



**Peter Robinson**  
1785 - 1838

# THE DOWNEYVILLE TIMES

## **EDITOR'S NOTE** **FROM THE DESK OF MOLLIE MALONE**

It's just before 1825. An Emigration notice has appeared in the Irish Times. Word is spreading quickly throughout the Blackwater Valley in County Cork and beyond. How many people will apply for this experimental scheme?



**Molly Malone**  
Statue, Dublin, Ireland

### **Upcoming:** **Peter Robinson Events**

- **New Year's Mass** Jan 1/25  
9 am
- **The Good Ol' Hockey Game- Ennismore vs Downeyville, at Ennismore Arena**  
**Sat. Jan 18th, 2025 at 7 p.m.**  
**tickets at the door.**
- **Outdoor fun for children**  
**Downeyville Hall**  
**Sunday, Feb 9th 1 - 4 p.m.**

For more information  
on upcoming events,  
follow us on Facebook, email  
us  
and/or watch for our posters

### **Downeyville Hall** **Events**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Progressive Euchre- Jan 3rd 7pm
  - Community Cafe - Jan 5th  
after Mass
  - Spaghetti dinner- Jan 12 5pm
  - St. Luke's - family photos  
January 14 - 18th
  - Trivia Night - Jan 31st 7pm
  - Community Cafe - Feb 2nd
  - Progressive Euchre-Feb 7th-7pm
  - Outdoor Fun Day for Children -  
Sunday Feb 9th 1 - 4 pm
- More info - Downeyville Hall  
on Facebook

### **'I AM OF IRELAND'**

When I was young, I was often asked if I was from Downeyville. It was an honest question since most of my friends and relatives were from Downeyville. However, my family lived in Lindsay. We went to school & church at St. Mary's in Lindsay; so we thought of ourselves as being from Lindsay.

Still, most, if not all of my great, great grandparents were Irish immigrants who settled in and around Downeyville. Half the people in Downeyville are related to me.

So, when asked if I was from Downeyville, I liked to say, "I'm not from Downeyville, but I'm **of** Downeyville".

In this year of celebrations for the 200th anniversary of the Peter Robinson Immigration, I think that we, the fourth, fifth and even sixth generations of Irish Canadians can truly say that we are not from Ireland, but we are Of Ireland.

by: Ed O'Connell



**"I am of Ireland,  
And the Holy Land of Ireland,  
And time runs on", cried she,  
"Come out of charity And dance with me in  
Ireland"**

**W.B. Yeats**

**Did you know ??**

There were two Peter Robinson Emigrations - one in 1823 and one in 1825. The 1823 people were settled in the Ottawa Valley and the 1825 people were settled in and around Downeyville (Emily Twp), Douro, Ennismore (The Gore of Emily), Asphodel, Marmora, Ops, Otonabee and Smith (including Young's Pt.)

**Everyone is Welcome - A Hundred Thousand Welcomes!**  
**Céad Míle Fáilte!**



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## A BIT OF BLARNEY

Irish blarney, also known as the “Irish bull” has been defined as the saying of a thing in an obscure way to make your meaning clearer than if you had put it in plain language.

I like living in Dublin because all my enemies are about and it’s very cosy. by: Brendan Behan

The best thing about family is that they are always there when you need them. The worst thing about family is that they are always there when you don’t need them.

by: Anonymous



### Local News & Announcements

The highly anticipated Downeyville Hall basement renovation is about to begin. The start date is mid-January. Ken Scully is the contractor.

Reminder to support your local businesses in 2025. Jilesen’s Garage, Brouwers Bake Shop (Hannah’s) and Kennedy’s Farm Market are well known. If you have a business in the GDA (Greater Downeyville Area), let us know.



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## POET’S & WRITER’S CORNER

### Some of Ireland’s famous poet’s & writers

- Johnathan Swift .....1667 - 1745
- Anthony Raftery .....1779 - 1835
- Abraham "Bram" Stoker ..... 1847 - 1912
- Oscar Wilde ..... 1854 - 1900
- George Bernard Shaw ..... 1856 - 1950
- William Butler Yeats ..... 1865 - 1939
- Sean O’Casey ..... 1880 - 1964
- James Joyce ..... 1882 - 1941



## THE GREAT DOWNEYVILLE IRISH CHALLENGE!

The Challenge: To find the most Irish person in the GDA. (**G**reater **D**owneyville **A**rea)

This is your chance to prove you’re the most IRISH of them all! How? This challenge is open to your interpretation and imagination, **BUT** .... you must provide proof.

- open to all in Downeyville & GDA
- open to everyone regardless of age, sex or nationality.
- The winner will be judged by a panel of their peers.
- The winner will be proclaimed the ‘Lord Mayor’ of Downeyville & GDA for 2025.
- The lucky winner will be presented with an Irish hat and a shillelagh and will be expected to cut ribbons and appear at certain functions in the bi-centennial year.



**• Come on ..... show us your IRISH!!**

*‘watch for details in the upcoming newsletters’*



See our future newsletters for articles on such things as Settler’s News, Poet’s & Writers, Irish Myths, & Legends, Downeyville & area History, a bit of Blarney *to be sure* and much more!

## YOUR STORIES



We would love to receive any relevant stories, quotes or poems to publish in future newsletters. Please keep them short as space is limited.

If you have anything to share, please send your submission to ..... **downeyvillesettlers@gmail.com** or call Leann @ 705-344-5232

Get Your Tickets at  
the Door - \$10

**COME OUT & CHEER FOR YOUR TEAM**  
**ENNISMORE ARENA JANUARY 18, 2025 7pm!**

**Team Downeyville**

- G #79 Lucas Connell
- D #27 Morgan Carroll
- D #16 Tom Carroll
- D #12 Will Webster
- D #44 Brett Winn
- F #22 Len Callaghan
- F #11 Ryan Herlihey
- F #10 Tim Herlihey
- F #9 Vince Herlihey
- F #19 Carter Lucas
- F #34 Cam Palmer
- F #7 Kevin Ray
- F #6 Luc Scully
- F #13 Pat Scully

Coaches  
Gerard Jilesen  
Steve Callaghan

**VS**



**Team Ennismore**

- G # 29 Luke Mahoney
- D # 5 Bryan Young
- D # 5 Jeff Braithwaite
- D # 61 Ian Murray
- D # 21 Tim Cavanagh
- D # 4 Eric Gifford
- D # 91 Greg Young
- F # 71 Ian Cummings
- F # 15 Troy Toms
- F # 7 Jay Mark
- F # 10 Nick Julian
- F # 5 John Crough
- F # 23 William Sullivan
- F # 11 Joe Young
- F # 99 Pat Young
- F # 44 Sean Courtney

**Commemoration Mass, January 1, 2025.**

On behalf of the Peter Robinson 200th Anniversary Committee, I would like to thank Father Oruebi for the insightful sermon which he gave at the Commemoration Mass, January 1st, 2025. Father persevered even though he was under the weather, truly an inspiration.

We would also like to thank Joan Herlihey for her original lyrics in the song dedicated to our ancestors, such a beautiful and heartfelt tune; one of courage, commitment and hope.

Downeyville is filled with so many people who calmly and quietly step in to help at all stages of our lives, the lessons taught by Ireland's own have endured to this day. Thank you all for being such a welcoming, friendly and helpful community.

Happy New Year to everyone. We look forward to a year filled with remembering our courageous settlers.

Mary Jane Connell,  
Chairperson



**Downeyville Calendar - January 2025**



These are direct descendants of John Morrissey 1808 - September 17, 1885, who came on the Star from Croom, Limerick to North 1/2 Lot 14, Con 9 Emily



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## WORD SEARCH

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