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Liberator and Hero of Two Continents: Januarius Aloysius MacGahan (Concluded, from Vol. XXVII, No. 8)

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The Hero Returns Home

During the war, MacGahan had met Lieutenant Francis Vinton Greene, an American army officer, who was serving as military attaché to the U.S. legation at St. Petersburg. Greene traveled with the Russian army as an observer. A fast friendship developed between MacGahan and Greene. Greene became ill with typhus and was sent to Constantinople to recover. An already ailing MacGahan went to Constantinople to assist in the care of his friend. Greene recovered but MacGahan came down with the disease and died on June 9, 1878. Ambassadors, generals and fellow journalists attended his funeral, which was conducted by Dominican friars. MacGahan was buried in the Catholic cemetery at Feirkeni on the Asian bank of the Bosporus near Constantinople.

MacGahan's story did not end with his death. In 1884 Ohio Legislator Henry C. Greiner of Perry County sponsored a resolution petitioning the U.S. Secretary of the Navy to send a warship to Constantinople for the purpose of "conveying home the remains of Mr. J. A. MacGahan." Soon after, Greiner and a delegation of six senators and representatives from Ohio traveled to Washington to meet with Navy Secretary William Chandler. General Philip Sheridan met Chandler in New York, accompanied him back to Washington to meet with the Ohio delegation and gave his considerable support to the resolution. MacGahan's wife, Barbara, was also at the meeting with Chandler. The group found that Chandler was very supportive and willing to make the unique arrangements to return MacGahan's remains to the U.S.

The arrangements were as follows: the warship USS Quinnebang, already anchored off Constantinople, would take MacGahan's remains as far as Lisbon, Portugal, then transfer the sealed coffin to the USS Powhatan, which would then bring it to New York City.

On July 30, 1884 the *Powhatan* steamed from Lisbon Harbor bearing the remains of MacGahan and on August 26 arrived in New York. The coffin was transferred to a government yacht and transported to the Brooklyn Navy Yard. There to greet the yacht were MacGahan's wife Barbara, his brother Patrick, H. C. Greiner, Navy Secretary Chandler, Secretary of War Robert Todd Lincoln, and Navy Commander Winfield Scott Schley. Members of the New York Press Club escorted MacGahan's coffin to City Hall. The procession route was lined with thousands of mourners. The coffin, draped in an American flag, was taken to the Governor's Room of City Hall where it was viewed until late in the afternoon by hundreds of New Yorkers. It was then transported to Pennsylvania Station and placed on the express train for shipment to Columbus.

The coffin arrived in Columbus on August 27, 1884. A formal procession, mostly military, met the train at the Union Depot. The coffin was placed in a hearse and the procession moved down High Street to the Ohio State House where a memorial service was conducted. A prayer by Colonel Anderson was followed by a few remarks from Columbus Mayor Charles Walcutt on behalf of the city and from Governor George Hoadly for the State. The coffin then lay in state in the capitol rotunda, surrounded by a military guard of honor. All state offices were closed and the public was admitted for viewing.

The next day, the coffin was shipped to Zanesville, Ohio. MacGahan's brother, Patrick, and the members of the Ohio Legislative committee continued to accompany the body on its trip to Zanesville. A group that included members of the Hazlett Post of the G.A.R., the 17th Regiment Ohio National Guard, and representatives of the Zanesville Press Club received the casket. The casket was placed in a hearse drawn by four horses. It was taken to the rotunda of the Muskingum County court house were the remains were laid in state until the next morning, when the casket was transported to a vault at Calvary Cemetery until it was time to move the coffin for the last leg of the trip to Perry County.

On September10, 1884 the coffin was transported by train to New Lexington, where it was placed in the courthouse for public viewing. The next morning, shortly after 8:00 a.m., the coffin was transported to St. Rose Catholic Church where a Requiem Mass was offered. Attending these services were MacGahan's mother Esther, his brother Patrick, his wife Barbara, and his 10-year-old son Paul. A huge throng of people also attended (all standing room was occupied with thousands stood outside the church). A choir of Dominican friars provided the music for the Mass. Rt. Rev. John A. Watterson, Bishop of Columbus, delivered the Bishop Watterson referred to sermon. MacGahan as "The liberator of Bulgaria and the hero of two continents." The Bishop remarked on the responsibility that members of the press had to God and to the public. He elaborated on the power of the press and the need for the press to be guided by conscience in the exercise of that power. He mentioned that, in the quest for profits, the press often paid too little attention to the truth. He noted that MacGahan had been successful because he was "always truthful and conscientious in his work and never given to treachery, bias of opinion, or unreliable statements." The Bishop stated that MacGahan had been confirmed by Archbishop Purcell and remained a true Catholic unto his death. This commitment to his religion marked and guided MacGahan in his work.

The Catholic Columbian reported that the voice of Bishop Watterson "was one of grave sweetness with a lingering tone that penetrated and set the air vibrating to the utmost limits of the auditorium. There is not space to say half that presses to be said of this remarkable effort in church oratory." It was also noted by several reporters that the Bishop spoke the eloquent sermon without the use of notes. Regrettably, no shorthand copy of the sermon was made and no written copy of the sermon exists.

Following the Mass a procession to the cemetery was formed outside the church. As in Columbus, the procession was primarily composed of military units, military bands, and members of the press. The procession was reported to be over half a mile in length. Also included were the Governor of Ohio, other State officials and members of the General Assembly. Members of the press made up most of the pallbearers (James W. Newman, Ohio Secretary of State; Lecky Harper, Mt. Vernon Banner; James T. Irvine, Urbana Democrat; T. M. Gaumer, Zanesville Signal; C. N. Allen, Bellaire Democrat; and Samuel Flickenger, Cincinnati Enquirer; D. L. Bowersmith, Ohio State Journal; and Edward Davenport, Logan Republican).

It was an extremely hot day and a recent drought left the road to the cemetery very dusty. Because of the heat many choose not to walk the distance to the cemetery and a few of those who did became ill from the heat. At the gravesite Father Philip Meschenmoser, pastor of St. Rose parish, and Father Gerhard Hormisch, Chaplain of St. Aloysius Academy, performed the burial rite (they may have also been celebrants at the Mass). A banner suspended from an arch over the grave read, "Rest in Thy Native Land."

The graveside services being concluded, a program of speakers was begun. E. S. Colburn delivered a eulogy and Colonel W. A. Taylor read an original poem. An address by Judge Silas H. Wright of Lancaster followed and was described as being quite lengthy. General James M. Comly of Toledo was scheduled to deliver an address but was unable to do so due to ill health. According to some reports, the speeches at the cemetery were not well received by the crowd. This was likely due to the combination of the oppressive heat, the long walk to the cemetery, and the considerable length of the speeches.

Later that afternoon, Barbara MacGahan, her son Paul, Mrs. Esther MacGahan, and Patrick MacGahan received hundreds of visitors at the New Lexington home of John Ferguson, who was chairman of the organizing committee.

It was estimated that between 12,000 and 15,000 people were in attendance at the services in New Lexington that day. One of Ohio's heroes had been returned to his native soil. Further ceremonies, tributes, and monuments would



MacGahan statue in New Lexington (Photo by J. Michael Finn)

follow in New Lexington over the years. A statue of the correspondent was erected across from the New Lexington Court House. An annual commemoration ceremony is still held in New Lexington on the weekend closest to the correspondent's birthday.

In Bulgaria, a commemorative bust of MacGahan can be found in the village of Batak, and an annual Mass is offered in his memory in the ancient cathedral in Turnovo. Many of his writings have been translated into Bulgarian and several streets are named after him in Sofia and Plovdiv. Unfortunately, today, MacGahan's name is nearly forgotten in his home state of Ohio. His books are rapidly decaying in a few university libraries and you will likely not find his name on any listing of famous Ohio writers.

MacGahan, however, provided us with an excellent summary of his own life in a letter to his mother that was written on March 17, 1877. He wrote, "I have become rather famous since last summer, and have had more to do with the Eastern Question than ever I thought possible. I can safely say that I have done more to smash up the Turkish Empire than anybody else - except the Turkish Empire than anybody else - except the Turkish themselves. Besides this I have fought several pitched battles with the English government, and the English embassy at Constantinople. And come off victorious each time. You never thought I was such a desperate character, did you?"

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Perry County District Library, New Lexington, Ohio, Malissa Marolt, PR/Marketing (MacGahan photo)

Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Columbus, Cathedral Section C, Lot Records, 1867-1926

(Continued, from Vol. XVII, No. 6)

33-C north

p. 118, Mrs. Susan Ring, 1879 Oct. 6, half of lot 33. Graves: 1879 Oct. 6; 1881 Jan. 17 child.

(Father) Thomas F. Shannon 1874-1927

33-C south

p. 255, John Crenane, lot 33 south half. Sold.
p. 189, John-Creenan-Mr. Ellun [Mrs. Ellen?]
Naughten, 525 Grove St., 1880-Nov.-5, lot-33south-half. Grave: 1880-Nov.-5, lot-33south-half. Grave: 1899 Feb. 18 lot 33 south half. Graves: 1899 Feb.
18; 1899 Dec. 31; 1900 March 24; 1912 Dec.
7.

Margaret Fitzgerald, died Mar. 22, 1906 John T. Naughton, Sept. 14, 1867-Feb. 27, 1898 Peter Walter Hayden, Ohio Yeoman 2C, US Navy, World War I, April 4, 1897-April 18, 1947

34-C north

p. 110, Katie Ford. Daniel McAlister, Richmond, Ind., 1878 Sept. 17, lot 34 north half. Grave: 1878 Sept. 17. Sacred to the memory of Miss Katie Ford who departed this life Sep. 17, 1878

34-C south

p. 114, Patrick Donohoe, 1878 Sept. 18, lot 34 south half. Grave: 1878 Sept. 18. [All the preceding is crossed out.] Mary Cooney, 138
E. University St., 1898 Dec. 19, lot 34 south half. Graves: 1898 Dec. 19; 1900 July 11[?] child; 1910 May 24; 1910 Nov. 3. [no stones]

35-C north

p. 173, Henry Cassidy, 1879 May 7, lot 35 north half. Graves: 1879 April 17 [vault used prior to purchase of lot]; 1900 Nov. 21; 1905 Dec. 22. (Father) Ellijah Cassidy

(Mother) Dorothea Cassidy

35-C south

p. 174, Mrs. Marg't Hartigan, 480 Mt. Vernon Ave., 1879 May 17, lot 35 south half. 3 graves sold p. 422. Graves: 1879 Apr. 15 [vault used prior to purchase of lot]; [no year] June 29; 1903 Feb. 11.

p. 422, Mrs. Mary Brenn, Milo, O., 1901 June 15, 1/4 lot in 1/2 35 south. Grave: 1901 June 15.

Deborah V. Breen 1863+1959 Jeremiah Breen 1816-1901 Mary his wife 1834-1907

36-C east

p. 139, John O'Connor, 1882 Nov. 19, lot 36 east half. Graves: 1882 Nov. 19 (and removal of remains); 1889 July 6; 1889 July 27; 1885 Aug. 14 child; 1890 May 15; 1902 Dec. 12 child. [no stones]

36-C west

p. 110, John Mcguire, 1878 Dec. 10, lot 36
west half. Graves: 1878 Dec. 20 child; 1898
Jan. 8 child; 1902 Oct. 6; 1905 June 12; 1907
June 27; 1913 Sept. 29.
(Father) John McGuire born March 5, 1833 died
June 12, 1905
(Mother) Bridget McGuire born June 10, 1835 died
June 26, 1907
Emma, daughter of John & Bridget McGuire born
Feb. 10, 1872 died Dec. 20, 1955
(Brother) Thomas McGuire born Feb. 10, 1874
died Sept. 28, 1913
Mary wife of Thomas McGuire born Aug. 16, 1876
died Oct. 6, 1902

37-C south

p. 109, James M. Donahoe, 1878 Oct. 4, lot 37 south half. Graves: 1878 Oct. 4; 1889 Sept. 16. [no stones]

37-C north

p. 115, John Finneran, 1879 Apr. 26, lot 37
north half. Graves: 1879 Apr. 26; [no year]
Apr. 20; 1881 Feb. 13 child; [no year] Sept.
22; 1888 Aug. 1; 1891 Feb. 3. [no stones]

38-C

p. 174, Thomas E. Workman, 1879 May 8, lot
38. Graves: 1879 Apr. 5 [vault used prior to purchase of lot]; 1881 Aug. 16 child; 1883 July
4. [no stones]

39-C north

p. 106, William T. Johnson, 1878 June 16 lot 39 north half. Graves: 1878 June 16 child; 1891 Oct. 26 [or 20?]; 1895 Feb. 19; 1909 Sept. 11. [no stones]

39-C south

p. 108, John Crawford, 457 Denison Ave.,
1878 Aug. 10, lot 39 south half. Graves: 1878
Aug. 6 [use of vault prior to purchase of lot];
1900 Feb. 16 child; 1901 Sept. 8 child; 1901
Sept. 23; 1920 [or 1926] Sept. 8.
Ellen wife of John Crawford died Aug. 5, 1878

aged 57 years

William T. Miller, July 6, 1887-Sept. 4, 1971

40-C

p. 166, Mrs. Ellen Doran, 1877 [or 1876] Jan.
6, lot 40. Graves: 1877 [or 1876] Jan. 6; 1895
Sept. 19; 1901 Apr. 16; 1928 March 17.
(Husband) Jacob Stuber, born June 20, 1857 died
Apr. 16, 1901 May he r.i.p.
(Wife) Mary E. Stuber, born Oct. 13, 1862, died
Nov. 30, 1938 May she r.i.p.
(Brother) In memory of John Doran, died Jan. 6, 1876, aged 28 years r.i.p.
(Mother) In memory of Ellen wife of John Doran, died Sept. 18, 1895 aged 75 years r.i.p.
In memory of Elizabeth Toole, died Nov. 13, 1878
r.i.p.

41-C east

p. 60, Thomas Burns, 1876 Jan. 8, lot 41 east

half. Graves: 1885 Mar. 2; 1887 Sept. 1; 1911 May 22; 1918 July 1.

{In memory of Martin Burns died Dec. 25, 1882 aged 53 years

{In memory of Margaret Burns died Jan. 7, 1876 aged 70 years

{Thomas Burns died May 2, 1911 aged 75 years Bridget Burns 1842+1918 Native of Kiltown, Castlecomer Parish, County Kilkenny, Ireland

41-C west

p. 40, Michael Doyle, 1098 Summit St., 1876 March 23, lot 41 west half. Graves: 1876 March child; 1902 Feb. 4. [no stones]

42-C east

p. 35, Patrick Gleeson, 232 N. Fourth St.,
1875 May 11, lot 42 east half. Graves: 1878
March 19 child; [year?] April 22 child; 1879
Dec. 27 child; 1885 Jan. 15; 1886 May 2 child;
1903 May 5; 1906 Sept. 10; [year?] Jan. 20;
1911 Jan. 9. [no stones]

42-C west

p. 60, Mrs. Margaret Conway, Worthington, 1875 Jan. 23, lot 42 west half. Graves: 1875 Jan. 23; 1904 Aug. 24; 1913 Oct. 4; 1917 May 30.

Michael Conway 1858+1937

Delia L. Conway 1855+1913

Michael P. Conway born Kings Co., Ireland 1808-1875

Margaret T. his wife, born Tipperary Co. Ireland 1827-1904

CONWAY: Daniel 1852-1935 Martin 1847-1913

43-C south

p. 341, John Malone, -347-N--20th-st. 37

McMillen Ave., 1889 Oct. 7, lot 43 south half. Graves: 1889 Oct. 7; 1890 Feb. 9; 1891 Dec. 9 child; 1897 June 24; 1899 Dec. 29.

+ Joseph R. Malone Ohio Pvt 1 Gas Regt, World War I Oct. 12, 1893-May 20, 1947

Sarah Malone 1850-1917 Michael Malone 1860-1897

43-C north

p. 287, Patrick Kearney, 1882 Sept. 27, lot 43.
Grave: Oct. 27. [no payments listed] North half: see page 421.
p. 421, John McGinn, 226 East 3rd Ave., 1901 May 15, lot 43 north half. Graves: 1901 May 15; 1928 Apr. 13.
John McGinn, 1873-1918
Patrick McGinn, 1843-1917
Mary McGinn, 1845-1901
Herbert M. Buck, July 17, 1904-Apr. 13, 1928

44-C east

p. 304, Mr. McDonough, lot 44 east half. [no payments listed] [no stones]

44-C west

p. 36, Michael Sherridan, 1874 Sept. 10, lot 44 west half. Graves: 1881 July 13; 1887 April 2; 1910 Jan. 31; 1912 July 24.

(Father) Michael Sheridan died July 12, 1881 age 47 yrs.

(Mother) Mary Sheridan died Jan. 30, 1910 age 71 yrs.

(Father) Philip Sheridan 1862-1912 r.i.p. (Wife) Josephine Sheridan 1883+1938

45-C

p. 36, Cornelius Murphy, 1873 Aug. 11, lot 45.
Graves: 1886 March 16; 1887 May 16 child;
1890 Feb. 23; 1891 June 10 child; 1894 May
15; 1907 Apr. 29; 1910 March 6.
Catharine Murphy, born in Co. Kerry, Ireland died
Feb. 20, 1891, aged 65 yrs
Cornelius Murphy, born in Co. Kerry, Ireland died
May 15, 1894 aged 68 y 1 m 11 d.
(Father & Mother)
(Patrick Buland 1860-1935 (Brother)
(Nora Buland 1872-1932 (Sister)

(Born in Erin

46-C east

p. 61, Thomas Long, 1872 July 13, lot 46 east half. "1876 Whole family dead & none left to pay for 1/2 Lot." Mrs. Patrick O'Rourke, Central College, Franklin Co., 1891 Oct. 14, paid \$10.00 [partial payment toward the lot.]
p. 256, John Connell, lot 46 east half. "4 burrials" [no stones]

46-C west

p. 190 and p. 196, Michael Shea, 541 1/2 N.
High, 1872 Aug. 29, lot 46 west half. Graves:
1881 Apr. 26; 1899 Feb. 6; 1914 May 3.
Anne

Michael J. Shea born Sept. 12, 1863 died Feb. 5, 1899 aged 36 y. r.i.p.

47-C

p. 36, John Cummings, 1875 Feb. 25, lot 47.
Two graves sold to William Reardon. These 2 graves sold to Mrs. John Lundy [Vallelunga?].
Graves: 1904 May 24; 1913 Sept. 3; 1915
March 22; 1923 Feb. 20. This stone appears to be in the southeast corner of this lot:
(Mother) Mary A. Stine 1846+1918

47-C northwest

p. 510, Mrs. Jennie Valonge, 1918 1/6 lot 47 northwest corner transferred to her from Wm.
Reardon. Graves: 1913 Sept. 6; 1929 Dec. 4.
Giacinto Vallelunga, born Aug. 5, 1863 died Apr.
17, 1918. At rest. (Father)
(Mother) Giovanna his wife, born June 23, 1865 died Dec. 3, 1929. At rest.

48-C

p. 37, William Kelly, 1872 Sept. 22, half of lot
48. Graves: 1894 Nov. 17; 1894 Dec. 1; 1910
July 2.

p. 37, Catherine Kelly, 1872 Sept. 22, half of lot 48. Graves: 1904 Dec. 6; 1906 Apr. 18; 1910 Dec. 29. {Patrick Kelly

{His daughter Mary A. Brown, Dec. 25, 1848-Apr.
17, 1906
Hanorah Kelly, born in Co. Kerry, Ireland, died
Feb. 19, 1907
William Kelly, Co. D. 188 Ohio Inf.

49**-C**

p. 37, Dennis Quill, 1872 Jan. 18, lot 49. Graves: 1890 Apr. 16; 1904 Apr. 27; 1910 May 19. Etta Meeker Nov. 1, 1840-April 25, 1904 +Simon Quill

Sacred to the Memory of Mary Quill, died July 8, 1849 aged 79 years

This monument was cut and erected by Denis Quill in memory of his son Simon Quill who was born near the town of Ogdensburgh State of New York the 29th Day of Sept., 1840[?] and died in Columbus the 20th day of July 1860. [verse]

50-C east

p. 38, Mrs. Julia Butler, Bell St., 1872 Aug.
11, lot 50 east half. Graves: 1893 Sept. 18
child; 1894 Dec. 4 child; 1902 Aug. 2; 1907
Sept. 1; 1916 July 18.
+ Helen Burns, 1900-1916
In memory of Julia Butler died Dec. 5, 1878 in the
65th year of Her Age. May her soul r.i.p.

Kate B. Connors, 1846-1916

50-C west

p. 38, Bridget Brennan, 1872 July 2, lot 50
west half. Graves: 1876 Nov. 14; 1895 Jan. 1;
1898 June 1; 1899 March 17; 1905 Oct. 2.
+Martin Brennan, Native of C—, Co. Kilkenny,
Ireland, died July 21, 1851 [or 1854?], aged 33 y's
11 m's. May his soul rest in peace.

Negative of rubbing of his place of birth:



51-C east

p. 38, Maurice Higgins, 258 N. 6th St., 1872 March 29, lot 51 east half. Graves: 1880 June 19 child; 1897 Apr. 22; 1902 Oct. 9; 1910 June 20; 1921 March 14. [no stones]

51-C west

p. 80, Mrs. Mary Shea, 1872 May 6, lot 51
west half. Graves: 1907 Oct. 8; 1908 March 7.
This lot give up & refund made 2/20/39. Lot
resold to Joseph Saile. Vid. page 551-1.
p. 551, Joseph A. Saile, 261 Morrison Ave.,
1939 Feb. 20, six graves, west half of lot 51,
transferred from Mary Shea & refund made.
(Father) Joseph A. Saile 1869+1959
(Mother) Anna Doyle Saile 1870+1932
(Son) John J. Saile 1909+1938
(Daughter) Alice E. Saile 1902+1986

52-C

p. 223, William Birch, 847 Harrison Ave., 1872, lot 52. Graves: 1887 Apr. 3; 1902 Apr. 14; 1903 Apr. 30; 1905 Feb. 25; 1929 Oct. 7. Nellie Birch Spangler, 1872-1941 R.I.P. James Birch 1876-1932 R.I.P. {(Father & Mother) John A. Birch died Feb. 6, 1905 aged 36 y's {William Birch died April 29, 1903 aged 66 y's {Ellen Birch died April 13, 1902 aged 62 y's {Patrick Birch died Mar. 25, 1930 {James Birch died Mar. 25, 1932 John A. Birch, 1869+1905 (To be continued)

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