

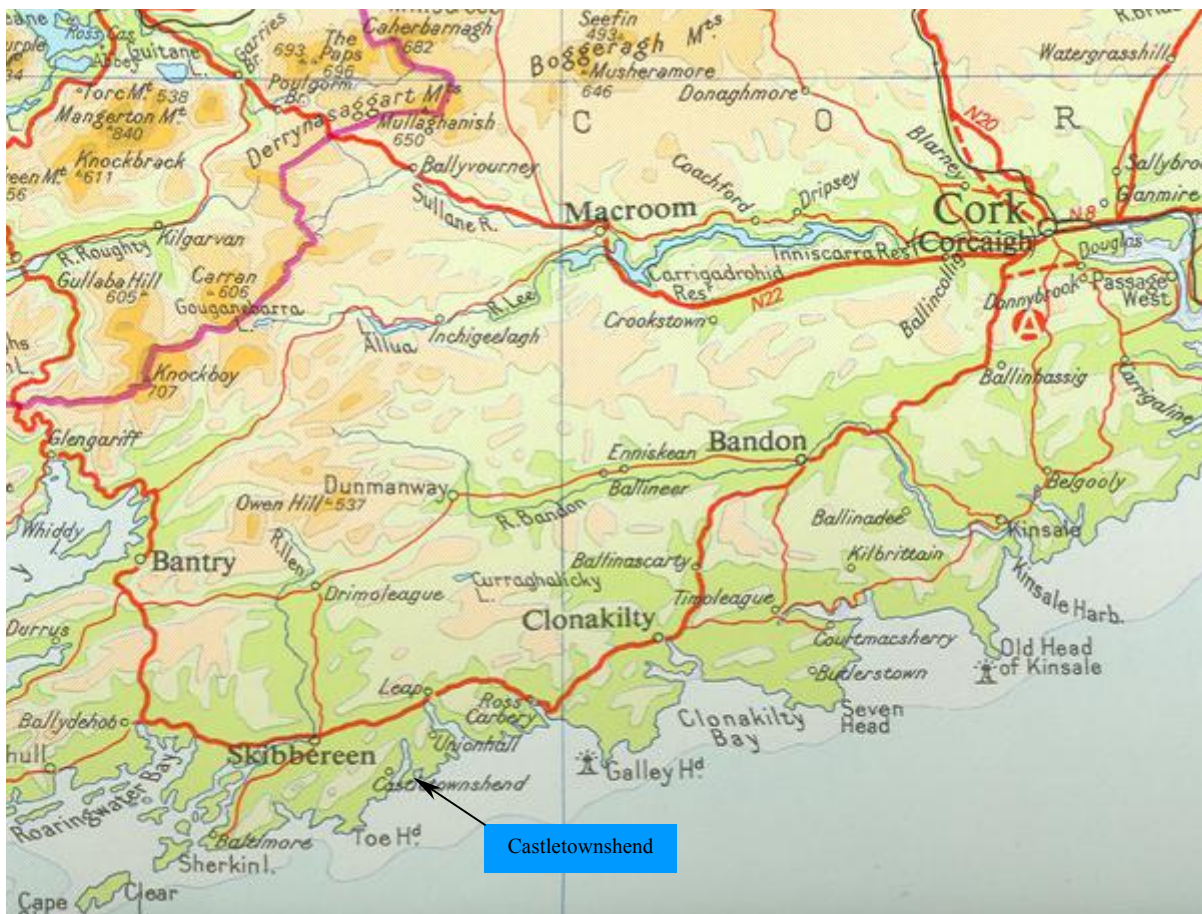
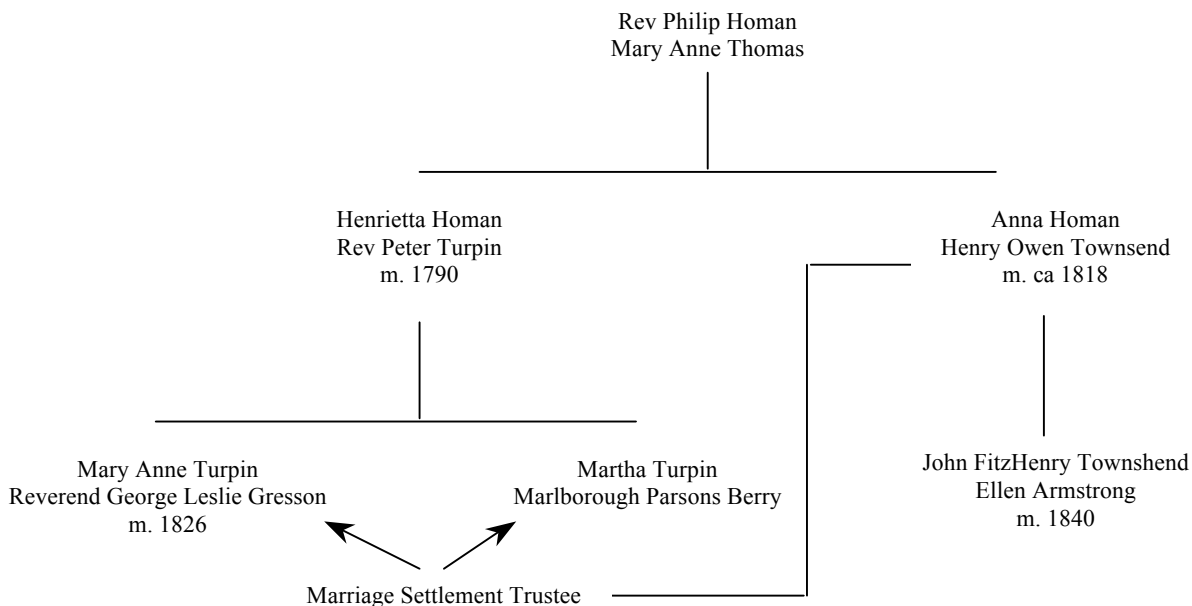


This miniature likeness of
Henry Townsend
third son of John Townsend of
Shepperton, Co. Cork & R. P.
and Mary, daughter of Jones
Morris of Barley Hill, Co. Cork,
was given by Mrs. Marlborough
Parsons Berry to John Fitzhenry
Townsend, M.C., only son of the
above named Henry Townsend
14th July 1884.
and was given by John Fitzhenry
Townsend to his daughter, (Charlotte
Townsend).



Henry Townsend Esq.
of Malmaison, Castle Townsend
1847
Connell, del. Cork.

Homan – Turpin – Berry – Townsend Relationship



Castletownshend and St Barrahan's Church 2013



The Main Street



The harbour



Memorial in St Barrahané's Church, Castletownshend



The Daniel O'Connell Dinner

**"WITHIN THE WALLS":-
DANIEL O'CONNELL IN BANDON, 1839**

EDITED FROM CONTEMPORARY NEWSPAPERS BY PADRAIG HAMILTON

PART 2: THE DINNER, THE GUESTS, & THE LOYAL TOASTS

A. INVITATION & REPLY

(from *The Correspondence of Daniel O'Connell, the Liberator*, edited by W.J. Fitzpatrick, Vol. 2., London, 1888).

Henry Townsend of Castletownsend, Co. Cork, to Daniel O'Connell, M.P.

... Your refusal to take office of the highest order, lest it should interfere with your active services in promoting the welfare of Ireland, your wise and statesmanlike determination to support a Government of whose administration you justly approve, and your anxious desire to promote the happy union of all sects and parties, clearly demonstrate a powerful mind, calculated to surmount every difficulty ...

To further this blessed sentiment of Christian charity among all classes of Irishmen it is that those whose wishes I have the honour to convey to you (professing different creeds) ask you as a favour to name a time when you can, with the least inconvenience to yourself, honour the Reformers of the West Riding of Cork with your company at a public dinner to be given in the town of Bandon ...

To Henry Townsend D.L.

Darrynane Abbey. Nov. 19th, 1839.

... I accept the invitation with mingled sentiments of pride and pleasure ...

If the people of Ireland, now approaching to nine millions, were reconciled to each other and would cooperate for the common good, what country on the face of the globe could be ... more capable of producing all the blessings of peace ...? It is because of the incalculable value of extinguishing national dissention that you, and men like you, are so fully estimable; Protestants who, like you, struggle to promote Christian goodwill ...¹

... and if there be in the Bandon district, as I can well believe there are, any worthy men who mistake our motives or misunderstand our object, let us convince them of their error and hold out to them the hand of peace and fellowship.

Your obliged and very faithful

Daniel O'Connell

B. THE DINNER - (i) from *The Southern Reporter*:

We believe we may with truth say that upon no former occasion had there been given a public entertainment upon a larger or more magnificent scale than that of Thursday at Bandon, by the Reformers of the West Riding of the County. The Banquet took place in the Ball Room of the Devonshire Arms Hotel, and whether in point of magnificence - for the principal tables groaned under the weight of massive plate sent in by some of the principal Families of the Neighbourhood ... the beautifully festooned and brilliantly lighted room, or the abundance of the viands and wines, served up by the Proprietor of the house in a style of elegance and comfort not exceeded anywhere - it was an entertainment alike worthy the distinguished Guest, and of those by whom it was promoted. The attention of the Committee was ceaseless, and certainly nothing could have been in better taste than the selection of the gentlemen appointed to fill the office of Stewards.

At half-past six o'clock dinner was announced, and in a moment the tables became fully occupied. About 200 of the most influential Liberal gentlemen of the Riding-Magistrates and others, sat down - the Chair being filled, and well and efficiently filled, by Henry Townsend, Esq., of Castle Townsend;² - the Vice-Presidents being Major Scott, of Coolmeen,³ Frances Coppinger, Esq., of Parkview, Bandon,⁴ and Philip Harding, Esq. J.P., of Macroom.⁵ In the immediate vicinity of the Chair were the County Members;⁶ F.B. Beamish, Esq. M.P.,⁷ Rickard Deasy, Esq., J.P.,⁸ John O'Hea, Esq., J.P.,⁹ - Lombard, Esq., Wm. Fagan, Esq.,¹⁰ Richard Dowden, (Richard),¹¹ Esq., James Redmond Barry, Esq., J.P., Capt. Rogers, J. Allman,¹² Esq., Edward O'Brien, Esq.,¹³ Henry Burke, Esq., P. Barry, Esq., etc.

THE DINNER - (ii) from *The Constitution*

Previous to the company being admitted into the Dinner-room, they were addressed by Mr. James Redmond Barry¹⁴ who said he was informed that a number of persons had come to the dinner upon invitations very generally circulated throughout the county, bearing the signature of the Chairman, Mr. Townsend, and also a seal very neatly executed - a fac simile of his own. This, Mr. Barry assured those, who had come under the impression of being guests, was a scandalous hoax got up by the Tory party, there having been but four invitations from the Committee; and therefore it became necessary for the Committee to admit no persons into the dining apartment, who did not produce a genuine ticket. The room in which this address was delivered, was full of persons who contemplated on a good feed, but as soon as it was concluded there was a pretty general movement towards the stairs, and in their retreat, several of the disappointed averred that the circulars emanated from the Radical party to induce them to come to the hotel, in the hope of shaming them into the purchase of

tickets.¹⁵ Though the entertainment was announced to be given by the people of Bandon, yet the number in that town who were expected to welcome the "Political Apostle" was so meagre, that persons were sent throughout the West Riding, to endeavour to swell the list, and the result was, that about two hundred sat down, a very small proportion of which belonged to the "Loyal Town".

At 7 o'clock Henry Townsend, Esquire took the chair ... William Fagan, Daniel Lombard,¹⁶ John Thomas Keane¹⁷, Rev. Wm. O'Connor R.C.C.,¹⁸ Dr. Nugent,¹⁹ Henry Burke, Patk. Barry,²⁰ John Hurley²¹. About 30 priests were present. The arrangements appear to have been entirely directed by Fr. Matt Horgan,²² who was busily engaged throughout the night in keeping the country boughals in order as they occasionally became a little troublesome from being temperanceites, *ex necessitate*, the waiters being deaf and dumb to the calls for "something to drink".

THE DINNER - (iii) from *The Cork Standard*

The banquet, which was got up at William's with a degree of taste and elegance highly creditable to the character of that excellent house, was laid in the Ballroom, which was very imposingly decorated with laurel leaves and flowers intermixed. At the lower end of the room, opposite the chair, there was placed an admirable likeness of the guest, the work of our fellow citizen, Mr. Joseph Dennis. Covers were laid for one hundred and sixty persons, and the room was completely filled. - We noticed in the vicinity of the chair, where the press were conveniently located by the Rev. Horgan, and placed under the kind and ready attention of Mr. Charles Galway,²³ one of the stewards, one of the most magnificent candelabra of pure silver we ever remembered to have seen. We were informed it was sent on this remarkable occasion by one of the Coppinger family. The service of plate on the transverse table, at which the Chairman and guests sat, was in keeping with this beautiful piece of art. The *tout ensemble* was such as we have rarely seen exhibited, and was highly creditable to the taste and spirit of the decorators. We noticed present amongst the company Major Scott, Major Broderick,²⁴ Captain Rogers, S. Bennett, J.P., Clonakilty, Messrs. Allman, the Rev. Messrs. Sheehan (Kilmackabe),²⁵ J. Fitzpatrick, (P.P. Skibbereen),²⁶ M'Sweeney²⁷ and O'Sullivan (of Bandon),²⁸ Field (Innosbannon),²⁹ Morgan, with the Rev. Mr. O'Connor, of Cork and Mr. Keane.

About half-past six o'clock Henry Townsend, Esq., entered the dining-room with his distinguished guest, followed by a long train of gentlemen. Mr. O'Connell met with a most flattering reception; he looked in excellent health, and repeatedly bowed his acknowledgments to the company.

On the right of the chairman sat Mr. O'Connell, Mr. R. Dowden (Richard), &c.; on his left the honourable members for the county, and Mr. F.B. Beamish, M.P.

Extracts from Samuel Lewis' Topographical Directory 1837

CASTLE-TOWNSEND, a village, in the parish of CASTLEHAVEN, East Division of the barony of WEST CARBERY, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, 4 1/2 miles (E.) from Skibbereen; containing 901 inhabitants. This village, which derives its name from Castle-Townsend, the seat of Col. Townsend (*Colonel John Townsend [230]*), is situated on the north side of the harbour of Castlehaven, and consists of one long street, with a shorter one diverging from it, comprising 150 houses, which are mostly small but well built. It contains the custom-house for the port of Baltimore, and is a coast-guard station in the district of Skibbereen, and a constabulary police station. It occupies a gentle declivity, which descends to the bay, and is well adapted for an extensive trade, but has none, except a little in fish. The harbour, which is half a mile wide, is well sheltered, and vessels of 500 tons' burden can anchor within the haven. There is a ferry to the opposite parish of Myross, affording a ready communication with the village of Union-Hall, on the harbour of Glandore. The fine seat of Castle-Townsend was attacked, in 1690, by about 500 Irish troops in the interest of Jas. II., under young O'Driscoll, who were so warmly received by the proprietor and a garrison of 35 men, that in two assaults they lost 40 of their number, with their

commander and two other officers. It was attacked again, soon afterwards, by Mac Fineen O'Driscoll, at the head of 400 men, who, having slain five of its garrison of 30 dragoons compelled the rest to surrender. Col. Culliford subsequently retook the castle, after killing ten and capturing five of the Irish garrison. The elegant church of Castlehaven stands on a bold eminence above the village; and the parochial and infants' schools are also situated here. --See CASTLEHAVEN.

CASTLEHAVEN, a parish, in the East Division of the barony of WEST CARBERY, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, 4 1/2 miles (W.) from Skibbereen; containing 5619 inhabitants. This parish, anciently called *Glanbarrahane*, derived that name from a deep rocky glen dedicated to St. Barrahan, and its modern appellation from the castle that protected the haven. This parish is situated on the harbour of the same name, on the southern coast, and contains 10,421 statute acres, as apportioned under the tithe act, and valued at £6336 per annum. About two-thirds of the land are cultivated; the remainder is waste, consisting of high barren rocky ridges, or bog. Cultivation is principally performed by the spade, or the heavy old wooden plough. The harbour is more than half a mile in width, and is very secure and well sheltered: it is adapted for vessels drawing 10 feet of water, which can lie about a quarter of a mile above Reen Head, with the rocks called the Stags in sight. The coast here is bold and picturesque, with several small islands lying off it, the principal of which are Horse Island and one called Blackrock. The Stags are three very conspicuous rocks lying four miles (S. W. 1/2 W.) from the entrance of the harbour; and Toe head is a broad promontory, between which and Gokane point is a small but well sheltered bay. The principal seats are Castle Townsend, the residence of Col. Townsend (*Colonel John Townsend [230]*); Point House, of R. B. Townsend (*Richard Townsend [332]*), Esq.; Drishane, of T. Somerville*, Esq.; Smithville, of T. Townsend (*Thomas Townsend [319]*), Esq.; and Shepperton, of M. Townsend (*Jonas Morris Townsend [222]*), Esq. The living is a rectory and vicarage, in the diocese of Ross, and in the alternate patronage of the Crown and the Bishop: the tithes amount to £600. The church is a large and very handsome edifice, with a lofty square tower supported by buttresses and crowned with pinnacles: it stands in the demesne of Castle Townsend, and was built in 1827, of hewn fawn-coloured freestone obtained from the quarries on Horse Island, at an expense of £1500, of which £1250 was granted by the late Board of First Fruits, and £250 was contributed by Col. Townsend [230]. There is an elegant glebe-house, standing on a glebe of 15 acres. The male and female parochial schools are in Castle Townsend, and are aided by the rector and Col. Townsend [230]. An infants' school was established there in 1835, and is supported by subscription. There are also four hedge schools and a Sunday school in the parish. The ancient castle, the walls of which are still visible near the mouth of the harbour, was built by the O'Driscolls, and subsequently belonged to the family of Touchet, of which George Touchet, Lord Audley, who had been governor of Utrecht, and was wounded at Kinsale in 1602, was created Earl of Castlehaven, in 1616: this title was enjoyed through five generations, but became extinct in 1777. Not far distant from the castle are the remains of the old church of Glanbarrahane; and near it is a well, dedicated to St. Barrahan, still frequented.

* *Somerville connections here at Elizabeth [225], Henrietta [234], Jonas Morris [237], John [316] and Mary [506].*