**Humble Beginnings**

**In the Irish uprising of 1848, the men were captured, tried and convicted of treason against Her Majesty, Queen Victoria. All were sentenced to death. Passionate protest from all over the world persuaded the Queen to commute the death sentences. The men were banished to Australia – as remote and full of prisoners as Russian Siberia. Years passed. In 1874 Queen Victoria learned that a Sir Charles Duffy who had been elected Prime Minister of Australia was the same Charles Duffy who had been banished 26 years earlier. She asked what had become of the other eight convicts. She learned that: Patrick Donahue became a Brigadier General in the United States Army. Morris Lyene became Attorney General for Australia. Michael Ireland succeeded Lyene as Attorney General. Thomas McGee became Minister of. Agriculture for Canada. Terrence McManus became a Brigadier General in the United States Army. Thomas Meagher was elected Governor of Montana. John Mitchell became a prominent New York politician and his son, John Purroy Mitchell, a famous Mayor of New York City. Richard O’Gorman became Governor of Newfoundland. *(Johnny Rocco, in Abundant Living magazine)***

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**August 19th, 2025 - air-conditioner *(L. M. Boyd)***

**August 12th, 2025 - Cheers *(Joe Garner, in Stay Tuned, p. 46)***

**August 5th, 2025 - Drive-In movie theater *(Lisa McLaughlin, in Time magazine)***

[**July 29th, 2025 - authors *(Dr. Neil A. Fiore, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.mondaymunchees.com/)

[**July 22nd, 2025 - outhouse *(Charles Reichblum, in Knowledge in a Nutshell, p. 20)***](http://www.mondaymunchees.com/)