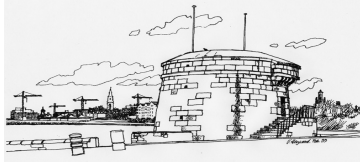


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LEGISLATION REQUIRED FOR GRANTS OF ARMS

Attorney General Casts Doubt on the Present Legal Basis for the Granting of Arms by the State

As we all bid a fond farewell to the much respected and widely admired Chief Herald, **Brendan O'Donoghue**, who retired as Director of the National Library and Chief Herald of Ireland on Friday 12th September 2003, speculation on the future of Ireland's heraldic authority is rife.

"An Eventful Tenure at the Helm"

Mr. O'Donoghue's tenure as Chief Herald was certainly an eventful one with the staging in Dublin Castle of the 25th International Congress on Genealogical & Heraldic Sciences in 2002 which coincided with the 450th anniversary of the establishment of the Irish heraldic authority. His tenure at the helm of Irish heraldry witnessed probably the lowest point in the history of the Office – the publicity surrounding the MacCarthy Mór hoax. However, Mr. O'Donoghue demonstrated a bold determination to clean up the mess of the "bogus chiefs". Firstly, by withdrawing recognition of "The MacCarthy Mór" in 1999 and then progressively removing or cancelling grants of arms associated with this hoax. Finally, he recommended the discontinuation of the sixty-year old practice of the State providing "courtesy recognition" to Irish Gaelic chiefs. In his dispassionately equitable approach to these matters Mr. O'Donoghue was always pragmatic, determined to restore and strengthen the reputation of the Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland.

"Attorney General's Advice"

In the end, it was the Attorney General's advice to the Minister that there was no legislative basis for "courtesy recognition" of the Gaelic Chiefs that closed this chapter in the long and sometimes

turbulent history of the Office of Arms. But, unbeknown to many and only discovered under the *Freedom of Information Act*, the Attorney General went further and stated that there was indeed, no legislative basis for the granting of arms by the Chief Herald on behalf of the State. So what does this mean for all the grants made since 1943 when the Office of Arms in Dublin Castle transferred from British to Irish control?

"Hundreds of Grantees of Arms"

The hundreds of Irish based grantees of Arms received from the Office of the Chief Herald since 1943, include, this Society, County, City and Town Councils, Irish government agencies, universities, colleges, clubs, professional and academic bodies. Hundreds of individuals received personal grants of Arms also, including Presidents of Ireland, foreign dignitaries, leading churchmen and businesspersons. The State too received its Grant of Arms in 1945 which is now the National Arms of Ireland featured on all official documents, coinage and insignia.

"Grants neither Illegal nor Lawful?"

Each of the beautifully hand-painted Letters Patent granting Arms were signed and sealed by successive Chief Heralds under the authority of the "Government of Ireland" – but in the absence of a legislative basis, what now is the legal status of these grants of Arms? Clearly it is not illegal for the State to grant Arms because there is no specific legislative or constitutional prohibition on making such grants to either corporate bodies or individuals. But on what authority does the State make such grants and, given that serious doubt is now cast upon the legal

position of Section 13 of the National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997, what next for Irish heraldry?

"Royal Prerogatives Real or Imaginary"

There is much fanciful speculation about "Royal Prerogatives" and whether, the State on achieving independence became the natural inheritor of such prerogatives in Ireland, including the right to grant Arms. However, this situation is far from clear following the enactment of the 1937 Constitution of Ireland. Indeed, many thought that the Supreme Court decision in "Webb v Ireland" in 1988 (I.R. 353) settled, for good, the whole question of "Royal Prerogatives" in Ireland. Whilst, this particular case was in relation to treasure-trove, the court found that such prerogatives emanating from the British crown could not have survived the enactment of the 1937 Constitution. However, the Supreme Court also held that in certain instances the Constitution substituted Irish versions of the old imperial prerogatives. Therefore, it's inevitable that such prerogatives as may have been held by the old regime, in the absence of any clear Irish legislative basis, will continue to fuel a debate amongst constitutional lawyers here and elsewhere. But does the State now claim such a prerogative exists in respect of the granting of Arms?

"Early Advice Ignored"

Dr. Susan Hood in her book "*Royal Roots – Republican Heritage*" gives a fascinating insight to the mindset of the government at the time of the transfer of the Office of Arms to its control in 1943. Indeed, it appears from a memorandum to government of March 30th 1943 that, "it was not clear whether legislation would be necessary to regulate the position and define the authority" of the heraldic functions of the Office. The persistence of the first Chief Herald, Dr. Edward MacLysaght, ensured that the heraldic functions were continued and, indeed, grants of Arms were made as early July 1943. This situation was facilitated by decisions of the Cabinet and the Minister for

Education, however, without the enactment of enabling legislation or the issuance of a Statutory Instrument under current legislation.

“Prerogative or Memorandum”

It appears that the Cabinet realised the risk of offending republican sensibilities or being accused of contravening Article 40.2 of the 1937 Constitution of Ireland. Therefore, an ad-hoc arrangement of unclear legal origin that endures until this day was established by memorandum. It certainly was no oversight that no mention is made of “prerogatives” or any other legal basis for the granting of Arms in these government memoranda. Is this how the Republic of Ireland should base its heraldic affairs – “on a memo” – surely not?

“National Cultural Institutions Act”

As no firm legislative basis was introduced to take account of the 1943-45 memoranda, the debate on the National Cultural Institutions Bill raised many more questions than it answered. Indeed, the final compromise as contained in Section 13 of the Act covering the Office of the Chief Herald erroneously assumes that a legal basis for the granting of Arms existed prior to the enactment of this legislation. On the face of it, the advice by the Attorney General now puts that position in some considerable doubt. Time has now come for the Irish Minister for Arts, Sport & Tourism, **Mr. John O’Donoghue, TD**, to end the ambiguity caused by this situation and to announce his intention to repeal the now unsound Section 13 of the *National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997* and to introduce new legislation.

“Statement on the Rights of Grantees”

The rights of grantees as set forth in Letters Patent received from the Chief Herald must be upheld and the Minister must, as matter of urgency, make a statement on this matter. Indeed, in any new legislation a schedule must be included of the names of all corporate, institutional and individual grantees that received grants of Arms from the Chief Herald since 1943. Their grants should be afforded protection and legal recognition by any new legislation. A mere statement of retrospection would be totally inadequate.

“Irish Genealogy & Heraldry Bill”

In the lead article of the October 2000 issue of this newsletter, this Society called for the introduction of a comprehensive *“Irish Genealogy & Heraldry Bill”* to provide amongst other things, a sound legislative basis for the granting of Arms. Indeed, on the 25th October 2000 in celebration of the Society’s tenth anniversary, the Society received a Warrant from the Deputy Chief Herald for the issuance of Letters Patent granting Arms to the Genealogical Society of Ireland. As a corporate grantee of Arms, this Society has continuously sought the formal inclusion of the State’s heraldic functions in statute law given the ambiguity of Section 13 of the 1997 Act.

“Heads of a Bill Proposed”

In April 2002 and October 2002, again in this newsletter, the Society proposed areas for inclusion in an *“Irish Genealogy & Heraldry*

Bill” and now it appears that the Attorney General’s advice makes the introduction of such legislation an imperative for the continuance of the State’s heraldic functions. It’s now very clear, as we said in October 2000 it’s time to *“stop tinkering at the edges of existing legislation and to repeal Section 13 of the National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997, in order to bring forward an all-embracing Irish Genealogy & Heraldry Bill”*. Are we to wait another three years before the Minister acts on the advice of his Attorney General or has common sense prevailed at last?

“A Comprehensive Legislative Framework”

The main points for inclusion in such a Bill are as follows:-

- Clear definition of genealogy and genealogical records / material / heritage
- Clear definition of heraldry and the nature of armorial bearings
- Designation of place of deposit for genealogical and heraldic records
- Establishment of the Office of Chief Genealogical Officer, based at the National Library of Ireland, to oversee the formulation, planning and execution of policy in respect of genealogy and associated records, especially, the public accessibility to such
- Establishment of a supervisory / advisory role for the Chief Genealogical Officer in respect of government departments, local government or State agencies holding such records
- Establishment of a National Inventory of Genealogical Records held by the State or by private institutions and the publication of such
- Establishment of a mechanism to underpin best practice in the storage and public accessibility to genealogical records in liaison with the Heritage Council
- Establishment of the “Principle of Public Ownership & Right of Access” to our genealogical heritage for persons in Ireland and the Irish Diaspora
- Recognition of the importance of records of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials held and maintained by ecclesiastic institutions in Ireland as part of the Nation’s genealogical heritage
- Establishment of a Standing Advisory Committee on Genealogy to assist and advise the Chief Genealogical Officer with members from the commercial and voluntary genealogical organisations in the State
- Establishment of a State acquisitions policy in respect of genealogical records in private hands whether at risk or not
- Prevention of the export of original material whether in State or private ownership
- Application of functions to the Office of the Chief Genealogical Officer in respect to the provision of educational and

promotional material / programmes for genealogy

- Legislative establishment of the prerogative rights of the Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland
- Legislative protection for armorial bearings in the Republic
- Legislative regulation in the application for and granting of Arms and Letters Patent
- Legislative framework for fees charged by the Chief Herald of Ireland
- Protection of copyright in respect of armorial bearings
- Legislative regulation and requirements in respect of heraldic records
- Protection of rights to inheritance in respect of armorial bearings in the Republic
- Definition of types of grantee, i.e. corporation, individual, local authority etc
- Assure access to Arms for a greater number of our citizens by providing for the introduction of a “Certificate of a Grant of Arms” describing the details of the Arms granted, this would be a less expensive alternative to the existing Letters Patent presented on beautifully hand painted vellum.
- Rights of grantees to the free use of armorial bearings and protection of such
- Protection and defined use of the Arms of Ireland
- Establishment of a Standing Advisory Committee on Heraldry and Vexillology to assist and advise the Chief Herald of Ireland on such matters
- Legislative establishment of Office of the Chief Herald as the vexillological authority for Ireland
- Clear definition of vexillology and vexillological records / material
- Establishment of a “Vexillological Register” for Ireland and a mechanism for the granting of Letters Patent in respect of flags and emblems by the Chief Herald for State, local authority or corporate bodies
- Legislative protection for flags and emblems in the Republic, especially, the National Flag and the Presidential Standard
- Legislative regulation on the maintenance by the Chief Herald of a register of Irish Hereditary Chieftains as “national treasures” and as an embodiment of our ancient genealogical heritage, including, the requirement for the strict scrutiny by independent genealogical researchers of all applications for courtesy recognition of “hereditary chieftains”
- Provision for the awarding by Government of a Special Grant of Arms to individuals in recognition for services to the State, community, business, arts, sports or education, including Letters Patent outlining the reasons for the award.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday October 14th 2003

Evening Open Meeting. 20.00hrs

Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education,

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Bus: 7, 7A, 46A, and 75.

DART Monkstown/Salthill Station.

Speaker: **Mary Clark**,

Topic: "Dublin City Archives"

Tuesday November 11th 2003

Venue as above

Speaker: **Sr. Maeve O'Sullivan**

Topic: "Database of Irish Orphanages"

Weds. Oct. 22nd & Nov. 26th 2003

Morning Open Meeting 10.30hrs

The Port View Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Discussion Group on Family History

*Contribution of €3.00 at each meeting
Coffee/Tea served at Morning Meetings*

GRAPHIC FAMILY TREE SERVICE

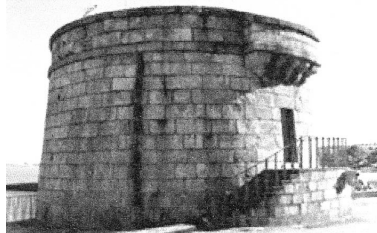
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JOINING THE SOCIETY

The Society always welcomes new Members from Ireland and overseas. If you wish to join, it's easy - just log on to the Society's Website or write to the Membership Officer, **Mrs. Annette McDonnell**, MGSJ, 4, Kippure Ave., Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland. You may also contact Annette by E-mail via the Hon. Secretary GenSocIreland@iol.ie The current Membership Subscription is just €15.00 (US\$17.25) which should be forwarded to Annette or, if you wish, you can pay on-line at www.gensocireland.org using your Credit Card MasterCard. Membership of the Society is open to all with an interest in genealogy or heraldry. A laminated Membership Card featuring the Society's heraldic badge "the Mungovan Badge" as depicted on the GSI Livery Flag will be forwarded to you by mail.

AN DAONCHARTLANN



With the restoration work at the Martello Tower now complete, the Board of the Society held its first meeting in this historic building on Saturday 13th September 2003 at 11.00hrs. This auspicious occasion was marked by the raising of the Society's Heraldic Banner over the Tower by the Cathaoirleach, **Mr. Rory Stanley**, FGSJ and the hoisting of the GSI Livery Flag by the Leas-Chathaoirleach, **Mr. Seamus Moriarty**, MGSJ. However, not even a bottle of bubbly in sight on this occasion - we'll leave that for the official opening in 2004. This Special Meeting of the Board was convened to decide on the eventual layout of the interior of the building to meet various requirements of the Society. The Society is now progressing with the refurbishment of the building following the fitting of the beautiful oak flooring by **Barry O'Connor**, FGSJ and his team. Members and friends of the Society are invited to help with **Phase 2** of the project which, aims to fully equip the "Family History Tower" with the latest technology etc. One way of helping is to become a sponsor. Each sponsor will be named in the *Commemorative Book* to be published for the official ceremonial opening of "An Daonchartlann" in 2004 - the two hundredth anniversary of the building of the Tower. Patrons may have either their own name or that of a loved-one entered in this *Commemorative Book* and on a scroll that will be permanent memorial in the Tower. For just €100.00 (US\$115.00) per name, this is a special and worthy manner in which to remember an ancestor, to honour a friend or loved-one or to memorialise your family ties with Ireland. Another way of helping is to send what you can as donations no matter how modest are all very welcome. Donations should be sent to the Hon. Secretary at the address below with details of the name or names to be entered on the scroll and published in the commemorative book to mark the official opening of "An Daonchartlann".

US DOLLAR RATE

The Board of the Society has adopted a new exchange rate for persons paying by check or cash in US dollars **€1.00 = US\$1.15**. This rate was originally US\$1.20 to the Euro. The Hon. Treasurer of the Society will keep the exchange rate under constant review. This new rate will be applied to all purchases and membership subscriptions. This is necessary to cover the conversion rate and bank charges. Alternatively why not pay by Credit Card - MasterCard or VISA via the Website?

LATEST ISSUE OF THE SOCIETY'S QUARTERLY JOURNAL Vol. 4 No. 3. Autumn 2003.

Articles in this current issue of the Society's Quarterly Journal include:- **The Tallest Windmill in Ireland** by Caroline McCall; **The Depositions of 1641** by G.H. O'Reilly; **Shirley Estate (Co. Monaghan) Petition** by Róisín Lafferty; **Irish Manuscripts Commission** by G.H. O'Reilly; **Medieval Surnames in North County Dublin** by Eamonn Dowling; **Origins of My Family** by Peter Manning; **Birthdays of Thomas Oriel Foster** by Róisín Lafferty; **'The 1st Royal Irish Rifles in the Great War'** reviewed by Donal Hall; **'Through Streets Broad and Narrow; a History of Dublin Trams'**, reviewed by James Scannell; **Surnames** by Seán MacBrádaigh; **The Battle of Carrickshock** by H.J. Matthews; **The 'Evening Freeman' (Extracts) May 1848** by Gaye Ashford; **More Quirky Entries From 'Irish Marriages from Walker's Hibernian Magazine'**, by Gaye Ashford; **A Legacy from the R.I.C.** by Seán MacBrádaigh; **Newspaper and Journal Listing 1922; The Cow Pock Institution; Modern Ireland's Electors' Lists** by Seán MacBrádaigh; **Kirwans from Galway in a Well Worn Prayer-book** by Ignatius Fennessy; **The Death of Darby Gormley - 1844** by G.H. O'Reilly

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ARTICLES for future issues of the Society's quarterly journal are always welcome. Please forward items for publication to the new Editor **Margaret Conroy**, MGSJ at E-mail: mmeconroy@eircom.net or to by mail to the Editor **Margaret Conroy**, MGSJ, 3, Kill Abbey, Kill O' The Grange, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

QUERY CORRECTION

The following query published last month had an omission caused during the page-making of the Newsletter. Our apologies to Marjorie.

MARJORIE A. SCHILLER, Box 3058, Revelstoke, British Columbia, Canada V0E 2S0. E-mail: schiller@revelstoke.net Wrote:- I had a query posted in the Gazette a short time ago, but never had any replies. I have been trying to locate my grandmother's family. Her name was Hanora **Roche** - father was John Roche and mother was Angel/Angela **McCarthy**. I cannot find any information except that they lived on **Brogue Market Hill** in Cork when my grandmother was born on Dec 31, 1885. I am trying to find the census for that area but Brogue Market Hill is not listed on the 1901 census and is not found on the 1911 census. Has the name been changed from Brogue Market Hill? My mother's **cousin** was **Lily Holmes**, 85 Brighton Rd. Aldershot, Hants, England. If anyone knows of her descendants, I would love to hear from them.

OCTOBER GENIE UPDATES

NATIONAL LIBRARY Mr. Aongus Ó hAonghusa has taken over as the Acting Director of the National Library following the retirement of Mr. Brendan O'Donoghue on Friday September 12th 2003 after six years. Mr. Fergus Mac Giolla Easpaig, the Deputy Chief Herald, will be fulfilling the heraldic duties of the Chief Herald pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. O'Donoghue. We wish Brendan O'Donoghue a long, happy and healthy retirement.

GSI LIVERY FLAG Order a GSI Livery Flag to fly at your home or business. Measuring (3ft x 5ft) at just €90.00 each including delivery to the Member's home address. Made by the bespoke Dublin flag makers, Timothy O'Regan of Pearse Street, as a GSI Member, this Livery Flag would make a handsome statement at your next family gathering. Contact the Hon. Secretary at the address below or by E-mail on GenSocIreland@iol.ie MasterCard or VISA welcome or by cheque made payable to the Society. Allow approx. 28 days for delivery

POSTAGE RATES Due to the recent sizeable increase in postage rates charged in Ireland, the Board of the Society has no option but to pass on this increase accordingly. The matter will be decided at the October meeting of the Board of Directors. Details will be published in November.

GSI WEBSITE The Society's Webmaster, Paul Maher, has recently revamped the Society's web pages to include new photographs and more information on the Society. Further information and new articles will be published on the Website in due course.

BRUSSELS Society Vice-President, Mr. James Davidson, FGSI, was a member of a Cross-Border Delegation visiting the heart of the European Union. Leaving Dublin on Monday 15th September the delegation drawn from local historical societies in the Republic and Northern Ireland visited the EU headquarters and met with Irish MEPs before visiting many of the sites of the First World War. The visit highlighted the vast potential to be unlocked through cross-border co-operation.

RMS LEINSTER Chairman of the "Friends of the Leinster" committee Mr. Philip Lecane, MGSI, invites all members to participate in the commemoration of the sinking of the mail-boat RMS *Leinster* in October 1918 with the loss of hundreds of lives. An interdenominational service will be held at St. Michael's Church in Dún Laoghaire on **Friday 10th October 2003** at 12.02hrs. At 13.00hrs a procession will take place to the site of the recovered anchor on the seafront in Dún Laoghaire. Another inter-church service will be held on **Sunday 12th October** at 14.00hrs at St. Cybi's Church in Holyhead, North Wales. There will be another commemorative procession in Holyhead, the hometown of many of the crew lost on this mail boat just a month before the end of WWI. All welcome.

ONE NAME STUDIES The Guild of One-Name Studies will host "The Epsom Internet Seminar" at Rosebery School, White Horse Drive, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 7NQ, England on October 25th 2003 at 10.00hrs. The seminar is designed to both introduce One-Namers to the sources available on the Internet and to deal with practical issues such as webpage design, search engines and access to Websites. It's an opportunity for "hands-on" use of the "Net". Bookings by October 11th 2003 to Janet Heskins, 117A, King Charles' Road, Surbiton, Surrey, KT5 8PQ, England. The cost is UK£10.00 per person.

CONGRESS 2004 Held last year in Dublin Castle, the **International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences** will be held in Brugge in Belgium from the 6th to the 11th September 2004. The theme of the 26th congress will be '*Genealogy and heraldry - a heritage for the future*'. Congress organisers **Vlaamse Heraldische Raad** seek to promote a dialogue between different disciplines and the various links between heritage and genealogy and heraldry. Presenters of research papers should contact Mr André Vandewalle, Stadarchief Brugge, Burg 11A, 8000 Brugge, Belgium or contact him by E-mail: andre.vandewalle@brugge.be

QUERIES RECEIVED

LOUIS D. MELNICK, MGSI, 530 Michigan Ave., Evanston, Illinois 60202-3033 USA. melnicklouis@hotmail.com. Write: Seeking information on Christopher Eskildson, mariner, of Gerrad St., Liverpool, Eng., in 1802, had two children baptised that year at St. Nicholas Church: George Eskildson and Henry Eskildson. The mother was Nancy Marsh. He may be the Christian Eskildson who had children baptised in later years in the same church. I believe Christopher may be the son of consul George Eskildson of Dublin and his first wife, Mary Webb. Will share info. with others interested in this connection.

MARY CLARK, 17, Parkfield, Swarthmoor, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 0HP, England. E-mail Clarkn@btinternet.com. Write:- Seeking information about the family of my Great grandfather Patrick Michael Byrne who was born in Fermoy around 1845. He joined the Army and was in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers or 1/18th Regiment of Foot. He was a Batman, and settled in Chester when he retired. His father was Michael Byrne. He was a carpenter and at one time was employed at Powerscourt. He died in Dublin and may have been aged 100. I have no information about Patrick's mother or any other siblings. I would be grateful for any information or leads.

MONIKA EHRENTAUT, Friedensstrasse 18, 65510 Idstein, Germany Write:- I am searching for an Irish family whose daughter disappeared in 1945 in the eastern part of Germany. In December 1945 the Russian Army took as prisoner a young Irish lady for anti-Russian propaganda. What I found out is that she was born in Ireland in 1913. Her first name was

Mary-Claudet or Mary-Claudette. The surname is not correctly known. As the Russians wrote it phonetically, they wrote "of Ragenald" and in other documents "of Reginald". This is not the real surname but the name of the land or property she belonged to or came from. Her father's name was noted as "Harry" or "Gary" or "Gerry". Only after 1995 I learned that this lady died in 1949, still as a prisoner of the Russians. Did people with Irish nationality remain after 1945 in Russians occupied Germany? Where is the area "of Reginald" or "of Ragenald"? Or could this be the Irish surname "Reynolds" maybe? How can I find Mary-Claudette's family? Thanks for publishing my request.

MARGARET COONAN, 37, Whinfield Lane, Ashton, Preston, Lancashire, PR2 1NQ, England. Write:- Researching ancestors by the name of Coonan and Gorman who emigrated from Ireland in the 1840s or 1850s to England. Possibly originating in Counties Mayo and Kilkenny. Any information much appreciated.

CONOR McLOUGHLIN, Fannagh, Inver, County Donegal, Ireland E-mail: conormcloughlin@yahoo.com Write:- Researching O'Connor from Keash, Co. Sligo where I can go back five generations and McLoughlin from Downings, Co. Donegal where I can go back four generations. Any connections with these families please?

MICHAEL H. GOODALL, 2, Queenswood Road, St. John's, Woking, Surrey, GU21 8XJ, England. E-mail: mikegoodall@waitrose.com Write:- I am writing a history of Irish playing card makers of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Here are known makers and years working in Dublin City. I am interested in researching and tracing any descendants. Thomas Fleming of Cork Hill, Smock Alley & Merrion Row (1764 & d. 1809); Thomas F. Fleming of Smock Alley (1815-1820); Anthony Perry (1754 & died 1770); Thomas Fullerton of College Green (1743 & d. 1754); Elizabeth Fullerton, widow of Thomas (1754 & d. 1772); Allen Fullerton (1764-1804); Sarah & Thomas Fullerton (successors of Allen); Charles King of Fownes St. (1773 & d. 1790); James King of Grafton St. (1797-1820); Benjamin Litton of Half Moon, Francis St. (1757 & d. 1768); Samuel Litton of Francis St. (1768); Thomas Whitton (1719-1729); William Whitton of King of Diamonds, Smock Alley (1744) - widow Elinor married C. Byron 1751; Thomas Andrews of Francis Street (1766); Gerald Patrick Warren of New Row, Thomas Street, Thomas Street and Capel Street (1846-1881); Richard Head (1719-1735) and Richard Supple (1771-1800). Any info. on the above very much appreciated.

MARY LOU DREW, 4824, Waterman Road, Vassar, MI 48768, USA. Write:- Seeking info. on Edward Dwyer born c. 1805/8 in Ireland. Emigrated to Nova Scotia. Had a son Edward born 1826/7 in Nova Scotia then moved to New Brunswick and then to Maine, USA. Daughter Emma b. 1852/53 in New Brunswick married William Drew of Maine. Any information on the above please.