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Vassallo, Edwin P., A.S.C.E. - Civil Engineer & Politician - (1889-1941)

Born in 1889; educated at St. Peter's College and the Malta University where he obtained his degree of Civil Engineer in 1914; joined the Constitutional Party in 1921 and was elected member of the legislative assembly for the 7th District in 1921, 1924, 1927, and 1932. Was appointed Minister of Public Works in 1927-30. Retired from active politics in 1935 and was appointed Director & Manager of Allied Maltese Insurance Ltd. Died aged 52 years on November 11, 1941.

Vassallo Dr Gio Antonio, LL.D. - Professor of Italian & Latin Literature - Historian and Maltese writer - (1817-1868)

Born in Valletta on June 16, 1817; educated by private tutors; entered the Malta University on Jan. 8, 1839 and graduated in Laws on July 6, 1842; appointed Lecturer of Italian, Malta Lyceum on Sept. 18, 1850 in succession to Dr Carlo McCristoforo; Professor of Latin and Italian Literature, Malta University on December 28, 1863; published several works in Italian and Maltese; during the last years of his life he suffered from progressive mental aberrations, and died in his 51st year on March 28, 1868, and was buried in the Carmelite Church, Valletta. His chief work is "Storia di Malta" (1854). A complete list is included in his biography, by Achille Ferris.

Vassallo, Giuseppe, Ph.C. - Chemist - former politician - (1879-1953)

Born in 1879; obtained his warrant of pharmaceutical chemist at the Maltese University; elected member of the Council of Government on ²⁻¹¹⁻¹⁹¹⁷ ~~1915~~; owner of "Vassallo's Pharmacy" in Tower Road Sliema; died of heart failure at his residence in St. Juliano St., Sliema aged 74, on June 21, 1953, and was buried in the Addolorato Cemetery. Survived by his wife and three sons, Ugo, Silvio & Gino.

Vassallo Arthur V. - School-teacher & B.B.C. Maltese programme announcer - (1911-1950)

Born in 1911; educated at the Lyceum (1922-28); joined the Education Dept; appointed in charge of the Maltese section, B.B.C., London; killed

in a fire accident, at the Scripture Gift Mission Station, Victoria, London, following an explosion, on Monday, April 23, 1956, aged 45 years. Survived by his wife, four children, one step daughter; his brother Edwin, of the Malta Police, & his sister Sister M. Hilda of St. Joseph of the Apparition. Was the author of many poems in Maltese, some of which were collected in Postiforms under the name "Bell to L. V. G. Proddi".

Vassallo Mro. Emmanuele - brother of Mro. Paulino Vassallo, bandmaster of the 18th Regt. of Foot (Royal Irish Regt. later disbanded), died at Allahabad, India, on the 26th June 1921.

Vassallo Andre', C.E., F.R.I.B.A., L.S. & A. - civil engineer, P.W. Dept. - (1856-1928) Formerly a leading architect in the Public Works Dept., retired on pension died at the Blue Sadders Hospital, aged 72 years on January 21, 1928. Survived by his wife; his son, the Hon. Edwin P. Vassallo L.S. & A., Minister for Public Works, and a daughter married abroad.

Vassallo, Rev. M^r. Vincenzo, C.V.O., D.D. - Dean of the Cathedral - (1836-1920) Born in 1836; Dean Vassallo was "conspicuous for the interest he took in the Cathedral; a salient point in his character was his determination to effect a happy fusion between the English and Maltese elements of Malta, and much of the 'intente cordiale' in upper social circles was due to his ability, shrewdness and amiability combined. Successive Governors and Admirals were pleased to number Dean Vassallo among their personal friends, and his sterling worth and the position of character were his best recommendations and instrumental in his being presented to the late Majesty King Edward VII on the occasion of his last visit to Malta when the C.V.O. was conferred on him as a mark of royal favour." (R.M.C. 16/11/1920) Dean Vassallo died aged 84 years at his residence in Piazza Bastione, Mdina on Nov. 15, 1920, and was buried in the Cathedral. (See: Ingham: "What happened to the Sulpus" - (The White Lady of Verdala))

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Vassallo, Robert (1878 - 1935) - former Superintendent of Police.
 born in 1878, son of Mr. Peter P. Vassallo, Collector of Land Revenue
 and Carlotta, nee Carstani. Joined the Malta Police on Aug. 1, 1900.
 Sub Inspector, on Feb. 1, 1908; Inspector, Jan. 1, 1913; Superin-
 tendent on October 1, 1925; promoted on Nov. 4, 1930. Died at
 his summer residence in Murruscala at 10 p.m. on Sunday, 11th
 August 1935, aged 57 years, and was buried in the Adolorata
 Cemetery. Survived by his sons, Peter Paul Vassallo and Riccardo
 Vassallo, his daughters, Mary, wife of Mr. Joseph Bonnici of the
 G.I.C., and Miss Carmela Vassallo, and his two sisters.

Vassalli, Michele Antonio, (1764 - 1829) - The father of Maltese grammar.
 Born in Żebbuġ on the 5th March 1764, son of Gabriele Vassallo and
 Caterina Magro. In 1769, his father, a man of small independent means
 died, and his mother remarried in 1770 to Gaetano Mifsud, a peasant.
 Michele Antonio was intended for the priesthood and it is probable
 that he was educated at the seminary, Valletta where he attained
 four minor orders, but by his own admission, up to the age of 17
 he could only speak his native tongue. He went to Rome where
 he was in his early twenties, and in 1790 he published his first work
 "Alfabet Malti mfisra bi l-Malti u bi l-Latini" - printed by Felgosi
 in Rome, and a Maltese Grammar in Latin (1791) "Mysen
 Phoenico-Punicum sine Grammatica Maltese" also printed at
 his own expense in Rome by Antonio Felgosi. He appears to have
 remained in Rome up to 1794, during which time he acted
 Annually Professor of Oriental languages and possibly also taught
 French privately. On his return to Malta he petitioned the Grand
 Master for permission to open a public school and to teach Maltese
 reading and writing. The permission was granted but it is not known
 whether it was availed of. In 1796 he published his Maltese Vocabulary
 "Kliem għal Klijem Malti mfisra bi l-Latin u bi l-Latini" (Felgosi)
 In 1797 he joined the Jacobin Revolutionary Party in Malta
 a secret society formed with the intention of overthrowing the
 government of the Order and set up a French Republican Govt.

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and at the same time wrote a memorial suggesting the reforms which might enable the Order to survive the impending storm. The plot was betrayed by the father of one of the young men who had joined the secret party, and Vassalli, Barbara and others were arrested and imprisoned in Riccarto, while Barbara was exiled. Vassalli, after a short time was smuggled out of the island on a Greek vessel and disembarked at Palermo. He returned to Malta after the fall of the Order and in 1799 he was Adjutant in the Battalion of the National Guard. On September 25, 1799, he left Valletta together with about 200 other persons, seized, separated from the rest and imprisoned in the cells at San Antonio, where after 20 days he was removed to the stricter surveillance of the cells of the Corbe Capitanale, S. Maria, as a notorious Jacobin. On Sept. 10, 1800 he was sentenced to perpetual exile from the island and at the close of the year left for Tunis and lived in France until 1820 when he was allowed to return. A notice in the *Govt. Gazette* of 1st Nov. 1820 states that he gave favourable views in French at his residence, 347 St. S. Louis, Valletta. He received the patronage of the Hon. J. Hookham Frere, who appears to have used his influence to obtain him an appointment as Professor of Oriental Languages in the University. In May 1825 he prepared a new edition in Italian of the Maltese Grammar published in Latin in Rome in 1791, and in 1828 "*Wotti, Aforismi e Proverbi Maltesi*" dedicated to Frere. In 1823 he undertook the translation of the Gospels into Maltese on behalf of the "Church Missionary Society" in Malta. In 1828 Vassalli suffered severely from rheumatism and his mental faculties began to fail him; he undertook the translation of the Acts of the Apostles from August 1828 to January 1829, and was engaged on the work of collecting the proofs when he died at his humble residence in Pietà at 5 a.m. on January 12, 1829, aged 65 years, of dry gangrene. He was poorly shrouded and left his family quite destitute. Contrary to what is believed, Vassalli had not turned Protestant, but his civil marriage, not recognized by the Catholic Church caused him to be regarded as having died in concubinage, and he was refused burial in a Catholic burial ground, then the parish church. His friends and patrons, Frere and others, caused him to be buried at their own expense, decently, in one of the Hospice Protestant cemeteries, but no monument was erected over his grave and his exact burial place is unknown.

Vassallo Paolino — Maltese musician & composer — (1856-1923)

Born in Corrales on July 24, 1856⁺; studied music under Mr. Domenico Amore; in 1876 went to Paris where he completed his studies under Guiraud, Thomas, Gounod, Massenet and Saint Saëns. In Paris he was first violin and later director of orchestra at the Opéra Comique, and for some time directed the celebrated orchestra "Lamoureux". He was awarded the Grand Prix de Rome, but as the award was conditional on renouncing his British nationality, he was precluded from accepting it. He returned to Malta in 1888, bringing with him a strong current of modernity, in introducing classic music which up to that time was little known and frequented less. He founded a musical Academy which produced competent musicians. During the first years of his return, his Vassallo was occupied in the composition of dramatic music; in 1902 he was appointed Maestro di Cappella of the Cathedral and of St. John, succeeding his G. Vella, after which he was occupied mainly with the composition of sacred music, and introduced, — not without some opposition — the "modern spirit" of Pope Pius X on sacred music. (+ Son of Salvatore Vassallo & Vittoria Scicluna)

WORKS:

Amor Fatale — an opera which won the 1st prize at the International Music Congress Competition, London.

Libretto by Giorgio Bonet, on the theme of the tragic love and death of Francesca da Rimini — Performed with great success at the Royal Theatre, Malta, 3 May 1898.

Frazir — Opera — libretto by St. M. A. Refalo — Malta, Royal Theatre, March 1905.

Miss Edith Cavell — (posthumous) — St. Royal, Malta, 21 March 1932.

Some 40 symphonic works, including the overture "Ad Gloriam", which won the competition organized by the Society of Arts, Manufactures & Commerce of Malta, and was performed at the Milan Exhibition, 1906, under the direction of E. Panizza. Numerous pieces of sacred music which in-

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cluded 10 masses with full orchestra, and once a hundred hymns, Pupus, etc. Died aged 67 years on the 30 January 1923.

Vassallo Rev. Luigi - (1791-1837) - vicar of the parish of Rabat (Malta). He was a zealous ecclesiastic, and besides other charitable acts, rendered important services to his fellow creatures during the Plague of 1813. Died in Rabat, aged 46 years on the 22nd May 1837.

Vassallo, Francesco Saverio - (1862-1929) - Born in Valletta in 1862, ^{son} of Peter Paul Vassallo, Collector of Land Revenue and Costante Castani; employed on the clerical staff of H.M. Dockyard; during the 1st Great War was detached to Egypt as Assistant Naval Store Officer, Admiralty; died of heart-failure at his residence no 20th St. Paul's Buildings, Sta. Vetro, Valletta, aged 67 years at 7 pm. on August 8, 1929, and was buried in the Addolorata Cemetery. Survived by his widow, Emilia nee Gatt, niece of the late Lady Vandi; his son Walter Vassallo Gatt and his daughter Mary (later the wife of Edward Horini Knoll); his brothers and sisters; Major John T. Vassallo, (ex Alexandria City Police, ret.) Mrs R. L. B. Thompson; Superintendent of Police Robert Vassallo and Miss Henrietta Vassallo; and the sons of his sister, the late Camilla, wife of the late Hon. Edgar L. Bonavia C.M.G., Major Victor Bonavia R.A.M.C., India, and Walter Bonavia, Magistrate East Africa.

Vassallo, Rev. Fr. Carmelo del Bambino Gesù - (1853-1930) - Provincial of the Discalced Carmelite Order in Malta - Born on April 7, 1853, he entered the Carmelite Order in 1867, and two years later at the age of 16, he made his solemn profession. Eight years later, in 1877 he was ordained priest after a brilliantly successful theological course of studies; he occupied with distinction the offices of Master of Novices, Prior of both Carmelite houses in Malta, and Superior Provincial; examined in philosophy at the Malta University; examiner of the clergy

and synodical examiner in the Archdiocesan Curia; he was also Spiritual Director of all the Convents in Malta; he was then specially selected by Pope Pius X to hold the office of Superior of the Monastery of Mount Carmel in the Holy Land, - the first Maltese, and indeed the first British subject to hold this office, where he remained until 1914 when the outbreak of War compelled him to return to Malta. He was moreover a composer of church music of no mean attainments, and was one of the first and most prominent advocates of the enforcement of the "Mores Proprie" of Pope Pius X in Malta - which made for the purification of both liturgical music from all profane taint. On March 23, 1930, he was removed from the Mother House of the Carmelites in Corpicina to the monastery of the Order attached to the church of St. Alfonso de Liguori in Barchinara, where he died as he had always worked and prayed - on a Wednesday - the day dedicated to the great Patroness of his Order, Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Wednesday evening, the 2nd April 1930, five days short of his 47th birthday. Buried in the vault of the Carmelites in the old Maltese Country on Thursday, April 3, at sunset.

Survived by his cousins, M^r. G. Carmuna Mauro, S^r Ignazio Barbolo, M^r. Joseph Barbolo and M^r. R. Costanti M.D.

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Capt. Ingham, former A.R.C. relates ("What happened to the Empress") that Governor Mathew consulted Dean Vassallo on the legend of the ghost of the "White Lady of Mdina".

Mgr. Vassallo, who had been ailing for some time, died at 6.45 a.m. on the 15th November 1920, at his residence in Piazza Bastione, Mdina, aged 84 years, and was buried in the Cathedral.

Vassallo, John - (1862-1937) - former Registrar, Gozo Courts and Maltese author; he was a prominent member of the "Għaqda ta' l-Kittieba Malti" which achieved so much in co-ordinating and regulating the Maltese orthography which was officially recognized in 1936. He published several books in Maltese, including a grammar, and translations of foreign works. Died in Gozo on Wednesday, 26th May 1937, aged 75 years and was buried in Gozo. Survived by his brother, the Hon. Edwin P. Vassallo A.R.C.E., and his sister, the Contessa G.C. de Montegemolo, resident in Milan.

Vassallo, Giovanni - (1862-1937) - Maltese writer - born in 1862, he was a foundation member of the "Għaqda ta' l-Kittieba tal-Malti", and a member of the Gozo branch of the commission proposed at the first sitting of the Għaqda to submit a draft of the Maltese alphabet and the rules of orthography subsequently declared official. Died in Gozo aged 75 years on Wednesday, May 19, 1936. He was for many years prior to his retirement, Registrar of the Gozo Courts and was esteemed as an upright and honest man, who worked incessantly throughout his life to further the progress of Maltese writing.

His works include:

"Il Muftieq tal-Kitba Maltija" (1902)

"Ortografia Maltija" (1929); - "Il-Tieni Muftieq tal-Kitba Maltija" (1931); - "The Catechism of Maltese Orthography" - published in "The Teacher", 1932-33; Many articles in "Is-Sabih"

"Il-Habib", "Il-Malti", "Kittieq il-Malti" & "The Teacher";

Translations: "Rsin tax-Xwieni" and "Flora" from the French of A. de Kermainguy (1892); "Il-Maltese" - (Nos. 879 "Lotta tal-Mghodija tagh-zmien") (1900); "L'Imbocc il-Clus ta' Malti"

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translated from "The History of Philip II" by W.H. Pountney (1903);
 "Cassida" for "Il Principessa Charlotte da Toledo" - (nos. 36/37 - Colha
 tal-Mghodija ta'-Gruva) 1904.

Vassallo Salvatore - (1824-1899) - Jander - Born in Corpicina
 in 1824, son of Paolo Vassallo and Maria Antonia née Saliba
 kind of acute debility at his birth, to 15, the Marina Joveri
 la Wina, Valletta, aged 45 years on February 10, 1899, and was
 buried in the Church of the Minor Conventuals, Rabat, survived
 by his wife, Vittoria Leclercq, and his famous son, the composer
 Piero Vassallo.

Vassallo, Lt.Col. Saviour Michael, R.A.M.C. - (1891-1953) - Maltese
 surgeon and French medical adviser to the Sultan of Tangier.
 Born in 1891, he graduated in medicine at the Malta
 University in 1911; joined the R.A.M.C. in World War I and
 served in Egypt and the Dardanelles. He was torpedoed three
 times in a single day, and though hampered by heavy clothing,
 he saved another man from drowning. After the
 War he he served in the West Indies and Guyana until 1925
 when he was appointed medical adviser to the Sultan of
 Tangier, an appointment he held until the outbreak of
 the 2nd World War, in 1939 when he rejoined the R.A.M.C.,
 and served in Syria, Palestine and Egypt; after the war
 he was Senior Surgical Specialist at the Royal Albert Hospital,
 Woolwich, London. Died at his home in Epsom on Saturday
 night, July 25, 1953, aged 62 years.

He was awarded the King's Jubilee Medal, the Coronation Medal &
 the Order of the Brilliant Star of Tangier.

Vassallo, Dr. Cesare LL.D. - (1800-1882) - Musician and
 Librarian - Born in Valletta in 1800, son of Antonio Vassallo
 and Maddalena née Vassallo; graduated in Law but
 did not practice his profession; in 1838 he was Maestro di
 Cappella of St Paul Shipwreck, Valletta, succeeding

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Mrs. S. Galon, and was in turn succeeded by Mrs. V. Bugija when he was appointed Librarian on 1 January 1837; as Mrs. de Cappella the Vassallo composed various pieces of sacred music, many of execution, and often performed in Churches in Malta. As Librarian Mr Vassallo carried on Fran Bellanti's work, and also formed the nucleus of our archaeological museum. His works include:

- 1) "Guide to the Museum" (1872) - 1st published in Italian in 1874.
- 2) "Atti monumenti antichi nel gruppo di Malta," (1851) - 2nd edit, 1876.
- 3) "Catalogo dei Codici e dei manoscritti nella Biblioteca" (1856)
- 4) "Catalogo della Biblioteca de Malta" (400p) - 1857.

Mr Vassallo retired on pension in 1880 after a period of 41 years service; he died of old age at his residence in Valletta, Co. 196 Str. S. Ursula, at 4. a. m. on March 1st, 1882, aged 82 years and was buried at the Addolorata Cemetery where a marble slab over his grave, situated on the West side near the Church, recalls his name and fame. Survived by his wife, Caterina de Bugija and his children.

Vassallo Grant, William (1889-1962) - died at St. Luke's Hospital aged 73 years. Survived by his wife Laureta, his sons Reuben, Maurice, Edwin, Frankie, his married daughters May, Hilda, Wanda and Bice; and Brenda and Clare; his sisters Ines and Eileen, nephews and nieces.

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Vella Dr Emmanuele, M.D. - Government Anaesthetist, C.C.H. - (1884-1925).

Born in 1884; graduated B.D., Malta University; volunteered for service during 1st Great War; was anaesthetist to Colonel Sir Charles Barlowe, the eminent surgeon in the military hospitals, Malta; appointed government anaesthetist, Central Civil Hosp., Floriana; died aged 40 years at his residence, No. 53 Sta Ruka, Valletta on Thursday morning, February 12, 1925. Survived by his wife, a six year old child and other relatives among whom Mqg. Paul A. Vella, B.D., M.A.

Vella, Mrs Dolores, widow of the late the Hon. Tom Vella - a prominent member of the civil service and crown colony administration of the first 400 decades of the 20th century, and 'ex-officio' member of the Council of Government, died aged 62 years on Saturday, July 20, 1926, at her residence in Sta. St. Jorzi, Ghima. Survived by her son, the Joseph Vella M.D.

Vella Dr Giovanni, LL.D. - one of H.M. Judges - (? - 1839)

Began his legal career in 1805, and occupied several official posts; was appointed Co-Crown Advocate on April 1, 1825; appointed one of H.M. Judges on July 15, 1828; died suddenly of apoplexy during the night of Friday, 18th October 1839, after having on the morning of the same day attended to his duties in the Law Courts. His assiduity and indefatigable zeal with which he always discharged his duties was the esteem of his fellow countrymen.

Vella, Dr Paolo, LL.D. - one of H.M. Judges - (1810 - 1890)

Born in 1810; graduated in law at the Malta University; appointed Judge for the 2nd District on August 16, 1839; Magistrate of Judicial Police on July 1, 1859; appointed Judge on December 1, 1868 and sat in the Commercial and Criminal Courts where he carried out his duties with distinction; retired on pension in June 1889; died aged 80 years at his residence No. 129 Sta. Jorzi, Valletta on Monday, 15th September 1890

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VellaVella Tom. — Treasurer and Director of Contracts — (1849-1923)

Born in 1849; entered the Government service in December, 1865 and was appointed clerk on May 16, 1866; appointed deputy Collector of Customs (1st Class Clerk) in 1892; Deputy Portmaster 1896; Collector of Customs and Superintendent of Ports, September 1902; Portmaster General and Member of the Executive Council and Council of Government, 1905; Treasurer and Director of Contracts, 1911; retired on pension in 1914; died aged 74 years on Wednesday the 18th April, 1923.

Vella Mangion Mgr. Paolo — Doctor of Theology and Canonist — (1868-1929)

Born in 1868; a distinguished theologian and canonist; domestic prelate to His Holiness the Pope and Canon of the Cathedral Chapter; appointed Senator representing the Clergy in 1927 up to 26 Dec. 1928, when he resigned owing to the personal attacks of the Constitutionalists; died aged 61 years on April 22, 1929.

Vella, Prof. Mgr. Paolo Antonio, D.D., M.A. — Prof. of Latin, Lycium — (1869-1939)

Born in Valletta in 1869, son of Giuseppe Vella and Maria Anna nee Vella; graduated M.A. and Doctor of Divinity at the Malta University; appointed Professor of Latin on Jan. 1, 1902; and Chaplain to the Police Force; appointed Headmaster, Lycium; retired on pension in 1930; died of heart failure at his residence, no. 55 St. J. Paolo, Valletta on January 7, 1939 and was buried in the Addolorata Cemetery in Namt West. A.M. 24 on January 8.

Vella, Rev. Michelangelo — Maltese musician — (1715-1792)

Born in Coispina in 1715; established a music school which was patronized by many Knights and had among his pupils the future Masters di Cappella Burton and Magrin. Died in Coispina in 1792 and was buried in the parish Church there.

His musical works include:

Serenade (Cantata di Maggio) - 1740

Serenade . do. - 1746

'La Vittoria trionfante' - an extraordinary Cantata to celebrate
the raising to the papacy of Clement XIII - 1758.

Serenade - (Cantata) - 1761

In addition, he published in Paris in 1768, six "Sergetti" for violin
and six "quartetti" for three violins and bass; various sacred music
in "Requiem grand mass" - the psalms "Lactatus", "Misi" and "Lauda
Jerusalem."

Vella, Canon Mgr Antonio, D.D. - (1856-1920) - Canon of the Cathedral
Chapter and one of the best preachers and orators of his time
in Malta, died aged 64 years on October 1, 1920 and was buried
in the Cathedral.

Vella, Lt. Col. Alfred, O.B.E., R.M.A. (ret.) - Soldier and senator - (1862-1934)

Born in 1862; joined the R.M.F.A. and appointed lieutenant on May 16, 1883;
promoted captain, October 12, 1892; served in the Sudan in 1885, medal with
clasp and bronze star; adjutant to the Regiment, Feb. 14, 1896; Lt. Colonel
in command of the Regt. in 1915; was in command of the Malta Contingent
at the Coronation of King George V in 1911; retired from the command
of the R.M.A. in 1923; Senator (Constitutional) from 18-9-1929
to 31-3-1930; died aged 72 years, on October 30, 1934. Survived by
his widow, nee Pace, his sons and daughters.

Vella Alberto - Maltese musician, composer & conductor - (1866-1931)

Born on July 14, 1866; studied music under his father Giuseppe Vella.
Was appointed Master in chapel of several parish churches and
organist of the Church of St. Paul Shipwreck; and organist and
choir master, St. John's. He occupied a prominent position in the
local musical profession as a teacher of piano and composer of church
music. Died aged 65 years on July 29, 1931 in Sicily. Survived
by 3 sons and a daughter, and two brothers, Messrs. Luigi Vella and
Piero Paolo Vella.

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Vella, Rev. Padre Maestro Fortunato Agostino — (1776-1835) — of the Augustinian Order, and former Assistant General of the Order and Provincial of the Convents of Malta and Gozo, died in the 57 year of his age on the 27th May 1835.

Vella, Salvatore — (1857-1914) — Merchant — erected at his own expense a chapel in honour of the Sacred Heart, at Għadur, Gozo, for which he also provided the maintenance. Died in Għadur, aged 57 years on Sunday the 20th December 1914.

Vella, Francesco, C.M.G., (1835-1905) — Civil Servant, former Collector of Customs, and ex-officio Member of the Council of Government; entered the government service on 1 December 1851; appt. Collector of Customs on Jan. 1. 1856; retired on pension in 1903; died in Sliema, aged 70 years on Saturday, 11th November 1905 and was buried in the Addolorata Cemetery.

Vella, Emmanuel Benjamin — (1899-1946) Inspector of Elementary Schools and author. Born in Mosta in 1899, son of Clemente Vella and Carmela Azzopardi; entered the government service as a teacher in the Education Department, and was subsequently promoted Inspector of Elementary Schools. Died of acute leukaemia at his residence, no. 158(b) Main Street, Mosta, aged 47 years on the 2nd May 1946, and was buried in the Addolorata Cemetery. Survived by his parents and his wife, Priscilla ne Joutin.
Published several books on the history of Maltese villages.

Vella, Dr Filippo, M.D. — (1828-1890) — Medical Practitioner and former Superintendent of Corradino Prison. Born in Valletta in 1828, son of Emmanuel Vella and Elena Perini; graduated in Medicine at the Malta University; appt. Assistant Superintendent and Physician Corradino Civil Prisons on 1 December 1862; Superintendent on 13 October 1868, being succeeded on 1 Feb. 1871 by Major W. G. King-Manson; Died of heart failure at his residence no. 6 Strada

Sant' Elena, Buchara, aged 62 years, on the 28th July 1890 and was buried in the Addolorata Cemetery. Married Rosa Cacciatolo, who survived him.

Vella, Mro. Luigi - (1868-1950) - Maltese musician and composer. Born in Floriana on the 10th October 1868, son of Mrs. Giuseppe Vello. Studied music under the direction of his father, in Malta, and continued his studies in Naples. In 1887, at the age of 19 he gave his first concert, and was later awarded numerous medals and diplomas for his musical compositions, from Institutes in Naples, Catania and Bologna. During the years 1888 to 1903 he acted as substitute for his father as Maestro di Cappella and in other capacities; Band Master of the Prince of Wales Band, Vittoriosa (1905); teacher of piano in the Government Secondary School; Director and organist of the Municipal Institute of St James, in Valletta, (1887-1912); Maestro di Cappella of the Maggiore Basilica (1906); of the Carmelite Church, St Julian's (1912) was one of the founders of the "Chamber of Maltese Authors and Composers" of which he was also the secretary; was one of the promoters of the reform of Church music in Malta in accordance with the "Motu proprio" of Pope Pius X. wrote numerous pieces of sacred music which were performed in St. John Co-Cathedral, Masses, Vespers, Antiphones, Hymns, etc. for grand and small orchestras, among which a noteworthy Mass, which was performed with great success on June 15, 1907. His other compositions include:

"La dampada" - a profane oratorio, libretto by Ferdinando Fontana - Royal Theatre, Malta, 18 May 1918.

"Gioi d'oro" - a melodrama - libretto by Enrico Goliciani, which was never performed.

"La Notte Magica" - melodrama, libretto by Enrico Goliciani; not performed.

"Hymn and Prayer" - Royal Theatre, Malta, 20 Oct. 1917

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Mrs. Vella died at his residence, no. 147 St. Rudolf, St. Michael aged 81 years on March 15, 1950. Survived by his widow, Mrs. Maria Vella, and his sisters Marietta and Mrs. Evelyn Apap. Buried in the Addolorata Cemetery.

Vella, Rev. Michelangelo — (1715-1792) — Maltese musician and composer. Born in Cospicua in 1715; studied music in Malta and Naples, and became one of the best musicians of his time in Malta and a renowned teacher of music, having had among his pupils, Mrs. Burbi of Vittoriosa; Mrs. Magri of Cospicua, and more important, F. Asparadi and Nicolo' Secard.

His compositions, including sacred music, include

Astrea e Pallade - Cantata - 1740

La Virtù Trionfante - Cantata - libretto by Eufrazio Vrsantino. - 1741

La Giustizia di Nettuno e la Religione Giordaniense - Cantata - libretto by Francesco Cavallo. - 1746

La Virtù Trionfante - sung on the occasion of the election of Pope Clement XIII in 1758

Gli Applausi della Fama - Cantata - 1758 (?) +

Cantata di Calendimaggio - 1761

+ Note. In connection with this Cantata, there appears to be some confusion as to the date. In 1758, in fact, the Cantata di Calendimaggio was "Il Nuovo Oraggio" by Girolamo Sammartino, and it is very unlikely that two Cantatas of were performed on the same day in that year.

Vella Giuseppello (1827-1912) - Barrister - sea Captain and Musician - Born on July 18, 1827; he graduated in Law at the Malta University in November 1850, but chose another career to the exclusion of the Bar, being for some

time captain of a sailing vessel, and finally took up a musical career; he had studied music in Malta, under the Rev. Giuseppe Reichwand, and later in hepborn under hro. Bini. He was first appointed acting organist at St. John's Co. Cathedral during the illness of hro. K. Grech, and then definitely, in 1874. In the meantime he had been Maestro di Cappella of the Cathedral since 1860, helped during his old age by his sons Alberto, Luigi, and Paolo, until in 1902, he was grandly awarded a pension. He was also a well-known teacher of music, and composed various pieces of sacred music.

Died aged in his 84th year, at his residence, 2, Victoria Square, Sliema, on Thursday night 11th July 1912, and was buried at the Addolorata Cemetery on July 13.

Vella Alberto (1866-1931) - Maltese musician.

Born on July 17, 1866, son of hro. Giuseppe Vella. Studied music under the direction of his father and was appointed Maestro di Cappella of several important Churches, ^{and 149 organist of St. John's.} composed sacred music. Died in Sliema, aged 65 years on July 29, 1931. Survived by his three sons, a daughter + two brothers.

Vella Paolo (1873-) - Maltese musician and composer.

Born on February 9, 1873, son of hro. Giuseppe Vella hro.; studied music under his father's direction, together with his brothers, Alberto and Luigi, the three brothers keeping their father and substituting him as organist and Maestro di Cappella of the Cathedral and St. John's.

On September 23, 1898, hro. Paolo Vella was chosen from among 482 aspirants for the diploma of the 6th International Competition of Music at Catania. Co-founder and Treasurer of the Society of Maltese Authors and Composers. Published "Principi Fondamentali e Sembrifici della Musica" and composed: "Messa di Gloria"; "Schizzo sinfonico" - Malta, Royal Theatre, 26th December 1900; "Hymn", dedicated to the Orchestral Society S. Cecilia - Malta, Royal Theatre, 912; "Il Carbonaro" a comic opera; besides numerous piano pieces.

Vella Alexander — (1863-1934) — Teacher of Mathematics, Lyceum —
 Born in 1863; entered the government service on March 1, 1881
 as Teacher of Mathematics, Lyceum; promoted to higher grade on
 April 1, 1914; retired on pension on October 1, 1921. He was the son
 of Isidoro Luigi Vella, Major to Govt., and Agnes Anna. Died aged
 71 years, in Valletta on Aug. 13, 1934. Survived by his niece, Bice, wife of
 Prof. John Buge M.D. and Germana, wife of Mr. Robert Benigni.

Vella, Major Robert, B.A., M.D., R.M.A. (ret.) — (1871-1934) —
 military surgeon. Born in 1871; educated at St. Ignace
 College, St. Julian's, and the Malta University, where he graduated
 in medicine in 1895; commissioned Surgeon 2/Lt., R.M.R.M.;
 Captain, in 1900; entered the R.M.A. in 1901; Captain,
 1904; Major, 1913; retired on pension in 1921. Died
 in St. Julian's Bay, on Wednesday, 25th July 1934 at 4.30
 p.m., aged 63 years. Buried with full military honours
 at the Addolorata Cemetery at 5.45 pm on July 26.
 Survived by his widow and five children; his brother
 Lt. Col. G. Vella and his sister Mrs. Joseph.

Vella Carmelo — (1884-1947) — pensioner, former University
 Beadle — Born on 12th October 1884; appointed Cantabro,
 Malta University on 1 Oct. 1903; messenger, 1 May 1906; Beadle,
 on 1 April 1931. He was known by several generations of univer-
 sity students as "Spulitta" a name he disliked, and it was a
 standing joke to ask new students to call "Spulitta". Retired
 on pension on 11 October 1941, and died aged 63 years on the
 22nd February 1947.

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Vasconcellos, Luiz Mendez de. - Elected Grand Master on the 17th September 1622 - Portuguese - died on the 6th March 1623.

Van Straubenzee, Gen. Sir Charles T., G.C.B. - Governor of Malta - (1812 - 1892)
Born in 1812; saw service in Goolg, 1834; Maharajpore, Gwalior, 1843; commanded the British contingent in Greece in 1854-55; wounded in the assault on the Redan, Crimea, 1855; Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Malta from April 1872 to March 1876. Was Colonel of the Dorsetshire Regt. died aged 80 years at his residence in Bath on August 10, 1892. (Colonel, Dorsetshire Regt.)

Valenzia, Ercole J., L.P. - (1893-1954) - Legal Prosecutor - Secretary of the National Union of Seamen (Malta Branch) - Born in January 1893 and was educated at the Lyceum, Valletta and the Malta University where he took his B.A. of Legal Prosecutor in 1913; he took a great interest in the welfare of merchant seamen and worked hard to improve their working conditions; in 1919 he was appointed Secretary of the National Union of Seamen, Malta Branch, a post which he retained until his death; he took an active part in politics and was a member of the Constitutional Party; as a politician he was anything but popular with the electorate; and indeed there was something repellent about his personality. He contested the 5th district at the 1932 election obtaining only 264 first preference votes out of a quota of 1493 votes but was elected at the bye election caused by Lord Strickland's withdrawal of the VII district seat; he contested the 1st district in 1939 under the Macdonald Constitution, receiving 874 votes out of a quota of 2872 votes, but was returned at the 1940 bye election after the death of Lord Strickland; was appointed Regional Protection Officer during the 2nd World War; he served on several government boards; he was one of the founders of the Trade Union Council in Malta and was its first Hon. Secretary; he also served

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as hon. corresponding secretary of the Durran League; awarded the
Companion Medal in 1937. Died at St Luke's Hospital on
Wednesday, March 3, 1954, aged 61 years; survived by his
second wife, Patricia nee Borda; and the children by his first wife
Kenneth, John and Dorothy; his mother; his two, Dr Arthur
Valerian Esq., and aunts. Buried at the Addolorata.

Vadala, Comm. Rinaldo — (1886-1956) — Maltese businessman — a Chevalier
of the Légion d'Honneur; died at his residence in Stena on April 22,
1956, aged 70 years, and was buried at the Addolorata Cemetery.
Survived by his sister Ida.

Vadala, Chev. Raimiro — lately Consul for France at Corfu and previously
in the same capacity, at Bunkire, Bonahay and Samson. Died
at Corfu on November 13, 1946. Survived by his wife, Natalie;
his son Jacques; his three daughters, Mrs Yvonne Paris England, Mrs
Suzanne Stoddard of Montreal (formerly Mrs Tabone) Mrs Françoise
Vadala of Corfu; and his brother Comm. Rinaldo Vadala, and his
aunt Ida.

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Vilhens, Antonio Manoel de, - Elected Grand Master in 1722 - built the San Salvatore fortifications of Birgu; the Fort Manoel, and completed the building of the suburb now called Floriana; built the Theatre which bears his name, opened on Jan 19, 1732. Died aged 46 years on Dec. 12, 1736.

Vincenti Prof. Romeo, M.D. - Professor of Pathology - (1888-1952)

Born in 1888; graduated in Medicine at the Royal University; appointed Professor of Pathology in 1927; retired on reaching the age of 60 years, on the 7th October 1948; died of heart failure at his son's residence, Le Howard Street, St. James, aged 64 years, on April 19, 1954.

Vidal, Ruggiero - (1871-1917), well-known on the Maltese stage as a female impersonator in comedy parts, and one of the best actors of his time, died aged 46 years, on Sept. 5, 1917.

Vigo, Gaetano - (1859-1927) - haberdasher, with business premises in Kingway, Valletta; an old and respected resident, he came to Malta in about 1882, as a musician employed in the Royal Navy; he afterwards opened a hairdresser saloon in the Union Club, and later on was established as an outfitter in Kingway, opposite the same Club, where he enjoyed an exclusive English patronage. He married Eliza nee Nelson (who died aged 61 years on 7 Jan. 1926) by whom he had a daughter, Mary, who married Paolo de Rossi, and who died aged 30 years, at Segni, Italy, on Sept. 26, 1922; and a son George.

Died aged 68 years on Sat. 8th January 1927 at his residence in Kingway, Valletta. A kindly man and kind lover, he used to await the sellers of penny opium, buy them all and set them free.

Vigo George - (1893-1965) Born in Senglea in 1893, son of Gaetano Vigo and Elizabeth nee Nelson. He was educated at St. Ignatius College, St. Julian's. He married Maria

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Camilleri (1894-1954) daughter of Sr Vincenzo Camilleri MD and Catherine nee Dammatt, ^{on 28 April 1921} three years his junior. The marriage was disastrous, and in 1923 Mrs Maria Vigo left her husband and returned to live with her mother at Attard. On Tuesday morning, July 10, 1923, George Vigo drove to the house of his mother-in-law at Attard in search of his 25 year old wife. Not finding her at home he went in search of her and meeting her close to the entrance of San Antonio Gardens, he shot her with a revolver, the bullet entering the breast, just over the heart. George Vigo was immediately arrested and his wounded wife was conveyed to the Central Civil Hospital, Floriana, where she recovered under treatment. On Thursday, Oct. 4, 1923, George was tried by jury at the Criminal Court presided by Judge Dr Alfred Farrer acting Chief Justice, and Judges Dr Giuseppe Agius and Sr Luigi Camilleri, and charged with the attempted homicide & with inflicting grievous bodily harm of a permanent nature on his wife. The jury found him guilty in terms of the indictment by a unanimous verdict but recommended him strongly to the clemency of the Court, on account of the continuous dissensions and jealousy between the two parties and other peculiar circumstances. He was condemned to Penal Servitude for six years.

After his release from prison, ^{in 1926} George Vigo began enjoying life on high-powered cars, and on one occasion, almost caused the death of his father when the vehicle crashed on to the rocks at Salini Bay. After the death of his father (Mr Edwin Vigo died on Wed. 7th January 1920, at Sliema aged 61 years; Gaetano Vigo died at his residence in Tingway on Saturday evening, 8 Jan. 1924, ^{aged 68} while his only sister, Mrs Maria de Rossi died at Sgħri Mely, aged 30 years on Tuesday, 26th Sept. 1922, being survived by her husband Onesto & her sons Giorgetto and Mario) George Vigo was alone in the world. His only son was living with his mother, and later settled permanently in England.

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Von Brockdorff, Winifred - (1900-1953) - daughter of Prof. Robert Samut M.D. and Alice nee Kafala; Born in Valletta in 1900; married Charles von Brockdorff who predeceased her; employed in War. power Dept., 1943-45 and the Social Service Dept. after the closing of the former Dept. Victim of cancer of the breasts at the Blue Sisters Hospital aged 53 years on May 17, 1953 and was buried in the Adolorata Cemetery.

Von Jucher, Baroness Victoria, nee Macempel - widow of Baron von Jucher, Imperial German Consul in Malta in pre 1914 days, who returned to Malta after the War in 1920; she had been a prominent member of society in Malta and her name was invariably associated with committees formed with the object of promoting charitable activities; after her return to Malta she lived in retirement in her villa in Via Bonchitto, Rabat, intent only on charitable work. She died in Rabat, on Sunday morning, the 22nd February 1931, survived by her brother, Mr. Herman Macempel.

Von Brockdorff, Baron Edward - for many years the manager of the Anglo-Maltese Bank and Cashier of the Banco di Malta, died at his residence, No 63, Via S. Tommaso, Valletta on Monday the 2nd December 1918. Survived by his widow, three daughters and several sons.

Von Brockdorff, Major Ulrich, F.O.M.R. (ret.) - (1884-1938). Born in 1884, son of Baron Edward von Brockdorff, Manager, Anglo-Maltese Bank; joined the F.O.M.R. in 1902 and served in the Regiment until its disbandment in 1922. During 1st World War he volunteered for foreign service and served in Greece, Salonika and South Russia; on the re-establishment of the Regiment in 1931, he was appointed second in command to G.P.R. Worsall and helped in the reorganization of the Regt., until his retirement in July 1933, on reaching the age limit. In civil life, he began his career in the employ of Messrs. J. Agius (Malta) Ltd., and later joined the St. Pauls Petroleum Tanks Ltd.,

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being appointed Joint-Manager in January 1934, and retiring on account of ill health in December 1937. Died at his residence in Sliema at 3.30 a.m. on Friday, July 29, 1938, aged 57 years, and was buried with full military honours at the Addolorata Cemetery.

Survived by his widow, Ida ne Gatt, his son Edward, his daughter Eileen; his four brothers, Albert, Charles, Victor and Hugh, and three sisters, Mrs Casbonaro and the ladies Mary and Jetta von Brockdorff.

Von Brockdorff, Captain Hugh - Younger son of Baron Edward von Brockdorff; died at his residence in Sliema on September 15, 1956 and was buried at the Addolorata Cemetery. Survived by his wife Jolly, and his children Albert, Bernard, Marguerite, Patricia and Robert.

Von Kichen, Chev. Captain Ignatius - (1820? - 1887) - Consul General for Austria in Malta. He entered the Austrian Navy in 1836, and in 1840, as a cadet, he was on board the frigate "Everett" at the bombardment and capture of St. Jean d'Acre. In 1845, as lieutenant, he was present at the capture of Ancona and was decorated with the Pontifical Medal. In 1852 he was in command of the dispatch vessel "Seemowe" which he brought safely to port, and was decorated by the Austrian Emperor. In 1857 he was in command of the warship "Castor" on a visit to Constantinople when the Sultan conferred on him the Order of Medjidie. In 1854 he was in command of the corvette "Carolina" sent on a special mission to South America and on his return received the Order of the Iron Crown and the Star of the Order of the Rose. In 1859 he was present at the Blockade of Venice. In 1866 he was appointed Consul at Malta and in 1875 he received the rank of Nobleman of the Empire. In 1880 he was appointed Consul General. He died at his residence in Sliema on Tuesday, 22nd March 1887, and was buried at the Addolorata Cemetery.

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Ward, Matthew J., — (1784-1833) — The Malta Government Gazette in recording his death, wrote: "His general knowledge of the world and of letters, his cheerful disposition and social habits had endeared him to many friends since he first chose this Island for a residence, eleven years ago." Died at his home in Valletta after a protracted illness on Sunday, 31st November 1833, aged 49 years.

Waters, James — (18 — 1912) — Teacher of English, (Malta Lyceum.)

He joined the public service in the Education Department on Oct. 1, 1874 as a teacher in the Elementary Schools; by study and exact attention to his duties he attracted the notice of the head of his dept. and was selected at the end of 1883 to proceed for a special two-year course of training in England. On his return he was placed in charge of the Dija Elementary School, which appointment he held for nearly 13 years. On March 1, 1898 he was appointed teacher in the highest Elementary School in the department, the Valletta Model School, where he taught for over 8 years. In March 1904 he was appointed teacher of English at the Lyceum. Very few people in Malta were more widely known than Mr. James Waters. Right to the very end of his life, under the pain of a fatal illness, he crawled to his desk and taught up to the end of the second term when his classes were dismissed for the Easter holidays. He died at Balgans, on April 8, 1912, and it could be well said that he died at his post. Survived by his wife.

Warrington, Jane — (1904-1949) — Born in 1904, daughter of Edward Gonardo, merchant of Valletta, and Maria Bugija, legitimized Mrochka, the illegitimate daughter of Dr. Giovanni Muscarello and Carmela Bugija "Partigzera" a prostitute, who was legitimized at her marriage in 1903. Jane Gonardo married at the age of 19, Luigi Warrington, merchant, aged 25,

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on June 27, 1922; but in 1926 she left her husband to become the mistress of a common taxi-driver; this disgrace and heavy financial losses caused Edward Gaudin to commit suicide on March 22, 1927; in 1935 she became the mistress of Mr. Victor Bolin M.D., the former Nationalist Party Secretary, who abandoned his wife and children, blinded by his passion, and becoming more and more involved in financial difficulties, agreed in 1936 to supply the Italian Consul with military information in return for payment. He was discovered and tried in June 1936, being sentenced to 3 years imprisonment with hard labour; Jane Warrington then became the mistress of Robbie Camilleri Cuscuti, a widower and was faithful to him until his death, which occurred on September 11, 1949, at the age of 45 years, of cancer of the stomach, at the King George V. Hospital, Floriana; and was buried at the Addamatta Cemetery.

Walter, Brother - see Borg Coster, Walter.

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Wells George Thomas - (1863-1917) - First Grade Clerk, Chief
Construction's Office, Hon. Backyard; died at his residence, No. 33
Sta. L. Jofino, Lima, aged 54 years on Tuesday the 9th October
1917. Survived by his wife and five children

Water & Electricity - Manager.

- 1 - George C. Schinas - 1st appt. 2-11-1870; appt. Resident Engineer 1-12-1885 to 4-4-1888 (post abolished)
- 2 - Lucrezio Gatt C. G. - 1st appt. 22-3-1883; appt. Chief Engineer fr. 1-1-1897 to 15-2-1897.
- 3 - Charles Rapinot - 1st appt. 1-10-1853; appt. Supt. of Water Works & Electric Light Dept. on 1/31/1897. Post of Supt. abolished in 1901. (Branch P.W.D.)
- 4 - G. Montpalao De Piro - 1st appt. 1-6-1865; appt. Deputy Supt. P.W.D. and Chief Clerk W. & E. Branch 1-1-1896
- 5 - Raffaele Carmelo Angeli - 1st appt. 1-2-1888; appt. Chief Clerk W. & E. Branch on 4-8-1905. Retired in 1907.
- 6 - Federick Montpalao De Piro - 1st appt. 14-2-1891; Chief Clerk W. & E. Branch in 1908
- 7 - Lt. Col. Albert E. Wicallup S. S. C. - 1st appt. 15-4-1896; appt. Chief Clerk W. & E. Branch 6-8-1920; Assistant Manager in 1927 Manager of the separate Dept. in 1930; retired on pension on 1-7-1939.
- 8 - Lewis Borg Cardona - 1st appt as clerk 1-7-1903 (ret. earlier 1892/01).
appt. Manager W. & E. 1-7-1937; ret. on pension at the age of 59 (voluntarily) on 22-12-1942
- 9 - Arthur Montalvo A. C. E.
10. Anthony Galzow

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Wignacourt, Alopius de - Grand Master - elected on Feb. 10, 1601; built the aqueduct which bears his name, the water supply being opened on April 21, 1615; died aged 75 years, on Sept. 14, 1622

Wignacourt, Adrian de - Grand Master - elected on July 24, 1690; the chief event of his rule was the earthquake of January 1693 which shook the island and destroyed the Cathedral Church of Mdina. died on February 4th, 1697

Wizzini Paleologo, Conte Civ. Ignazio Francesco - (1674-1744) -

Born in Valletta in June 1674, son of Paolo Wizzini Paleologo and Eufemia Vella Moccabi; was appointed Captain of the Notabile Regiment and Commissioner of the hospitals, together with Count de Nussleode Gian Pius of Alenagre, in 1740. Received from the Roman Senate a most honourable diploma, where by he and his children, Cav. Don Giacinto, and Donna Diodora, Contessa Ciartara were recognized as true and royal descendants of the Imperial families Paleologo, Angello, Mascaris and Guca, and declaring all their descendants noble and patrician Romans. died aged 70 years on March 12, 1744 and was buried in the Church of the Carmelites in Valletta

Wirth, Dr. Joseph, M.D. - medical practitioner - (1882-1937)

Born in 1882, he graduated in medicine and was one of the medical students after the Messina Earthquake in 1908; he practiced for six years in Naples and for a further six years in London; on his return to Malta he established a large practice. Died aged 55 years in Valletta, May 30, 1937. Survived by his wife, nee Camilleri, his children, six girls and seven boys; his brothers Magistrate Francis Wirth, Paul, Dr. Edward Wirth M.D. of London, Charles, of Barclay's Bank, and Effie.

Wilton, John - for 23 years Cashier of the Anglo-Maltese Bank, died at his residence in St. Peter on Tuesday, July 2, 1833, and was buried in grave no. 136, Zone A (Zammit), Windsor Bastion Protestant Cemetery, Floriana

Wirth Dr. Francis ("Kikki"), LL.D. - (1886-1957) - Magistrate of Judicial Police (M.J.P.) - Born in St. Peter in 1886, son of Enrico Wirth and Elia me Weli (who marked his 100th birthday in April 1959); graduated in laws at the Malta University; appointed Magistrate of Judicial Police on the 25th March 1933; was in charge of "Seditious Propaganda" trial of the defendants Carmelo Calabro, John Falvo, Joseph Orlando Smith, Luigi Agrippa and Salvatore Pulis & Joseph Horace from April 22 to August 14, 1933. Magistrate Wirth finding all the accused guilty and convicting them but were pardoned by the Governor; pronounced in the 29th July 1946 on reaching the age limit of 60 years. Died at the St. Luke's Hospital aged 71 years, on December 4, 1957, and was buried at the Windsor Cemetery. Survived by his mother, wife, sons, daughters and brothers.

Wildie, Rev. George Lloyd - (1850-1883) - Died at St. Peter at 7 a.m. on September 27, 1883, aged 33 years.

Wilkie, Major General Hales - (1837-1891) i/c Infantry Brigade Malta. Born on January 27, 1837; appointed Ensign 99th Regt. of Foot in 1854; served in the Crimean campaign and the Indian Mutiny; appointed Major-General on March 27, 1886; office in command Infantry Brigade, Malta in January 1888. Died suddenly of apoplexy aged 54 years on Wednesday morning 23rd December 1891, and was buried at St. Braxia Cemetery. Survived by his wife Eleanor.

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Wood, Sir Alexander, C.M.G. — Chief Secretary to Government, Malta from 1814 to 1817, during the governorship of Sir Thomas Maitland; he then occupied administrative posts in other colonies and finally was appointed British Agent in the Ionian Islands. Died in England in 1847, the notice of his death appearing in the "Patriot" of 8 April 1847.

Worrall, Colonel P.R., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. — Came to Malta in 1927 with the Devonshire Regt. and was appointed to command the cadre of the V.D.M.R., and put up a scheme for a Territorial Battalion which was finally accepted, and the V.D.M.R. on the 3rd November 1931 as a Territorial Unit with headquarters in Lower St. Elmo, commanded by Col. Worrall until his retirement in July 1934, when he was appointed Honorary Colonel of the V.D.M.R. in this position he held until 1941. During most of his stay in Malta Col. Worrall was Island Commissioner of the Malta Boy Scouts; he had a distinguished military career and was an authority on the use of tanks in warfare, contributing the article on this subject in the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Died at his residence at Green Basset in Warwickshire on November 29, 1950.

Woodward Charles — formerly resident in Malta; died on September 25, 1951 in Halstead, Essex; survived by his mother Mrs. Amelia Woodward; his sisters Miss Mabel Woodward, Mrs R. J. Agnew, Mrs R. Godrich, Mrs C. Sealhaed.

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Wright Waller Rodwell - President of the Court of Appeal - author of "Horae Ionicae"; was British Consul for the republic of the seven Ionian islands from 1800 to 1804; on his return to England he became Recorder for Bury St. Edmunds; returned to Malta with Sir Thomas Maitland and appointed member of the Committee to draw up a new Commercial code of laws for Malta; appointed King's Assessor (or legal adviser) to Government on October 25, 1817, at a salary of £800 p.a. paid out of local funds; appointed President of the Court of Appeal on Jan. 1, 1819; founded the Harmonic Lodge of St. John and St. Paul.

Wright's library at Louisa was rifled by the French in 1804 and the materials he had collected for a work upon the Greek islands were scattered or destroyed. His reminiscences took the form of "Horae Ionicae" a poem descriptive of the Ionian islands and part of the adjacent coast of Greece (London - 1816. 8vo.)

He died in Malta on the 24th April 1826, and was buried in the Pietà Bastion Protestant cemetery, (Floriana)

Wylly, Lt. Col., C.B., late commanding H.M.'s 95th Regt., died in Valletta on Saturday, 10th November 1827.

Washington, Thomas Lowndes (1857-1915) - for many years the representative in Malta of the Wills Cold Stores. Born in Liverpool in 1857, son of Richard Washington of that city, he had been resident in Malta for a long time; in private life he had made of charity and well-doing a foremost concern, and he was extremely popular with all sections of the Maltese community. He was one of those who cooperated most heartily for the relief of the Maltese refugees from Tripoli after the outbreak of war. Died at his residence, no. 232 St. John's, Floriana, aged in his 58th year on Monday the 21st June 1915. Buried at Subtraxia Cemetery at 5.30 pm on Tuesday June 22. Survived by his widow, and his daughter Mrs Harvey George.

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White, Miss Mary Ann - (1812-1888) - died of bronchitis at "Rocklands"
Sta. U-torii, Ohiwa in her 76th year on the 17th January 1888

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Xuereb, Dr Lorenzo, LL.D. - one of H.M. Judges - (1808-1900)

Born in 1808, he graduated in law at the Malta University in 1833; he was appointed Fiscal Advocate to the Episcopal Court during the Bishopric of Sign. Pace Farnio; appointed Judge on the 26th March 1867, and sat in the Court of Civil Appeal in 1878; in two cases, his judgement, dissenting from that of the other two judges and embodied in a separate report, was confirmed by H.M. Privy Council (e.g. "Inverese di Beroni Suboras vs. Maria Sedunas d'Orines, decided by the Court of Appeal on April 3, 1885).

Died aged 92 years on October 9, 1900, having retired on pension in March 1892.

Xuereb Giovanni - (1833-1921) - former Registrar, Superior Courts, died aged 88 years on February 23, 1921

Xuereb Godfrey - (1907-1950) - Mathematics Master, Malta Lyceum; Born in 1907; educated at the Malta Lyceum; teacher of Mathematics, St. Pauls School, Vellotta, and later at the Lyceum; died of heart failure in St. Julian's Bay, while fixing an engine to his motor boat, on the afternoon of Thursday, August 20, 1950, aged 43 years. Married Alice nee Moore, by whom he had a daughter, Monica, and four sons, Gordon, Norman, Patrick and Brian, who survived him. The third of five brothers to die suddenly of heart failure in the prime of life, the surviving brothers being Dr Joseph Xuereb M.D. and Edgar Xuereb A.C.S.

Xuereb Fra Prospero - (1744-1830) - a Conventual Chaplain of the Order of St. John - a man of quiet understanding and extensive learning; he was an eminent professor of History and Church doctrine not only in Malta but also in the more prominent Italian cities; he distinguished himself as a preacher of the Order during Lent. Died

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aged 86 years in Birchweara, on Sunday, 14th February 1830. Such was the respect in which he was held by the inhabitants of this village, that they voluntarily undertook the charge of his funeral, which took place on the morning of February 5th with great solemnity in the parish church of St Helena in the presence of the Collegiate Dignitaries and the most respectable inhabitants of all the neighbouring casato.

Xvereb Leone - (1880-1951) - Civil pensioner, former Storekeeper, Charitable Institutions & M.H. Dept - Born on the 28th October 1880; entered the government service and was for a long time Storekeeper, Victoria Civil Hospital, Gozo, being transferred to the Santho Spirito Hospital, Malta, in the twenties. Married on October 25, 1908, Guccina Spiteri, twin daughter of the late Mr. Gregorio Spiteri and Maria Isabella Zammit. Retired from the service on pension on the 2nd July 1937; resided in Gozo after the destruction of Warr in 1940; returned to Malta on the appointment of his youngest son, the Rev. Carmelo Xvereb to the parish of Tarkala in 1943 and resided with him there. He spent the last years of his life helping his son in the construction of the new parish church of Tarkala. Died aged 71 years at the Blue Sisters Hospital, on the 30th March 1951, and was buried in the parish church, Qrendi.

Survived by his sons, Rev. Giuseppe Xvereb of the Franciscan Order, Dr. Peter Xvereb M.D., D.M.S. (Melilla); Rev. Carmelo Xvereb, parish priest Tarkala, and his daughters, Gissanna and Anne, a nun in the U.S.A.

Xvereb, Rev. Paolo, D.D. - (1844-1894) - parish priest of Mosta; elected member representing his district on the Council of Government in the Nationalist interests. Died aged 50 years on the 22nd December 1894.

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Xuereb, Rev. Fr. Michael M., O.P. — (1889-1955) — Maltese Dominican of the Valletta Convent, popularly known as "Patri Gidra" — died at St. Luke's Hospital, aged 66 years, on the 2nd February 1955, and was buried at the Addolorata Church. Surrounded by his brothers, Carmelo, Dominic, Emmanuel, Arthur and Pius; and his sisters, Virginia, Joan and Mary, wife of Albert Audibert.

Xuereb, Mrs Caterina, née Cerbino, wife of Mrs Benoit Xuereb, co-leader with St. Just. Mizzi of the Anti-Reformist movement died on Monday, 24th August 1885

Xuereb Benoit (1865-1892) patriot and politician Born at Pozzuoli in 1865, the family having left Malta in 1800, in his grandfather's days, when St. Giuseppe Xuereb evidently pro-French, left with the French troops and established himself in Naples. Benoit Xuereb was brought to Malta in 1867 and was educated here. A promising young man of great intellectual powers, he resigned his post with Government in order to be free to take part in the political movement of 1881 in the Nationalist cause and under the banner of St. Fortunato Mizzi. He resigned his second post in the Banco di Malta for the same reason and was then employed by Giuseppe Solleto as their buyer of Livorno. Died aged 27 years on August 892 and was buried in St. Paul's Church.

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Xerri Rev Michele - Professor of Philosophy and poetist - (1737-1799)

Born at Casal Zebbug on Sept. 29, 1734, younger son of Bartolomeo and Anna Xerri; retained priest in 1761, and went to Naples where he underwent a course of higher studies under Professor Guozzi; returned to Malta where he established a reputation as a man of letters and Professor of Mathematics, literature and history; opened a private school in Valletta, and his scholars later attained high positions in Church and State; appointed professor of mathematics by Bishop Dakini at the University and professor of Philosophy at the University by Grand Master de Loran. After the expulsion of the Order and the establishment of the French republican government in 1798 Professor Xerri meddled with politics and joined the secret plot fomented by the Corsican Col. Liguistio Lorenzi, who was a Russian secret agent. The conspirators plotted to seize Valletta, then besieged by the Maltese Insurgents on the night of January 11, 1799, but unfortunately a number of insurgents hidden in the Lazzaretto building on the shores of the sea were discovered by peace chains by some French officers returning to Fort Mandel and the State plot revealed. His fellow conspirators and former old student, Rev. Francesco Lacroix (Caruana) had insured his personal safety by a strategic retreat to Zebbug before the insurrection broke out in September 2, 1798. The majority of the inhabitants of Valletta were pro-French and out of sympathy with the conspirators of the country districts. Father Xerri and the ring-leaders of the plot in the city, Col. Lorenzi, were arrested and tried by Court Martial; both refused to reveal the names of their fellow conspirators - Father Xerri was made the offer of his life - and were condemned to death*. They were executed on Liberty Square (Pala Square) by a firing squad on the morning of January 7, 1799. His burial place is not known but is believed to have been the crypt of St. Paulius, Floriana.

* See "Conspirators of 1799"

Xerri Dr. Michelangelo, LL.D. - Magistrate of Judicial Police - (1874-1942)
 Born in Alexandria, Egypt on August 4, 1878, son of Robert Xerri and Gemma nee Weiss. Graduated in Law at the Malta University in August 1898; appointed Magistrate of Judicial Police, Gozo, on 1st May 1923; transferred to Malta on 16 Sept. 1925; Pensioned on 1st July 1937. Died aged 67 years, at his residence, no. 99 (now no. 108) High Street Sliema at 4.40 pm on the 27th January 1942. Buried in the Addolorata Cemetery on Jan. 28, in vault West. T.H. 3.

Married on 10th July 1902, Adelaide Pellegrini Petrit, (who was born on 15 June 1878), who survived him, by whom he had two daughters Mary (nee Giffard) and Minnie (b. 14/5/1909) (Cher. W. Camana) and four sons, St. Joseph Xerri M.D., Robert, of Cable Works, Rozario (b. 2/10/1911) and Edward (b. 1/8/1916) of the Civil Service.

Xerri, Rt. Rev. D. Giuseppe Bartolomeo, D.D., LL.D. - (1747-1821) - Archbishop of Tiane, and Archdeacon and first Dignitary of the Cathedral Church of Malta, died at Valletta in his 74th year on the morning of Wednesday, the 28th November 1821. According to his last wishes his corpse was transported privately to Astabile and deposited in St. Augustine's Church; on November 29 he was buried in the Cathedral after a funeral service attended by the Lt. Governor and his staff, the body being escorted to the Cathedral by 200 men from the 18th and 80th Foot Regts.

Xerri, Judge Sir Ralph C., G.C.M.G., LL.D. - (1745-1836) - former Valitore and Member of the Supreme Court of Justice. - The Malta Govt. Gazette, recording the passing away of this eminent Maltese citizen, wrote: "This venerable and much respected individual was the senior among the Maltese professors of law. He was a Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael & St. George; and Extraordinary Member of the Supreme Council of Justice. (Born in 1745 during the early years of the rule of Grand Master Pinto), Sir Ralph Xerri was admitted as an Advocate (in the Malta Bar) in the year 1766, and in 1776 was promoted

to the Bench, being appointed Civil Judge of First Instance in the Court of the Castellania. In 1778 he was raised to the situation of Uditore of the Segnatura, the duties of which he fulfilled for 19 years (1797) until the death of Grand Master de Rivas, being re-appointed to the same from 1800 to 1814, when by the (Napoleonic) suppression of the Segnatura, the office of Uditore was abolished, and he was appointed a Member of the Supreme Council of Justice, where he constantly discharged his duties until the end of 1826, at which period, he was permitted, in consequence of his advanced age (79 years) to retire, with the title of Extraordinary Member of the Supreme Council of Justice. On that occasion the late Marquis of Hastings recorded in a public notice, the high sense his Excellency entertained of the meritorious services of Sir Ralph Crispin Xerri during a period of upwards of 40 years in elevated judicial situations, the duties of which he discharged with morality and integrity, commanding universal applause.

This distinguished lawyer served likewise, during the government of the Order of St John of Jerusalem, in the several situations of Law Adviser to the Jurats of Utahide, Judge of the Simicallia, of the Prize Court and of other Tribunals then existing; and under the British Government first as the legal Adviser to the Congregazione of the Spedale di S. Pietro, of which institution he was afterwards appointed President. (23rd June 1819), and likewise as one of the Commissioners for inspecting the acts of Spedices, and a member of the Council of the University of Literature. Died in his 91st year after a long and painful illness on the 23rd February 1836 and was given a public funeral attended by all the Public Functionaries and Civil Servants.

Xerri, Rev. Serafino, O.F.M. (1863-1934) - Maltese missionary -
Died in Cairo on the 13th October 1934 aged 71 years - the
45th year of his religious profession and the 25th of

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his missionary work in Egypt, among the Maltese colonies of
Alexandria, Cairo, Port Said and Suez.

Xerri, Canon Goffredo, D.D. — (1837-1885) — Vice-General to Bishop
Siciliana. died aged 48 years in December 1885.

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Torrens, Lt. Gen. Sir Henry D'Oyley, K.C.B., KCMG - (1833-1889)

Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Malta, Born on the 28th February 1833, the son of the late Mr. H. W. Torrens of the Bengal Civil Service; educated at Rugby and entered the army in 1849; served in the Crimean Campaign as aide-de-camp to his uncle, the late Major General Sir Arthur Torrens (who was killed at Inkermann) and as deputy Assistant Quartermaster General at Headquarters; was present at the battles of Alma, Balaclava and Inkermann, where he was wounded, and at the siege of Sevastopol, for which services he was mentioned in despatches, granted the rank of brevet major, the medal and four clasps, the Turkish medal, the 5th class of the Medjidieh, and the Legion of Honour. He also served in the Indian Mutiny, including the relief and fall of Lucknow, the defeat of the Gwalior contingent at Cawnpore and the campaign in Oude; Assistant Adjutant General in Bengal from November 1858 to May 1864, and in January 1865 he was appointed in command of troops in Belfast district being subsequently transferred to Cork. In November 1865 he was in command of the troops at the Cape of Good Hope, and in 1868 was appointed Governor and Commander in Chief, Malta, assuming the post on the 28th September, in succession to Sir Duncan Sumner. During his brief governorship he came under the influence of the peaceful, Count Gerald Christland, and supported his policies which from the first clashed with those of the National Party under the leadership of Dr. Francesco Mizzzi which had greatly helped his rise to official power.

The news of his death was received in Malta by telegraph on Sunday evening, December 1, 1889. The malady he was suffering from must have had a very rapid course, and his death in his 56th year intensified the deep sympathy which was felt for Lady Torrens in her sad bereavement.

Sir Henry Torrens was honorary Colonel of the

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Royal Malta Militia in which he took great interest. All who knew him in Malta spoke in the highest terms of his kind-heartedness and courtesy. The funeral service was held at the Royal Military Chapel, Wellington Barracks on December 14, and he was buried at Brompton Cemetery, London. On the day of the funeral all public offices and places of amusement in Malta were kept closed, doors of clubs and business premises were kept half closed and flags were flown at half mast. At 11 o'clock a salute of 17 minute guns was fired by the Fleet and Saluting battery in the Grand Harbour.

His Army D'Byles Service was created CB in 1867; KC CB in June 1887 and K.C. M.G. in May 1889. In 1867 he married the daughter of the late Colonel De Butts R.E.

Taylor, Richard (1818-1868) - Journalist and one of the first writers in the Maltese language of any importance. In spite of his English name, Richard Taylor was a Maltese born, according to what he himself wrote in "Ighann" on the 28th March 1818 "in the city of Harabusa". This was in appellation of Cospicua before enscepship was abolished in 1857 in the same way as Valletta was called "Ikebigonda". According to the Birth Register kept in the Collegiate Church of Cospicua Taylor was born on the 25th March 1818. His father was Joseph Taylor, his mother Giovanna nel Farrugia and "Richard" was the second name given to him (Note: The child was not necessarily called by the first name shown on his birth certificate in those days. Thus the Rev. Gaetano Manraimo born in Valletta on the 1st September 1753 and baptized in the parish church of St Paul's Shipwreck was given the names: Giacomo, Tommaso, Gaetano and his parents chose to call him by his third name "Gaetano" - and by this name he is known to history.

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As a small child Richard Taylor had no use for books and learning but preferred to scamper up and down the steep roads of Cospius. He began his studies at the age of 9 years, when he told his father that he wished to become a priest. He was accordingly sent to the Bishop's seminary, but he changed his mind when he grew older and went to sea. He was away for only a short time and when he returned to Maltes he began his literary career. His first book was probably "Via Sagrat tal-Beatu Pietru Metastasio" written in Maltese and published in 1839 when Taylor was 20 years of age. In 1840 he published "Taghlim hafif ta' l-ghaqda l-gadima u l-gdida fuq il-kotba Mgadda g'hall ktiega tal-Mallin", a booklet of 58 pages. Shortly after this date (1840) Taylor lost both his parents who left him only a few small debts. He decided to emigrate to Egypt where he took up a job of scenery painter in a small theatre for a short time until he had to leave the country in a hurry on account of some affair with some women. Back in Malta, he opened a small tobacco shop, but this venture was also a failure which left him considerably poorer. He took up writing again and published "Taghlim tad-Deutkida" and "Turruelli". In 1842 he published "Il-Kieg tal-Genna" a book of proverbs of some 158 pages in prose and rhyme which went through several editions; that same year he published a translation of Giuseppe Valdesi's "Le Scoglio dell'Umanita" under the name "Lis-Stoll tal-Bniedem" a work which castigates Jesuitism & superstition. A second edition was published in 1851, the work consisting of 108 pages and an index, while the first edition of 1843 was of 130 pages besides an index. This work was republished in prose by Arturo Camana in 1901. "Lis-Stoll" caused Taylor a lot of trouble with his publisher & printer, Cumbo who demanded 130 scudi for his work while Taylor could only offer 100 scudi. The matter was taken to court and Taylor spent some time in the debtor's prison. When he was released, he married Carmela Triganza. Taylor was well versed in the English

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Italian, French and Latin languages, and he then took up teaching as a profession. In November 1844 he published "Grammatica Taljana għall-ktegor tal-Maltes" a book of 66 pages; he adopted the orthography of J. B. Falson. In August 1844, according to a notice which appeared in the "Malta Times" Taylor opened a school at his residence at no. 61 Ota Lucca tal-Lotta. This was a day school, and a night school for those who could not attend during the day. The fees charged were 2/6 per month. In 1845 - Taylor published a Maltese translation of St Edward Young's work under the title "Jurnal il-Hagg" divided into 3 cantos, of 120, 144 and 102 verses respectively. The subject is the "Last Judgement" That same year (1845) he also published a booklet of 8 pages, a devotional work on our Lady entitled "Consolatrix Afflictorum".

On Sunday, 22nd February 1846, the puritanical minded Governor Sir Patrick Stuart had prohibited the usual Carnival festivities. The result was a minor riot during which Mr Sedley, the head of the Police was hit on the head and after sunset, a police baton charge on the people still strolling in Palace Square which led to several arrests. Taylor published an illustrated booklet, "Il-Carnival ta' Malta ta' 1-1846", "Id-Despotizmu u l-Inqwestizzjoni ta' Malta mgħottija fil-Parlament (Ingliż, bil-hijena" and "Il-Lotta tal-Ingazari". On the 8th September 1846 Taylor began the publication of a humorous sheet called "Gibran". It was first published twice monthly but as it acquired popularity was later published on the 8th, 18th & 28th of each month, at a price of 2d. per copy.

Taylor indulged in other activities: when a new "teatino" was opened in Cospicua in February 1847, the first production was a farce by Taylor - but its name has been lost. The first "teatino" in the Cottonera area was the one opened in Birgu in August 1848, which was still active in 1856 when the farce "Borda car fabile" was performed

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Ximenes de Texada, Francesco - Elected Grand Master on Jan. 28, 1773; on the night of Sept. 9, 1775, the rebellion of the Priests, under the Rev. Galindo Manzanedo broke out, but was easily suppressed owing to lack of popular support, and the conspirators executed without trial in spite of the promise of immunity. Died on Nov. 9, 1775.

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At the "Casino della Societa Filantropica" in Cospicua, a musical programme was presented in 1856, which included a duet sung by Karunu Cammilleri and Signa. Viced, called "Xghandek Peppina", words by Cammilleri and music by Dono Domenico Quare,

In 1846 Taylor was living in Kalcara; a cartoon published in Gaban which showed the Devil roasting and feeding on human bodies, some of which represented people still living, was the cause of further trouble to Taylor. One of these was believed to represent the Rev. Lorenzo Vella who had just died. Taylor hotly refuted the allegation insisting that Vella had been a dear friend of his; but on the morning of September 8, 1847 Taylor was assaulted near the old market of Cospicua by two men who beat him up with sticks and fists. These were Luigi dei Conti Preziosi and Antonio Vella who insisted that they were defending the memory of the late Rev. Vella. They were charged in a police court when Preziosi was sentenced to 8 days imprisonment and fined 25 shillings and Guido received 6 days and a fine of 20 shillings. "Stenterello" in its issue of 1 Sept 1847 mentioned the assault on Gaban by Taylor. A rival paper "Flagell ta' Gaban" was also published. Taylor also published popular booklets in rhyme on the murder cases of Paula Agzopardi (1851) and Farrugia & Saliba (1853) on the occasion of their public execution. These booklets are of 16 pages and divided into 3 cantos. Taylor published two other papers "Al-Hatal" and "Al-Grassie" but Hugh Gatt was unable to trace any copies. During the years of the Crimean War in 1854-56 Taylor was in Constantinople, but the nature of his business is not known. In '86 Taylor tried to revive his old paper "Gaban" but without success on for a period during November 1860-62

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he published "Nafra u Kolombu".

Taylor was fond of his cups, and this failing almost caused his death in September 4, 1868, when crossing the drawbridge between Birgu and Cospua in a drunken condition, he tripped and fell into the ditch, escaping with minor injuries.

Richard Taylor was the first Maltese writer to attempt to translate Dante's Divine Comedy in Maltese. In 1864 he published "Il Monte Ugolini" which shows positively the true measure of the writer. His works were so popular that unscrupulous hacks did not hesitate to publish some of them over their own names, helped by the lack of any kind of protection, copyright. From 6 February to 16 April 1867 Taylor published a sheet called "K-Xitunij" In the issue of 6th April 1867 (No 7) of this paper, Taylor hit out at these hacks. His Tart work appears to be a sheet issued in 1867, called "Is-Sedug".

Richard Taylor died in the Central Civil Hospital, St. George's, on the 18th February 1868, aged 50 years, and was buried at the Public Civil Cemetery. At the time of his death he was a resident in Birgu, and his wife had predeceased him. His death certificate at the Public Registry describes his profession as "preettore".

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