

- 1908 A bellcote, chancel and vestry were added to St. Connell's Church of Ireland, **Ardara**. (Donegal County Council, *Record of Protected Structures*)
- * The **Conyngham Estate** was sold in October. Solicitors, P.M. Gallagher, Donegal and Ross Todd, Ballyshannon acted for the tenants and landlord respectively. Tributes were paid to J.H. Gallagher, B.L. of Ardlogher and P. Boyle D.C., Narin for the work they did in bringing this to a conclusion. Sporting rights were vested in the tenants subject to the existing lease held by Col. Hamilton of Mossville. Owenea fishing rights were retained by the landlord. Various categories of tenants were able to purchase their land at various rates, depending on their tenancy history. The Estate included the following townlands (in the spelling published at the time): Ballyeriston, Ballymackilduff, Beagh, Carn, Castlegoland, Dowros, Drumboghill, Kilclooneymore, Kilclooneybeg, Lackagh, Lackweir, Maas, Magherymore, Mullavea, Narin, Owenea Bridge, Rosbeg, Sandfield, Summy, Tullybeg, Tullymore and Tarlagh. Maas was the sole townland included from the parish of Glenties. The Marquess was paid £64,008 for his Glenties and Downstrands holdings. (*DJ*, October 14th; Meehan, Helen, (1999), *op. cit.*, p. 34)
 - * A 'Dr. Charles O'Neill' allegedly from Chicago appeared at Ardara Court accused of staying in local lodgings including the **Portnoo** Hotel, Mrs. Harkin's, **Rosbeg**, Mrs. Green's, Straboy and Watt's Public House in **Fintown** and absconding without payment. Acting-Sergeant Hunt of Clogher Barracks was credited with his capture. 'O'Neill' was remanded to Derry Jail to await trial at the Winter Assizes. (*DJ*, October 5th & 12th)
 - * **Glenties** Sports took place in October. Four bicycle races were held and a football match arranged between Glenties and Clooney on a field provided by John Molloy, The Hotel. The match was postponed due to bad light at half-time with the match scoreless and it was scheduled to be replayed. A Silver Cup was to be the prize for the winning team. P. McGinty from Donegal won the three open bicycle races, while Joseph McLoone of Glenties was successful in the local one. Less than five cyclists entered each event! (*DJ*, October 12th)
 - * The Inishkeel Co-Op Ltd. was established in **Fintown**. The **Glenties** branch opened in 1910. (Briody, Liam, *op. cit.*, pp. 252-253; photo in Boner, Patrick, *"The Story of the Cope"*, p. 592, 2009)
 - * Thady Campbell commenced his hosiery business in **Glenties**. (Briody, Liam, *op. cit.*, pp. 122-124)
 - * The 1908 **Downstrands** Horse Races on November 10th featured tug-of-war, bicycle races, high jump, long jump and foot races. The £8 first prize in the main horse race was won by the favourite, Mr. J. Orr's 'Red Hugh' carrying 11 stone. (*DJ*, October 28th, November 9th & November 16th)
 - * **Ardara** Horse Races were scheduled to take place in November on Loughros Strand, as in years gone by. Mr. McDonald, the local District Inspector in the R.I.C. presided at the meeting which made the decision. (*DJ*, November 16th) The Sunbeam, an 18-ton **Rosbeg** lugger carrying a cargo of ballast was wrecked on **Inishkeel Island** after breaking her moorings at Church Pool. (*Report of the Dept. of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland on the Sea and Inland Fisheries of Ireland for 1908*, p. xxxi)
 - * The **Portnoo** Pier Committee was appointed by Donegal County Council: Patrick Moore, Narin; Patrick Boyle D.C., Narin; Bernard McCole, Narin; Bryan McLoone, Lackagh; William Long, Lackagh; William Tennis, Lackagh. (*DJ*, November 25th)
- 1909 A February meeting of the tenants on Lord Conyngham's Estate whose holdings adjoin the Owenea from Glenties Bridge to Loughros Bar was held at the old silver mines, **Garrawort**, seeking concession of their sporting and fishing rights to the Owenea. Lord Conyngham had conceded sporting and fishing rights to the tenants in Downstrands, and in the Glenties portion of his estate, but he wanted to hold on to the Owenea's. (*DJ*, February 8th)
- * The first **Lettermacaward** Horse Races and Athletic Sports were held in February on **Cullion Strand**. A Grand Ball followed afterwards in J.L. Hanlon's Stores. (*DJ*, February 19th)
 - * The Tredennick estate at **Woodhill** was advertised as for sale by auction on March 1st by the Congested Districts Board, which had bought it two years earlier. It consisted of 18 acres and a seven-bedroom house built 22 years earlier. "The office-houses included the following: four stables, five cow-houses, coach house, harness rooms, washhouse, coal and turf houses, large hay and corn lofts, and corn store, all well-built and in a good state of repair. In garden, a greenhouse and seed and fruit store. In orchard, a two-roomed store house, also a two-storey dwelling house in good repair." Woodhill House was bought by the McNelis family and was later owned by the Campbell family in 1950. (*IT*, February 18th; *DJ*, February 19th; *DJ*, July 7th, 1950)
 - * An entertainment night including a play and concert was held in the Hibernian Hall, **Kilclooney** on St. Patrick's night. St. Conal's Dramatic Club staged Seamus McManus' play, 'Nabby Horren's Matching', the actors including Thomas McLoone, P. Boyle (Loughfad), P. McCole, James Moore, P. Moore and Miss B. Boyle. An Irish dancing ball followed the concert. (*DJ*, March 24th)
 - * The current **Gortnacart** N.S. replaced an older school located across the road on the site of Colvin Baskin's sheds. (www.gortnacartns.com/background; "S.N. Ghort na Ceartán", Dearcadh 2009)