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John Butler

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John "Trick" Dougherty

Payne Dougherty
Dennis Dowling
John Dowling
Jno Downey
James Doyle
Michael Doyle
Michael "Red" Doyle

Dan Drumn
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Michael Duffy
Thomas Duffy
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Tim Gallagher-Pittsburgh

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Jno Garrity
Mike Garvey
Pat Garvey
William Gavin
James Gettings
John Gibbons
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Jno Grady Michael Grady Jno Graham Michael Graham Thomas Gribbons

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Barney Harvey Jno Hassett Charles Hayes James Heenan Mike Hester

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Daniel Kelly
Dave Kelly

David Kelly
Edward Kelly
John Kelly
Michael Kelly
James Kerrigan
M. Killcullen
James Killday
James Kinney
John Kinney
William Kirk

Manus Kull

Alexander "Aleck" Lafferty

Patrick Lafferty Roger Lafferty M. Lagan

Jno Lavelle- New York

Arthur Lavelle Ed Lawlor

Michael "Muff" Lawlor

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Jno Shovelin

Thomas Stephenson

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Pat McKennaHoutzdale
James BoranIreland
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Ireland to deliver messages. etc)
Jas. Campbell-Northumberland Co.
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- Co. Delegate-Peter McHugh 1874

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- Co. Treasurer-Chris Donnelly 73-76
- Co. Treasurer-James McAllister 76

THE RESULTS OF THE TRIALS

In All there were over 70 members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians arrested. Following is an example of the crimes they were convicted of doing:

Murder in first degree - 12

Murder in the second degree - 4

Accessory to murder - 4

Conspiracy to commit murder-16

Perjury - 6

Aiding and Abetting murder - 8

Assault with intent to kill - 1

Assault and battery - 1

Aiding the escape of a Murderer 1

Lesser charges - 17

OF THE A.O.H. A.K.A. "MOLLIE MAGUIRES"

Mauch Chunk June 21, 1877

Alexander Campbell
Michael J. Doyle
John "Yellow Jack" Donahue
Edward Kelly

Pottsville Jail June 21, 1877
James Boyle
James Carroll
Thomas Duffy
Hugh McGeehan
Thomas Munley
James Roarity

EXECUTED IN 1878

Dennis Donnelly Thomas Fisher Patrick Hester John Kehoe Peter McHugh Patrick Tully

EXECUTED IN 1879
Martin Bergin
James McDonnell
Peter McManus

The men listed above are known members of the A.O.H. in Schuylkill, Carbon, Columbia, Northumberland, Luzerne, Lackawanna, and surrounding areas or states. These individuals were identified by the Pinkerton Detective agency as "Mollie Maguires" or were mentioned in testimony given during the trials. This in no way is a complete listing of members, and none is known to exist. There are many listed who are not attached to a County or Division, simply because they moved from one location to another, following the work available. So consider this a mere sampling.

What led to this is an interesting story. To keep it briefs and to the point, we will start with the forming of the Board of Erin in Schuylkill County Pennsylvania.

The A.O.H. traces its origin back to Ireland and secret agrarian societies operated under a variety of names, i.e. Defenders, Whiteboys, Terry Alts, Ribbonmen, and Buckshots, to name a few.

With the large numbers of immigrant Irish miners coming into the Anthracite Coal Regions of Pennsylvania, it soon became obvious that the English, Scottish, and Welsh miners were discriminating against the Irish just as they did in the homeland.

At the time of the founding of the American Branch, a somewhat mysterious body, "The Emerald Board" coordinated the activities of" the Ribbonmen" in Ireland and Britain. In deed many of the signatories of the charter authorizing the New York, Pennsylvania and Colorado Irish immigrants to form divisions lived in England, Scotland and Ireland.

It is my opinion, after much research on the matter, that a known "Ribbonman" Jeremiah O'Reilly who lived in Cass Township Schuylkill County was the person who received the Schuylkill County Charter. He owned a hotel in Buck Run which, based on news articles found in the Miner's Journal from that time frame, was known to be a hang out for Irish miners. There were even reports that he would drive his carriage into Pottsville to pick up a Priest and take him to his hotel in Buck Run to say Mass. There are also reports of a group called the "Buckshots" parading the streets of Pottsville each St. Patrick's Day and the day usually ended up with a donnybrook.

Based on information gleaned by John O'Dea, Schuylkill County and Pottsville in particular, served as the American Headquarters of the American Branch of the Board of Erin. The national headquarters of the organization was moved To New York City in 1853.

For many years, the annual national convention was held in Pottsville. As the order grew in highly industrial

areas such as Philadelphia, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Pittsburgh and other areas across the state, as well as other states, It soon became evident that the number of delegates to conventions needed more room to expand. New York was the natural choice. Unfortunately, there was an eventual split within the Order and a dissident group broke away and renamed their Order the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The Board of Erin remained and a dissident group broke away and renamed their Order the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The Board of Erin remained for many years until the two merged again into one, The Ancient Order of Hibernians.

By 1855 there were divisions in Schuylkill, Luzerne, Lehigh, Columbia, Lackawanna, Northumberland and Carbon Counties. The first recorded representative from Pennsylvania to attend conventions in New York was a gentleman named Dougherty (no first name given) who attended national conventions from 1855-1868. There were also irregular annual conventions held in the Schuylkill Valley up to 1870. In that year the Irregular (State) convention was held in "Emerald Hall" Pittsburgh

The State President at the time of the "Mollie Maguire" tragedy was Captain John Gallagher of Pittsburgh who lost his presidency due to unrest in the Order from laxity of administration in dealing with the matter. Records of the trails and other literature clearly indicate that Capt. Gallagher spent a lot of time in Schuylkill County and spoke to a gathering of County Delegates, and in particular Jack Kehoe.

Few more terrible pages have ever been written in the history of our race that were written during the years from 1876-1879 in the Anthracite Coal Regions of Pennsylvania. There have been many conspiracies against the Liberty, the lives and the character of the Irish, but the conspirators had been unmasked by justice, and retribution had overtaken them.

The Irish working men in the Anthracite Coal Fields enacted once more amid a new scene, the story of the land where they were born. Here surrounded as in the old land by hostile races, they had to fight for mere existence. Maligned without influence, many of them illiterate, unrepresented in the law or on the administration of justice, they were driven to fight with their backs against the wall. Here the forces their fathers had defied in Ireland met them again with the old weapons of coercion and terrorism.

The Irish miners joined a union to attempt to equalize their fight with the Mine Owners. They went on strike after strike to improve working conditions. The result was the owners became more determined to drive the union out of business. After a strike that lasted six

months, they finally got their wish. Most of the miners were blackballed and turned to crime against the mine owners. There were fights as there are in all strikes. There was, through the instrumentality of a powerful corporation, the Philadelphia Coal and Iron, and an informer, James McParlan, some mine bosses killed, as there were other crimes committed. The members of the AOH were charged with the crimes and labeled "Mollie Maguires" by the Miners Journal editor Bannan. Past history shows that the "Mollies" were done in by McParlan and the Pinkerton Detective Agency, However, recent findings show that He never acted alone. He had two brothers working with him and at least three others AOH members who held high ranking positions also collaborated with the Coal And Iron Police and the Pinkerton's. Since they didn't testify in any of the trials, except James Kerrigan, one cannot assume that McParlan was aware of the other agents. Recently located minutes and records of the Pinkerton Detective agency show that many of the reports were signed by McParlan but the body of the report was by some less literate. The general thinking was that either Capt. Linden or other collaborators completed the reports and McParlan signed them.

In Ireland, the "Ribbonmen" of other days had the powerful aid of public opinion; but the poor "Mollie Maguire" once in the dock had no hope this side of the grave. The "Mollie" prisoner was condemned before his trial. The paid informer and perjurer, the secret tool so common in the courts of Ireland, stepped upon the scene in the Anthracite region, sending men to the scaffold and blackening the character of a race.

The "Mollie Maguires" were composed of young Irish laborers. They were uncouth and rough of course, and they were trained in a hard, cruel and bitter school. They knew they had to work long hours in exhausting labor to earn a mere pittance. They saw English, Scotch and Welsh miners made bosses, but never was an Irishman elevated to a place of profit or responsibility. Consequently we were forced to bear the burden of the headstrong course of the miner's union, miscalled the "Mollie Maguires".

Suffice it to say, the Irish Miners Union and the "Mollie Maguires" were destroyed a legal massacre of horrible extent - analogous to that military massacre which occurred in Dublin 1916. Twenty men were destroyed because they were Labor leaders, because they were hateful to the Coal operators - because they were Irish at a time and place where the passions of those who hated the Irish could only be sated by blood. A review of those executed will show that they executed just the body masters or County Delegates.

The result of the "Molly Maguires" scandal was an open assault on the reputation of the A.O.H. by the national press and the Roman Catholic Clergy. Archbishop Wood of Philadelphia openly condemned the A.O.H. and all secret societies, threatening ex-communication for all that remained a member. For a while following the hangings the membership declined dramatically.

Ironically, the order was almost destroyed by the very people they were pledged to protect, the Catholic priests. Father Daniel McDermott, a local pastor and vigorous opponent of the A.O.H. claimed in a letter in October 1874 that the connection between the "Mollie Maguire" and the A.O.H. was established as follows: "When it became impossible any longer to bear the odium of being called a Mollie Maguire, application was made to the state legislature for a charter for the A.O.H. After obtaining this charter, all the Mollies were metamorphosed into Hibernians and the association assumed the style and title of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The Mollies did not cease to be bad men. but they became Hibernians and ceased to be Mollies, somewhat after the manner that a wolf ceases to be a wolf after he dons the clothing of a sheep".

We were practically the only Irish American Catholic Organization in the coal regions, therefore, the Catholic Church was regarded by those who hated the church as sharing the shame from which a few of its members could not escape. The membership declined all over the state for a few years.

During the period of 1874-76, a total of 56 alleged "Mollies" were rounded up by a posse. A total of 20 men were hung, another 20, including women and children, were given prison time, at least 9 became informers to save their neck.

At the national convention in 1877, the counties of Schuylkill, Carbon, Columbia and Northumberland were expelled from the Order; Luzerne County barely overrode all attempts at expulsion. However, the banished counties were readmitted to membership in the A.O.H. in 1884.

The next 24 years saw an amazing recovery of the Pennsylvania A.O.H. By 1908 it had achieved the highest recorded total for any state in the history of the order. The total of 328 divisions and 27,321 members, both marks that will never be achieved again. What happened to our order is anyone's guess. The two world wars and the depression severely diminished the ranks.

In recent times, "Mock Trials" were held in Jim Thorpe (Mauch Chunk) and Pottsville. In both cases actual trial transcript were used. The only difference was the

prosecutors had to deal with current laws, a luxury the "Mollies" didn't have. Needless to say, both John Kehoe and Alex Campbell, were found innocent by a jury. Currently the family of James Roarity is considering the same course of action in an attempt to clear his name. It should also be noted that Governor Milton Shapp granted a posthumous pardon to all the executed "Mollies".

The many books written about the "Mollies" are being challenged as to their veracity by the ever-emerging information being made available. From recent findings it would appear that the wrong persons were hung for conspiracy. For many of the murders and crimes were done by individuals who were agents of Pinkerton. In all cases, the murderers walked away Scot free without as much as a slap on he wrist. Some went back to Ireland, others moved to Virginia or out west where McParlan in all probability employed their services when he was promoted to Denver Colorado. Remember that the 3rd Charter was sent to Colorado where many Irish were working the mines of the West. There he tried the same tactics on the gold and silver miners and nearly succeeded. Thanks to Clarence Darrow, McParlan was defeated in his attempts to destroy the Irish miners and the charges of Conspiracy were dropped in all cases. Darrow remarked after reading the Trial transcripts from Pennsylvania, that if he had defended the "Mollie Maguires" they would never have been executed. We'll never know!