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Mattia Preti - born in 1613 at Trapani
(Catalan) & studied art at Rome.

He was a brilliant swordsman and
at the instigation of Olimpio Borghese
Aldobrandini, Prince of Rossano
challenged & killed a German knight who
had insulted the Roman aristocracy.

He fled from Rome & escaped to
Civita Vecchia & Naples on a galley of
the Duke. Here he met the Grand Duke
Ferdinand de' Medici, ambassador to
Court of Naples. When de' Medici was elected
Grand Duke Preti was invited to
paint the vault of the dome. de' Medici
died soon after the painting was commenced
in 1662; the work continued under Raphael
Cibonnes & completed in 1675 under Michelangelo
Cibonnes. On 15 Sept. 1661 Mattia Preti was

admitted into the Order of St. Michael.
He died in the Convent on 3 Jan. 1699 aged
86 & was buried in St. John's near the Sacristy
(cf. V. Denaro - Melita Hist. Vol. 3. No. 3. pp 42/58)
From the holograph will dated 28 Dec. 1698

we learn that Preti owned two houses in Valletta:
the largest no. 10 St. Patrick St (i) and the other
in the next Baden. They were bequeathed as
follows -

(i) La casa grande dove io abito alla Signora
Cleria Loreti, vita sua devota, e dopo di lei
morte, voglio che detta casa vada alla Cappella
della M. di S. Hieronimo con obbligo che il Redon
notto Preti pro tempo esistente, faccia
celebrare tante messe ogni anno per l'anima
mia, e per le anime scande del Purgatorio, quanto
impedirà la rendita di detta casa.

(ii) la casa piccola situata al bastione vecchio
io notto diedero che lascio frena e libera
a Gioachino Loreti per lui e per li suoi figli
e erettori. I signi Preti della Chiesa di
Barletta ed il Canonico Fra Cristoforo Balbiani
(Mss. Arch. 931, Fasc. 28 Fol. 3, R.M.L.)

both houses were demolished after the road was
to make way for the construction of a square
& new building in the reconstructed St. Andrew's
area. The new square was named "Mattia
Preti square"

Janderson says that Preti, to escape the
Plague of 1677 left Valletta for Laibach
where he spent his time painting his masterpiece
"Bulleter" - Tues. 6 Oct. 1762. The two houses of Mattia

Note: Memorial in our 'Matria Preti' held at St. John's
 on 15.12.1962. The traditional grave facing the sacristy
 (see Seilhana) which opens to the side in the lower Defunctorum
 (No to the Chapel) was opened. The remains were examined by
 Prof. Buffetti who gave his opinion that they were of
 an old man & that they had not been preserved at all.

Circolo Ghar-id-Dud

They were placed in a small coffin made of Calabrian
 wood & reburied. This was done on the authority of High
 Colera w/o any govt interference. See E.H. Leopoldi

+ (Cross) on Sun. T. of M. of G. 5-5-1956

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Preti" by the Rev. Donato Tamant.

Note (1) The Mandragia shrine came
 under the post-war reconstruction
 work started in earnest after the
 restoration of self govt. in 1947 and
 the assumption of office of the Balba
 d'Albera Parley. The Minister for Works
 & Reconstruction in 1947-49 was the
 Hon. Don. Blinoff, A.C. who was determined
 to erase that blot on the fair name
 of Valletta and erect on the site a
 modern housing quarter worthy of the
 times. The demolition of the Preti house
 in St. Patrick's street came up for the
 approval of the Antiquities Committee.
 Chief Prof. Gallucci of the Roman House
 inquired was the only one who opposed
 the request while the other members
 agreed to, considered & approved in view
 that the area had suffered heavy damage
 and the modern housing project could
 not be delayed by outmoded sentimentalism.
 When the Committee approved the request,
 Chief Gallucci left the room and sent
 in his resignation at the same time to
 the Chair man. Father (B. J. Thomas)
 who told me this needed he was at that
 time still on the Committee as which he had
 been appointed by the Duke administration in
 1938? He was left out in 1952 by Borg Oroschi's
 govt, re-admitted in 1956 at my request
 to Agatha Barbara, Minister of Education,
 and dropped out again in Jan. 1957,
 as part of the hidden campaign against me
 by Haroldi & Illeggeri with the help of
 Fr. Eral Meares, & possibly also Agatha
 Barbara herself.

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"The Times" - born Oct 5 - 1964

Dobbin - on the 3rd Oct. 1964, away peacefully at home, 89 Colchester Court S.W. 5. Attended funeral at St. William Dobbin G.C.M.G. K.C.B. D.S.O. much loved father & grandfather.

"His Mother wasn't willing that he should be so far from her any longer"

Funeral at Charlton Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Thurs. 8th Oct. Flowers to Francis Chappell, 5 Thomas Street, Westwich S.E. 18 details of funeral service will be announced later

Born at Madras on July 12, 1879 the son of W.H. Dobbin C.I.E., an Indian Civil Servant who became Accountant General of the Madras Presidency. Educated at Cheltenham as classical scholar & R.M.D. Acad. Woodbridge Conn. in R.F. in Aug 1899

sent to India by Gen. - later the then C.I.S. in April 1940 when they met at Lucknow the United Service Club India. Before was hopelessly inadequate and at subject D. had only 5 weak battalions, 16 short tons a.c. guns & 4 out of date fighters. So encourage him to send him a telegram

"Dearest young Chap. 5. June 22"

He was relieved by Lord Gort after the Long March had worn him down. He was not bitter & connected to the Dir. of Military Operations "I could have stayed perfectly well, but Churchill who described him as a Cromwellian figure died with deep regret to Birmingham house when he was decorated by the King with the G.C.M.G.

Louis E Garado (1901-1966) - died Blues aged 65. Wed. 26/10/66
Funeral Addr. 9 am. Rd. 28/10. - Survived by wife Lena his 4th child
Father + Sister. - - - - - Under Order of Service 19/8-21. illus: P. Salomon.
Mrs. Caruana Dwyer Franky Brunell - R. Christiana - Pres for Barbara

Ident son of hij Alf. W. Lando RMA. net (1891-54)

Was net before 1954.

Dimech emigrated to Tunis only four days after his release.

On reading his trial I was convinced that Emanuel Dimech was framed up on January 5, 1891.

At the trial in April 1891 he defended himself.

The paper "Il Bandiera tal-Maltn" was first issued on January 3, 1898 - 1905 and from June 1911 to 23 August 1914 when he was arrested on the 30th August.

Dimech was exiled without any trial on the 5th September 1914 and died at Sidi Bishr Alexandria, Egypt on the 17 April 1921, in the Indian Kamp Hospital.

(See X' Garraġ-Manwel Dimech by Ser. Azzopardi)

General Thomas Graham, Lord Lynedoch

Born in Perthshire on Oct. 19, 1748, on the family estates at Balgowan, by the Almond; son of Thomas Graham & Lady Christian, daughter of the first Earl of Hopetoun; was educated privately at home by a tutor James Macpherson (later author of fame).

Inherited estates & in Naples stayed with Sir Wm. Hamilton. At his return acted abroad as parliamentary candidate for Perth in the Whig cause, being narrowly defeated by the Duke of Argyll's brother. At the age of 25 he fell in love with the beautiful Mary Cathart, ^(b. 1/5/1757) youngest daughter of Charles, 5th Baron Cathart, aged 16 years & on Dec. 26, 1774 was married by special licence in London at the same time that Mary's elder sister, Jane Cathart married John, Marquis of Pallibardine later Duke of Argyll. A famous Gainsborough masterpiece is the portrait of the Hon. Mrs (Mary) Graham painted in 1775. Unlike her sisters, Jane & Louisa, she had no children.

(Who married David Lord Stewart on 5/5/1776) & widowed old enough to be her father being 30 years older than the 18 years old girl.

Her favourite brother Chas. Cathart died in the East Indies of consumption aged 28 years in 1788 (June) at Anjer in the Straits of Sumatra while on his passage to China. In Dec. 1790, Jane who had lost her 9th child in infancy, also died

He died on Sunday 24th June 1792, aged 35 years
off the Islands of Hyeres in Southern France where
they had gone to escape the English blockade in
account of his services in 1791. At 8 pm. on board
his yacht, breathing his last into a glass, a coffin
was made & on the 25th the yacht arrived at
Ajaccio but the municipality refused to bury the coffin
who opening it. The coffin was transported by horse
to Bastia where they reached on July 14. Postulating
francs insisted on opening the coffin to inspect it.
It was necessary to place it in a new lead coffin, and
was placed on a ship bound for England, while Graham
landed at our shores. Mary was buried on Aug. 27, 1793
in Methven Churchyard having laid for a year
in the Calvert vault in Grosvenor Chapel, South
Andrey St. London.

The news of the execution of Louis XVI shocked
him deeply, & Graham left England to join Maj. Gen.
Chas. D. Howe, asst. Governor of Gibraltar where he made
the acquaintance of a fellow West. Ind. John Boscawen
who at 32 was 1/2 of the 51st Regt. Served in the
defence of Jordan under Lord Hood.

After a distinguished military career in wars against
Napoleon which came to a conclusion after Waterloo
& Wellington's retreat to England - 21 years service
he declined the post of Governor of the Military College but 5 years
later in May 1827 he accepted that of Gov. of Brompton Castle
In Oct. 1840 he applied for a passage to America, where he was greeted
by many old friends among them Sir Chas. Napier who had been

-Taken prisoner at Corunna, after a visit home
to his brother's command, Rome, Milan &
Piacenza & Savoy's camp. He survived all the
members of the Catholic family. He died in his
96th year, on Dec: 15, 1843. He had requested
his wish to be buried besides his wife Mary in
Methodist Churchyard, & was buried there on
Jan 2, 1844.



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Turu Rizzo D. diary, 23/24 Aug 1961 - [Sept.]

1928 Olympics (Amsterdam) - number of walks 4 to London

Feats 17 Oct. 1926 - Swim fr. Rasik Kala (Gozo) to Chalt, Sleema, Local Road

23/24 July 1927 - 24 hrs. ~~continuous~~ endurance in boat.

10/11 Sept. 1926 or 1927? Swim fr. Di'fara Gogo - to Sleema Fars. (W.F. of. dist.)

14/17 Sept. 1928 - Endurance water record.

Aug. 31 Aug 1933, Turu Rizzo took to sea from Poggallo Harbour, Sicily,

at 4.37 p.m. (within 2 1/2 hrs had completed 4 miles; within 24 hrs, 20 1/2 miles

40 hrs 1/2 - 51 miles; health was right on morning of Sat. Sept. 2. By noon he was within 13

miles fr. Malta & it was hoped that he wd land on Sunday morning. But

in afternoon, the sea, hitherto calm became choppy with a strong

~~strong~~ easterly current, and in 5 hrs Rizzo only covered 1/4 mile

with poles becoming weaker; in a short time he drifted to a

point 22 miles fr. Malta. Then the doctors ordered him out

of the water, at 7.15 p.m., Saturday 2nd Sept. He had been

51 hours in the ~~water~~ open sea and covered 40 miles

near the coast the sea was dead calm!

31 March / 2 April 1935 - attempt at a record walk.

Photograph showing His Grace Mgr. Igino Cardinale, Apostolic Delegate blessing the Foundation Stone.

Prof. Manché stated in his address that as the University owes its foundation to the Holy See and has for over three-and-a-half centuries always given a Catholic background in its teaching, the University availed itself of the auspicious occasion to ask His Grace the Archbishop to invite His Grace Mgr. Cardinale to bless the foundation stone.

(ToM 23 Sept. 1964, University Building, p.10)

- 3 - *Causse holo*
5th July
- 2 - *Causse Beanca*
- 1 - *Causse Per Te*



