

# Malta's Romantic Story



Scene in Valetta Harbor.

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Malta, the British island in the mid-Mediterranean, to which the deposed sultan of Turkey was taken when a British man-of-war rescued him from Constantinople, is barely 15 miles long and 10 miles wide—little more than a point of land in Europe's most storied sea. But its excellent strategic position midway between Italy and northern Africa, between France and Egypt, between the straits of Gibraltar at one end and the Dardanelles, the Levant, and the Suez canal at the other, has given it an important place in the history of one after another of the great sea-faring nations that have dominated the commerce of the world.

History proper starts in Malta with the visits of the Phoenician traders, about B. C. 1500. On the Gharatia at Gozo is an inscription in Phoenician lettering, the usual script in the Mediterranean until the advent of Greek or Latin characters.

The ships of Tarshish found Malta a valuable port of call, and in this fact lay Malta's fate. In common with all islands, its whole prosperity has depended on the good-will of the ruling sea power, from the days of Tyre to the very present hour. Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Vandals, Arabs, Normans, Spaniards, Turks, British—all in succession held power in Malta by reason of their fleets.

It is doubtful if the Punic domination affected the characteristics of the Maltese race, as this was probably only a ruling and trading caste, few in number. It is likely that during this time or in early Roman days the custom of burial in hillside caves was adopted. Thousands of these tomb caves exist. In them is generally found an urn full of broken human bones, with a flat plate placed over the mouth and a clay lamp on the plate. Bottles of food and water were also placed in the tomb. Beautiful glass vessels of iridescent blue, purple and green are also frequently found in these graves.

The capital of Malta was situated far from the coast—about six miles on the highest land, the present Notable. Here, outside the city walls, were excavated the catacombs which extend to a considerable distance. At Notable was the seat of the Roman governor. His residence has been recently excavated and many interesting relics found. In A. D. 60 St. Paul was shipwrecked in the bay now known by his name. St. Paul and St. Publio are very prominent names in the ecclesiastical history of the island, and to this day the activities of St. Paul in Malta are recited in great detail.

**Held by Many Nations.** After the fall of Rome Malta became subject to the various powers, until finally the Arabs, who also ruled Sicily, took possession. In A. D. 1099 Count Roger of Normandy, having conquered Sicily, landed at Malta and exacted tribute from the Arabs. An inscribed stone over the entrance to Fort St. Angelo records the Norman victory, and several beautiful Norman buildings are still to be seen at Notable.

The Arabs finally left Malta about A. D. 1250, having exercised rule over the island for nearly 400 years, doubtless facilitated by their language, which is closely akin to Maltese.

During the next three centuries Malta did not figure largely in history. It lacked agricultural resources and was periodically ravaged by the commanders of Turkish fleets, who dragged the unfortunate inhabitants into slavery, while the famine and plague often followed in their wake.

In 1530 the population of the island did not exceed 25,000 and was probably considerably less. In that year a great change occurred. Charles V of Spain granted the islands of Malta and Gozo, together with the town of Tripoli, in Africa, to the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, afterward known as the Knights of Malta.

In the early Eleventh century a pilgrimage to the holy places at Jerusalem was a very arduous and dangerous undertaking and many pilgrims died from exhaustion. A hospital was

founded about 1085 at Jerusalem for the use of pilgrims and was dedicated to St. John. To meet various requirements, the hospital was organized and an order instituted, consisting of ecclesiastics, to administer to the spiritual wants of the pilgrims, lay brothers for secular duty, and knights for defense and protection.

**Knights of Malta.** After the capture of Jerusalem by the Saracens, Crusaders from all kingdoms of Christendom hastened eastward and the Knights of St. John, then installed at Acre, added members of many nationalities to their number. In 1252 the pope granted the title of grand master to the head of the knights.

For general convenience, the order was divided into subdivisions according to the principal languages spoken by its members. The sections of the order were the "Langues" of Provence, Auvergne, France, Italy, Aragon, Catalonia, Navarre, England, Germany, Castile, Leon and Portugal. The Langue d'Angleterre was dissolved in 1540 at the Reformation. An Anglo-Bavarian Langue was reinstated in the Eighteenth century.

Each Langue had its own headquarters, or "Auberge," and those built at Malta are monuments of architectural beauty. They are now used chiefly as government offices and during the World War were scenes of intense activity.

The order removed from Acre to Cyprus and thence to Rhodes, where its headquarters remained until the island's fall, in 1522. The old bond between Rhodes and Malta was commemorated by the pope, who gave the bishop of Malta the title of archbishop of Rhodes.

In 1565 the Turkish fleets made a powerful attack on Malta, but were finally defeated by Grand Master La Valette, who built the city of Valetta in memory of the victory. The Cathedral of St. John, in Valetta, was also built as a burial place for the grand masters, the remains of those previously interred in the Chapel of Fort St. Angelo being transferred.

**Seized by Napoleon.** In 1798 the wheel of Fate again brought Malta into prominence. Napoleon, profited by the temporary absence of the British fleet from the Mediterranean, seized the island on his way to Egypt. He expelled all members of the order, confiscating their property and also that of the church.

It is related that the solid silver gates of the Sacramental Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John were hastily painted over, in the hope of escaping notice, but in vain. They were, however, redeemed at a great price, together with the 12 silver statues of the Apostles.

After Napoleon's departure a governor was appointed to rule on behalf of the French republic. Soon afterward the British fleet returned and won the Battle of the Nile over the French. Then the Maltese arose against the French garrison, which was blockaded by the British. After a gallant defense, lasting two years, the garrison finally was forced by famine to surrender.

After peace came Britain proposed to restore the island to the Order of St. John, but the piteous appeals of the Maltese at last prevailed and Malta became incorporated into the British empire.

Year in, year out, fresh trade has flowed through Malta, at last secure from every foe. The ships of the world soon thronged its harbors. The change from sail to steam necessitated the provision of greater dockyard facilities for the British fleet in the Mediterranean, and millions of dollars have since been spent in Malta for this purpose, bringing employment and trade to the Maltese such as they had never known before.

The opening of the Suez canal brought still further prosperity, while the increased size of warships necessitated further new docks and workshops, providing still more employment for the skillful and industrious inhabitants of this island.

### SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County  
R. L. Bengé—Plaintiff

vs.  
The unknown heirs at law of Henry I. Schaeffer, deceased, Louis J. Schewrich and Mrs. Louis J. Schewrich, his wife, the unknown heirs at law of Louis J. Schewrich, and also all other persons claiming any interest in the real property hereinafter described—

Defendants.  
To the unknown heirs at law of Henry I. Schaeffer, deceased, Louis J. Schewrich and Mrs. Louis J. Schewrich, his wife, the unknown heirs at law of Louis J. Schewrich, and also all other persons claiming any interest in the real property hereinafter described, defendants.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the plaintiff's complaint filed against you herein, on or before six weeks from the date of first publication of this summons, to-wit: on or before the 22nd day of September, 1923, and you are hereby notified that if you fail to so appear and answer for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in his complaint, to-wit: For a decree of the court that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the following described real property, to-wit:

The Southwest quarter of Section 28, and the Northwest quarter of Section 32 in Township 2 South, Range 25 E. W. M. That the defendants be decreed to have no right, title or interest in or to said real property and that the plaintiff's title be forever quieted against said defendants and each of them and that the defendants and all persons claiming by, through or under them or any of them, be forever enjoined from asserting any right, title or interest in or to said real property or any part thereof.

This summons is served upon you by publication in the Heppner Herald, a weekly newspaper published at Heppner, Oregon, once a week for six consecutive weeks, by order of the Hon. William T. Campbell, County Judge of Morrow County, State of Oregon, Made and entered on the 6th day of August, 1923, and the date of first publication of this summons is August 7, 1923.

WOODSON & SWEET,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
Postoffice address:  
Heppner, Oregon. 15-21

### SUMMONS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Morrow County  
The First National Bank of Heppner, Oregon, a Corporation—  
Plaintiff.

vs.  
Ida Thompson Catlin, Seth Catlin, Harriet Thompson Burke, Edward Burke, Edna Thompson Nelson, Clark Nelson, Sadie Weller Routh, Albert Routh, Eva Weller Flynn, P. C. Cresswell, Mary M. Cresswell, James L. Cresswell, Martha J. Cresswell, Mary E. Cresswell Ellis, M. Bell Thompson, Ralph Thompson and Helen Thompson—  
Defendants.

To P. C. Cresswell, Mary M. Cresswell, Sadie Weller Routh and Albert Routh, of the above named defendants:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you, and each of you, are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, filed against you in the above entitled cause and court, on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit, on or before Wednesday, the 12th day of September, A. D. 1923, and if you fail to so appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff herein, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in said complaint, to-wit, that you, and each of you, be decreed to have no estate, right, title or interest in or to the following described real property, to-wit:

Lots numbered Seven (7) and Eight (8) and all of that portion of Lot numbered One (1) lying on the west side of Willow Creek in Block numbered Eight (8) in Standsbury's Addition to the Town of Heppner, in Morrow County, State of Oregon, or any part thereof, and that it be decreed that the plaintiff is the owner in fee of all of said described real property, and that you, and each of you, be forever enjoined and barred from asserting any claim in or to said premises, or any part thereof adverse to the plaintiff herein, and for such other and further relief as may be equitable and just.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof in the Heppner Herald, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in Morrow County, Oregon, once each week for six

successive weeks, under and by virtue of an order duly made and entered in the above entitled Court and cause on the 27th day of July, 1923, by the Honorable W. L. Campbell, County Judge of Morrow County, Oregon, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 31st day of July, 1923, and the date of the last publication hereof will be on the 11th day of September, 1923. Done and dated and first published this the 31st day of July, A. D. 1923.

VAN VACTOR & BUTLER,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
Postoffice and residence address:  
The Dalles, Wasco County, Ore.  
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION  
Department of the Interior  
U. S. Land Office  
at LaGrande, Oregon.

August 4, 1923.  
Notice is hereby given that Michael Kenny, one of the heirs and by the heirs of James T. Kenny, deceased, of Heppner, Oregon, who, on December 23, 1919, made Homestead Entry (Act 12-29-16 and 9-5-14), No. 017086, for N½ NE¼, SE¼ NE¼, NE¼ SE¼, Section 34, SW¼, S½ SE¼, NE¼ SE¼, Section 35, Township 1 South, Range 27 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before United States Commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 21st day of September, 1923.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
O. A. Devin, J. F. Kenny, James Farley, M. J. Devin, all of Heppner, Oregon.  
CARL G. HELM,  
15-21  
Register.

### NOTICE OF TAKING UP AND SALE OF HORSES

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, under the laws of the State of Oregon, having taken up the animal hereinafter described while running at large on my premises in Morrow county, Oregon, about two miles from Irrigon, Oregon, to-wit: One sorrel mare, about 9 years old, weight about 1300 pounds, star on forehead, branded 77P on left stifle.

That I will, on SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1923, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, unless the same shall have been redeemed, at my ranch near Irrigon, Oregon, sell said animal for cash in hand to the highest bidder, for the purpose of paying charges incident to taking up, holding and selling such animal together with reasonable damages for the injury caused by said animal running at large on said premises.

OSCAR R. OTTO,  
Dated and first published this 7th day of August, 1923.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION—ISOLATED TRACT

PUBLIC LAND SALE  
Department of the Interior  
U. S. Land Office,  
at The Dalles, Oregon,  
August 9, 1923.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of George H. Hayden, Serial No. 023125, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$2.50 per acre, at 10:15 o'clock A. M., on the 10th day of October, next, at this office, the following tract of land:

SW¼ SW¼, Sec. 1, E½ SE¼, Sec. 2, T. 6 S., R. 25 E., W. M.  
This tract is ordered into the market on a showing that the greater portion thereof is mountainous or too rough for cultivation.

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

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J. W. DONNELLY,  
17-23  
Receiver.

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