

THE  
Life, Transactions, & Execution  
OF

THOMAS CONNOR AND

BELL M'MENEMY,

Who were Executed at Glasgow on the 22d of October, 1828  
for Assault and Robbery.

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A LIST OF ALL THE CRIMINALS  
WHO HAVE BEEN EXECUTED IN GLASGOW

*For the last 68 Years,*

With their Names and Crimes, and the place and time of their  
Suffering

*Being a very Curious and interesting Book.*

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EXECUTION, &c.

Glasgow, 22d October 1828.—This morning, THOMAS CONNOR & BELL M'MENEMY were Executed in front of the Court Houses, convicted at the last Assizes of the crime of Assault and Robbery.

It may be recollected that M'Menemy, on her trial, pleaded Guilty to the charge of decoying a Highland boatman of the name of M'Kinnou, to the banks of the Canal, near Port-Eglinton, on the morning of the 20th May last, to which place, Connor, by previous compact, followed, where, after cruelly mistreating their victim, and knocking him on the head with a stone, to the great effusion of his blood, they robbed him of forty shillings in silver, which the poor Highlander had secreted in the leg of one of his stockings.

Connor, who was 21 or 22 years of age, was born in the County of Tyrone, Ireland. The officers of justice describe him as being a bad boy ever since he was able to crawl, and that this should have been the case there is no wonder whatever, for his mother encouraged her son, even from his boyish days, in evil practices, and whenever he committed an act more character-

ized by dexterity and skilful depravity than another, he was sure to be rewarded by the caresses and applause of this most abandoned and most unnatural woman. Such being the footing on which this unfortunate young man was placed at home, it would be endless to relate all his petty depredations and misdeeds; suffice it to say, that he was some years ago banished forth from the County of Renfrew for stealing an anvil and a cart wheel from a smith in Mearns, but it was never known by what means he succeeded in making away with the anvil, as it would have required three men at least to have removed it to any considerable distance. At another period of his guilty career he was banished from Glasgow for theft; and on the 12th May, 1826, he was tried at the Circuit Court here for robbing a man of the sum of L.2 3s., but escaped by a verdict of Not Proven. The danger he had escaped was immediately forgot, and any slight impression which had been made by his long confinement—the ceremony and solemnity of the trial—and the doubts and uncertainty he felt regarding his fate, were speedily effaced by the derision with which his fears and his better feelings were always treated by his cruel and unrelenting parent—she goaded him on in his guilty and unreflecting career, until the commission of the deed which brought him to the gallows.

With this depraved young man, Bell M'Mc.

nemy, when she came to Scotland in the year 1621, got acquainted through the medium of another female, and shortly afterwards, with his mother. Previous to this period no crime was ever imputed to her, and she had been creditably and industriously employed at a Steam-loom Factory. From the day her friendship with Connor and his mother began, this unfortunate female herself dated all her wickedness, and all her misfortunes; she was hurried on from one crime to another with a rapidity which gave her no time for reflection; and she frequently acknowledged after her condemnation, that she had been guilty of many actions which, in her own apprehension, were as criminal as that for which she was about to suffer. She had been once in bridewell for stealing a watch. She was a good looking woman, about 23 years of age, fair complexion, with red hair, and also came from the county of Tyrone.

Since the condemnation of the unhappy prisoners, who were both Catholics, they were frequently visited by Bishop Scott, Messrs. M'Grigor and M'Donald, and altogether they behaved ed with much propriety, and listened to the religious advice of these gentlemen with seeming penitence, especially the female prisoner, who seemed to be, from the questions she asked, not only a sensible, but a shrewd young woman.

They were recommended to mercy by the Jury on account of their youth, and petitions were transmitted to the proper quarter for a commu-

ation of their sentence, but without effect, on learning which the female wept bitterly for some time.

Soon after 8 o'clock the unhappy culprits ascended the fatal scaffold, attended by the Rev. Gentlemen who visited them in their lonely cell. The female was dressed in a mourning cap, black bombazeen gown, white stockings, and Denmark satin shoes. Connor was also dressed in black. The apparatus of death having been finally adjusted, the prisoners shook hands, and after a short pause, Connor gave the signal, when the drop fell; and after a few struggles, they ceased to exist.

On account of the rare occurrence of the execution of a female, 85 years having elapsed since the last woman was executed here, the crowd was unusually great—not less than from 20 to 25,000. It was altogether a melancholy scene.

Soon after the bodies were taken down two body-snatchers made a bold attempt to get possession of the corpses, by calling at the prison and informing the officers that they had been sent by the friends to take away the bodies, but being discovered they took themselves off.

FINIS.

*Wm. Lament*  
*at*

# EXECUTIONS, &c.

THE following authentic List of Criminals who have been Executed at Glasgow, are taken from CLELAND'S ANNALS OF GLASGOW, and other official records. The particulars of the other Criminals are extracted from ARNOT'S CRIMINAL TRIALS, and must prove highly interesting to every intelligent Reader.

*Executed at the Howgatehead, where the Monkland Canal Basin is.*

	Date of Execution.
Hugh Bilstand, robbery	1765, July 10
Agnes Dougal, murder	1767, Nov. 4
Andrew Marshall, murder. (He was hung in chains)	1769, Oct. 25
Wm. Mitchell and Christopher Jordan, robbery	1778, Nov. 17
George M' Taggart, housebreaking and theft	1775, June 21
Robert Hislop, housebreaking and theft	1781, June 6

*Executed in the Castle-yard, where the Infirmary now stands.*

James Jacks, robbery	1784, July 7
Jas. and Wm. Brodie, and Jean Lindsay, house-breaking	1784, Nov. 3

Neil M'Lean, forgery	1788, June
David Steven, murder	1785, June
Thomas Vernon, robbery	1785, Nov.
James Spence, housebreaking and theft	1786, June 7
Elizabeth Paul, housebreaking and theft	1786, Oct. 25
John M'Aulay, Thomas Veitch and Thos. Gen- tles, robbery	1787, May 23

*Executed at the Cross.*

Walter M'Intosh, robbery	1788, Oct. 22
Wm. Scott, housebreaking and theft.—This Cri- minal was tried and condemned by the Sheriff	1788, Dec. 8
John Brown, forgery	1790, June 9
James Day, murder	1790, Oct. 20
James Plunkett, robbery	1792, Jan. 11
James Dick, murder	1792, May 16
Mortimer Collins, murder	1792, Nov. 7
Agnes White, murder, and James M'Keazie, rob- bery	1793, May 22
James M'Kean, murder	1797, Jan. 25
John M'Millan, murder	1798, May 16
Peter Gray, hamesucken	1800, May 28
William Cunningham, theft	1803, June 8
David Scott and Hugh Adamson, forgery	1805, June 5
Adam Cox, murder	1807, June 10
James Gilchrist, murder	1808, July 20
John Gordon M'Intosh and Geo. Stewart, house- breaking	1809, Nov. 8
James Ferguson, robbery	1813, May 26
William Mair and Wm. Mudie, robbery	1813, Nov. 17

*Executed in Front of the New Prison.*

Wm. Higgins and Thomas Harold, robbery	1814, Oct. 19
John Sherry, robbery	1815, Nov. 1
William M'Koy, forgery	1817, May 28
Eresbairn Whitehill, robbery, and Wm. M'Keel- nie and James M'Gormick, housebreaking and theft	1817, Oct. 29

Wm. Baird and Walter Blair, robbery	1818, June
Matthew Clydesdale, murder, and Simon Ross, housebreaking	1818, Nov.
Alex. Robertson, housebreaking and theft	1819, April
Rob. M'Kinnay, Hunter Guthrie, John Forbes, & Wm. Buchanan, housebreaking and theft	1819, Nov.
John Buchanan, murder	1819, Nov. 17
Richard Smith, housebreaking	1820, May 31
Jas. Wilson, treason (hanged and beheaded)	1820, Aug. 3
Daniel Grant, Peter Crosbie, John Connor, and Thos. M'Colgan, housebreaking and robbery	1820, Nov. 8
William Leonard Swan, forgery	1821, June 5
Malcolm M'Intyre, William Paterson, and James Lizer, housebreaking	1821, Oct. 24
William Campbell, housebreaking and theft	1822, May 29
Thomas Donnachy, do. do.	1822, June 5
John M'Donald & James Wilson, do. do.	1823, June 4
Francis Cain, robbery, & George Laidlaw, theft	1823, Oct. 29
David Wylie, housebreaking and theft	1823, Nov. 12
Wm. M'Teague, uttering forged notes	1824, May 19
John M'Creevie, housebreaking and theft	1824, June 2
William Divan, murder	1824, July 21
James Stevenson, highway robbery	1825, June 1
James Dollan, street robbery	1826, June 7
Andw. Stewart & Edward Kelly, street robbery	1826, Nov. 1
James Glen, murder	1827, Dec. 12
F. Connor & Bell M'Menemy, assault & robbery,	1828, Oct. 22

Thomas Atkenhead, for denying the Trinity, &c., was executed at the Gallowlee, on the 8th January, 1697.

John Ogilvie, a Catholic, was tried in 1615, before the Protestant Magistrates of Glasgow, for saying of Mass, &c. He was found guilty, and hanged that same afternoon! Such was the liberality of our Protestant ancestors.

#### FOR WITCHCRAFT.

Alison Pearson, was strangled and burned in May, 1588.

Janet Grant and Janet Clark, were burned in August, 1590.

The last person who was brought to the stake in Scotland, was condemned by Capt. David Ross, Sheriff-depute of Sutherland in 1722. The devil has never been seen in Scotland since.