

DONEGAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY



COL. ALEX MONTGOMERY (1722 – 1800)

Alex Montgomery (Old Sandy) son of Tom and Mary Franklin was descended from Reverend Alex son of Alex the poet who was brought to Ireland by his Kinsman Bishop George Montgomery early in the 17th century. On the death of his granduncle Col. Alex M.P he inherited Convoy and Cashelogy Estate. He served for a time in the 43rd regiment in America. He was elected M.P for the County in 1768. He became a Colonel in the Raphoe Battalion of the Volunteers and was their delegate at the Dungannon Convention. He was suspect in government circles, in 1773 described as 'extremely popular and very flighty' and in 1782 as 'an impracticable and dangerous man - an advocate of Flood's Doctrine of Renunciation'. It was noted that he was a brother of General Richard of the Revolutionary army killed storming Quebec December 1775. He was vehemently opposed to the Act of Union and voted against it. He died before it became law and on his tombstone in Raphoe Churchyard is inscribed -

Sacred to the memory of Alex Montgomery of Convoy who represented this once Independent county in Parliament for 32 years.