny), Marian Callinan, Gertie Rutledge, Sarah Ann Walsh (Camp), Mary Sullivan, Kate Ann Fahy, Julia Darcy, Maureen Walsh, Teresa Darcy, Imelda Darcy

Centre Row: L-R Kathleen Casey (Billamore), Mary Joe Clancy, May Connolly (Magheraghmore), Kathleen Mulkerrins (Billamore-lived in the Railway cottage), Celia Connor, Helen Wilkinson, Mary Faherty (Tullavrick), Maggie King (Camp)

Front Row: L-R Kathleen Shaugnessy (Sr. Dominic), Mary Rose Walsh, Katie Burk, Nan Burke, Winnie Waters (Spiddal), Nancy Joyce, Emma Sullivan, Mary Gill, Peggy and Delia Walsh (Billamore), Katie Clancy



EASTER PARADE 4th April 1931.

Main Street Oughterard



FISHERMEN AND STAFF OUTSIDE THE ANGLERS HOTEL

Main Street Oughterard C.1930



C.1880 CHURCH STREET, OUGHTERARD

A Biancone carriage outside John Roe's establishment. Note the thatched roofs behind the passengers, and The Boat Inn in the distance. Also to be seen, the roof of Murphy's Hotel, now The Lake Hotel. Carlo Bianconi was one of the founders of public transportation in Ireland, using his bespoke coaches, in a time preceding the railways



C.1930 OUGHTERARD BAND

L-R: Paddy Geraghty (Camp Street), Mr. Lydon (brother of John Lydon Billamore), Michael Roland, Patrick Roland and Jackie Mullins (Church Street).
Some of the instruments were made by the Roland's father Michael also a musician



C.1890. BLESSING THE LOUGH CORRIB WATERS

Baurisheen Bay



C.1900 CREGG, OUGHTERARD.

The 1901 census shows 188 residents in the townland and 273 residents, in the 1911 census.



C.1870. BRIDGE STREET, OUGHTERARD.

On the left can be seen the thatched funeral house, as well as the Courthouse in the distance.



C.1930 SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

Back Row: L-R Mike Power, Jack Rogers, Mick Gill, John Gibney, Kenny O'Brian, Mick Joyce, Unknown.

Middle Row: L-R M.J. Lydon, Pat Sweeney, P. Darcy, Tommy Clancy, Andrew Darcy, Patrick Conneely, Jimmy Connor

Front Row: L-R Unknown, Unknown, Jim Morrison, Paddy Hefernan, Alfie Gibney, Joe Conneely, Tom Sullivan, Mick Roland, Mattie Healy



"OUR LADY OF KNOCK" 1953

Back Row: L-R Jones Ferris, Paddy Darcy, Mattie Healy, Tim Molloy, Katie Walsh, Sean Monahan, Mary Walsh, Gerard Crowley, Michael Waters, Jim Kelly, Sean Conneely

Third Row: L-R Mary Ann Molloy, Nan Burke, Peggy Tierney, Mary B. Molloy, Bridie Tierney, Jim Faherty

Second Row: L-R Theresa Tierney, Nancy Gill, Mary Rose Geoghegan, Kitty Darcy, Nono Conneely, Bridie Tierney, Ann Dixon, Una Donnellan, Lena Harris, Francis Geoghegan, Peggy Connor

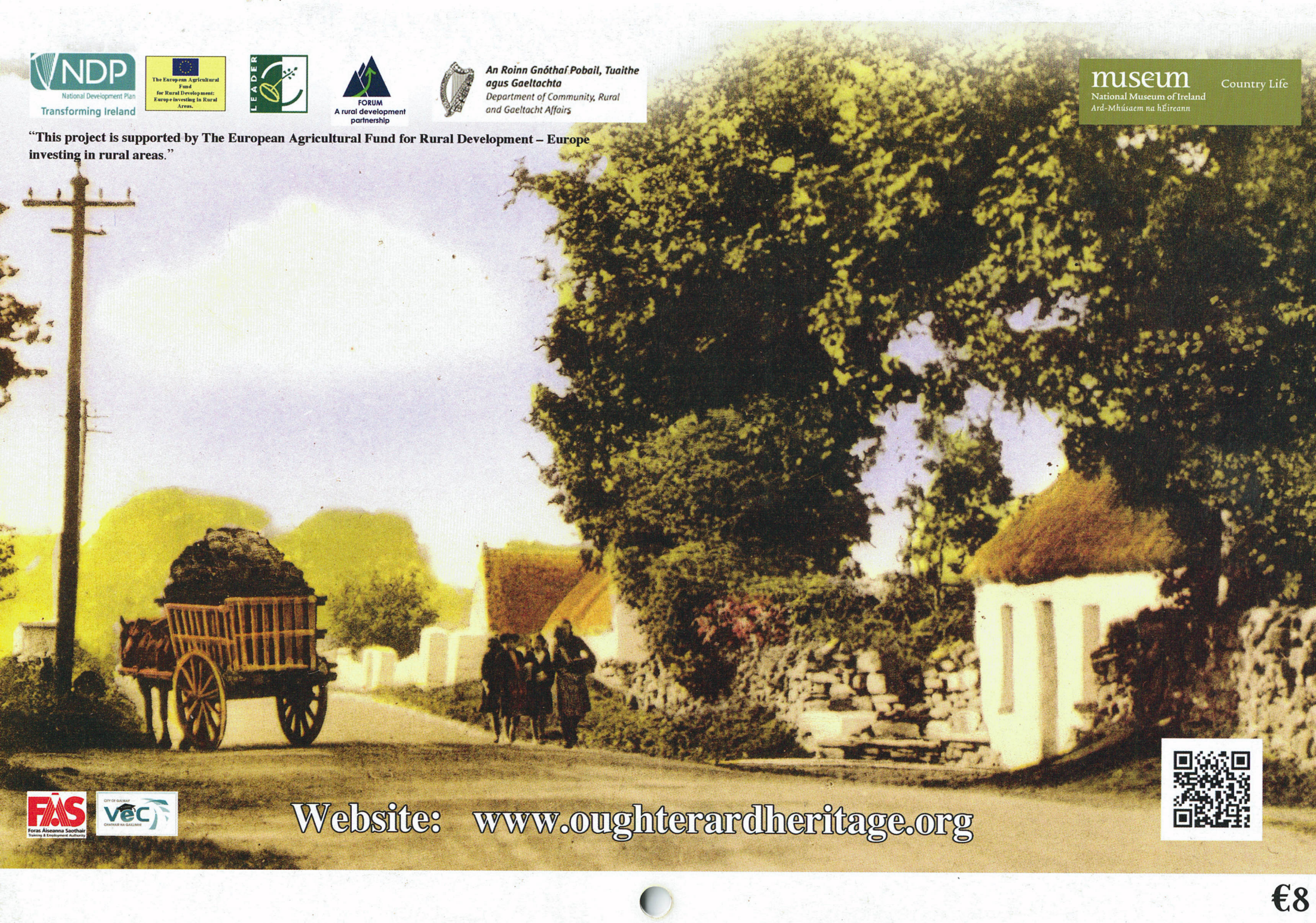
Front Row: L-R Eileen Dixon, Delia Lambert, Shiela Connor, Mary Clare Conneely, Mary Lambert, Rita Walsh, Maureen Monahan



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