

Committed to the County Gaol.

John Halloran (*alias* Shawn Bawn), and Pat Halloran, for being of an armed party who robbed the house of Wm Leahy.¹

Limerick Assizes, Crown Court on Friday 13 July 1849

Patrick and John Halloran (*alias* Shawn Bawn), were charged with assaulting the dwelling house of Wm Leahy, at Templetea ², on 15 April.

William Leahy being sworn, said a party came to his house and broke the windows; they came to his bed and demanded his arms or money to purchase them; a voice outside the window said - "you can better afford to give a pound than any farmer in this county"; they then shoved witness back into a corner of the room with the butts of their guns; they put him on his knees until they would shoot him; they told him again to kneel down, and he did so, and one of them put a gun to his breast; the voice at the window again exclaimed, what are ye giving him, if I were inside, it is little talk I would hear; the other men then broke open a press; they took 6 and 4 pieces of bacon; cannot identify the prisoners.

John Connors identified the prisoner Patrick Halloran; he stated Father Walsh advised him to prosecute the prisoners, and that he was bound to tell the authorities.

James Mathews sworn – identified the prisoner John Halloran as being in the party.

Catherine Greany sworn - We called out of bed on the night of the attack to light a candle; saw the prisoner John Halloran among the party, and the prisoner Patrick Halloran.

His Lordship in charging the jury said - it was highly creditable to the clergyman who acting under a strong sense of his duty to God and to the country, charged the witness for concealing knowledge of the facts connected with the case, and told him he was bound to reveal to the proper authorities all he knew of the matter. This clergyman was the Rev. Mr Walsh, curate of that parish. The conduct he pursued was highly creditable to that rev gentleman.

Verdict - guilty.³

County Limerick, Rule of Court

John Halloran, Patrick Halloran, John Halloran jun, burglary and robbery, 7 years transportation.⁴

Patrick Halloran was transported per *Rodney 3* to Tasmania, departing from Queenstown on 24 November 1852. He received his ticket of leave on 13 June 1854 and conditional pardon on 5 June 1855.

¹ Limerick Chronicle, 06 June 1849, p2

² Probably Templeathea

³ Limerick Reporter, 17 July 1849, p1; Southern Reporter and Cork Commercial Courier, 17 July 1849, p3

⁴ Limerick Chronicle, 25 July 1849, p4