

# Hennessy McMahon Considine Monument Association.

## "Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029"

Planning Department,  
Clare County Council,  
New Road,  
Ennis,  
Co. Clare.  
Postcode V95 DXP2.



22 March 2022.

Dear Sir/Madam,

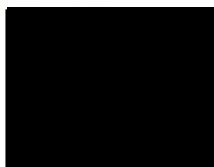
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The contact details of the personnel involved with this submission are listed below:

Signature:

  
Joe Considine



  
Joseph Daffy



  
Michael O'Rourke,



Yours sincerely,  
Hennessy McMahon Considine Monument Association

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A brief snapshot of the 3 individuals who were killed/executed.

### **Volunteer Joseph Considine**

Mid Clare Brigade

Killed in Action

Joseph Considine was born and educated in Clooney. His membership in the Volunteers began with the formation of the Clooney Company. He was an ardent and loyal supporter of the Volunteer Movement, and engaged in all the operations of the Clooney Company, during the Fight for Independence. In 1922 he joined the Active Service unit and was killed in Action in Dublin early 1922.

### **Volunteer Patrick Hennessy**

Clooney Company, 1st Battalion

Mid Clare Brigade

Executed in Limerick

A native of Clooney and educated in the Clooney National School, Paddy as he was best known to his comrades was an ardent sports lover since his early teens. His favourite game was "Hurling," and in his particular field he was outstanding, in addition to being a famous hurler he served as an Officer in the GAA Board. His initiation in the Volunteers began with the formation of the Clooney Company, where his record of IRA activities was most commendable, during the Black and Tan War. In 1922 he was attached to the Active Service Unit until his arrest. Soon after being arrested he was sentenced to death and executed in Limerick Prison. The death of this popular and well known man caused widespread regret among his comrades and sports lovers.

### **Cornelius McMahon**

Commandant, 1st Battalion, Mid Clare Brigade

Executed in Limerick.

A native of Clooney – He received his primary education in Clooney National School and later attended St. Flannan's College, Ennis. His membership in the Volunteers began in 1917, when he organized the Clooney Company of the 1st Batt. and later became Commandant of that Batt. Con, as he was called, was an active member of the Flying Column, and engaged in all the activities of that Batt. He participated in the disarming of the Soldiers in Ennis, and also in the capture of the RIC Barracks in Ruan.

Following the Truce in July 1921, he remained on the Republican side, and in 1922 he directed the activities of the Active Service Unit in that area until his arrest, which ultimately led to his Execution in Limerick Prison. The death of this very popular Officer caused intense grief among his comrades and friends.

Although the civil war may be classified as small in scale as a military contest (region of 1,300 fatalities), tragically it sowed the seed of bitterness and dissension of brother against brother, green against green and in a few cases of parishioner against clergy/church which unfortunately has prevailed for most of the past 100 years.

Nonetheless, we believe it is important to remember those who died in those troubled times irrespective of their political persuasion, motivations & affiliation. We are intent on the preservation of the Monument erected in Clooney Graveyard which is urgently in need of restoration works as it has significantly deteriorated over the past decades. We also are planning to mark the 100th Anniversary of their execution with an appropriate inscription which we envisage mounting onto the existing structure. Finally we are currently undertaking some research to establish the extent of their political involvement including the circumstances giving rise to their execution.

The immediate relations of the Hennessy McMahon Considine families are supportive of the memories of their deceased blood relations being preserved for future posterity and as an endorsement of this fact have voluntarily added their signatures to this request.

For and Behalf of:

**The Hennessy Family:**

NO DIRECT DESCENDENT LIVING IN IRELAND TO OUR KNOWLEDGE

Name	Relationship
<u>Franco Mc Lough</u>	<u>ADOPTIVE FAMILY</u>
Name	Relationship

**The McMahon Family:**

Name	Relationship
<u>Maura Walsh</u>	<u>GRAND-DAUGHTER</u>
Name	Relationship
<u>Maura Walsh</u>	<u>NIECE</u>
Name	Relationship

**The Considine Family:**

Name	Relationship
<u>Joe Considine</u>	<u>Nephew</u>
Name	Relationship
<u>J.J. Considine</u>	<u>Nephew</u>
Name	Relationship

**Dated: 22 March 2022.**