

# McMAHON ARCHIVAL COLLECTION

A Backward Glance through Primary Source Documents 1611-1959



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Francis Nathaniel Burton

*[Handwritten text, likely a legal document or deed, partially obscured by other items]*



Received from George...  
the sum of  
Eight pounds  
for the purchase of the above land  
of the Clare County Council  
This receipt is valid for all purposes  
and shall be a full discharge of the  
said sum of Eight pounds  
paid to the Clare County Council  
on the 16th day of  
1911  
J. J. McMahon  
Clare County Council



18 Nov 11 1871 (50)  
Dodge & Co  
26 June 1911

Dear Mr McMahon  
I have just written an application  
to Major Bullman for the position of  
Deputy Clerk at the coming Election  
I think I solicit it for the domestic  
but there is a Tom Tomhuckle  
also who is abusing me about  
the matter etc etc would you please  
write me for the above position  
and I may in return sometime  
be in your street by name of  
out perhaps finding you in  
will I beg to remain truly your  
J. J. McMahon  
RatCollector





Francis Nathaniel Burton shall and will join and Concur in every Act that may be deemed necessary for applying and disposing of the Fortune of the said Valentine and all things pursuant to the Statutes herein before mentioned and declared of and concerning the same And further that all and Singular the said Towns Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises herein before Granted Released and Settled shall and may at all times hereafter remain Continue and be so and for the Uses and Purposes of the said Trusts and under and Subject to the Provisions Limitations and Agreements herein before mentioned Expressed and declared of and concerning the same, and shall and may be peaceably and quietly had held and enjoyed accordingly without any Lawful Let or Interruption of or by him the said Francis Nathaniel Burton his Heirs or Assigns or by any other person or persons lawfully claiming or to claim from by or under or in Trust for him or any of them, or from by or under his Ancestors or any of them, and shall so remain continue and be clear and free and clearly acquitted Exonerated and Discharged or otherwise by the said Francis Nathaniel Burton his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns well and sufficiently Saved defended kept harmless and Indemnified of from and against all and all manner of former and other Gifts Grants Bargains Sales Mortgages Jointures Dowers Right and Title of Dower portions Uses Trusts Entails Statutes Recognizances and Writs of Rent Judgments Extents Executions and of and from all and Singular other Estates Estates Troubles Charges and Incumbrances whatsoever that made done Committed Occasioned or Suffered by him the said Francis Nathaniel Burton or by any person or persons lawfully claiming or to claim from by or under him or any of his Ancestors, or from by or under his Heirs or any of their Acts Means Assent Consent or Procurement other than and except such Leases of the Premises as have been heretofore really and bona fide made to the said Valentine and his Heirs and Assigns And Lastly that He the said Francis Nathaniel Burton and his Heirs and all and every other person and persons (except as before Excepted) having or lawfully claiming or who shall or may have or lawfully claim any Estate Right Title Power Trust or Interest either in Law or Equity of in to or out of the said Towns Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises hereby Granted and Released or mentioned or intended so to be or any of them any part thereof from by or under or In Trust for him or them shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter upon every reasonable request of the said Valentine Browne Lord Cloncurry and Stewart Weldon or the Survivor of them his Heirs or Assigns but at the proper Costs and Charges in the Law of the said Francis Nathaniel Burton his Heirs Executors and Administrators make do and Execute or Cause and procure to be made and Executed all and every such further and other Lawful and reasonable ~~and other things~~ and things devised



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## INTRODUCTION

The McMahon Archival Collection is one of the largest collections of primary source documents in Co. Clare. It contains 1,100 files crossing three centuries. While the earliest document dates back to 1611, most of the material relates to 18th & 19th century administration and activities of the landed estates in Co. Clare. It also contains documents relating to the East Clare Election of 1917.

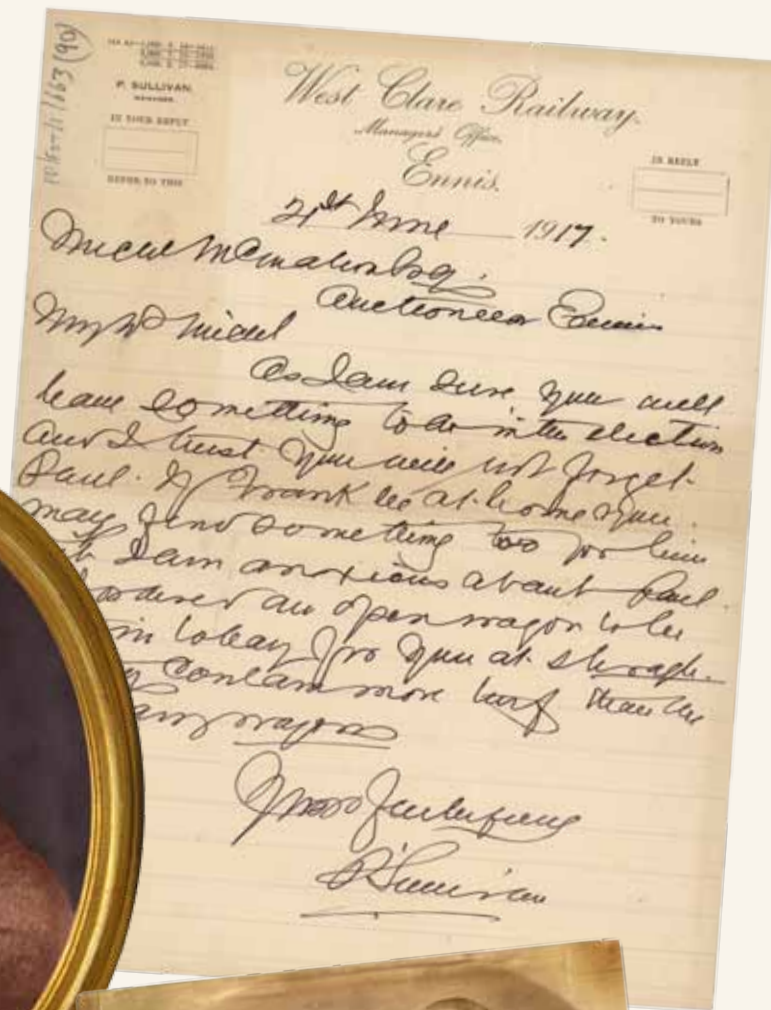
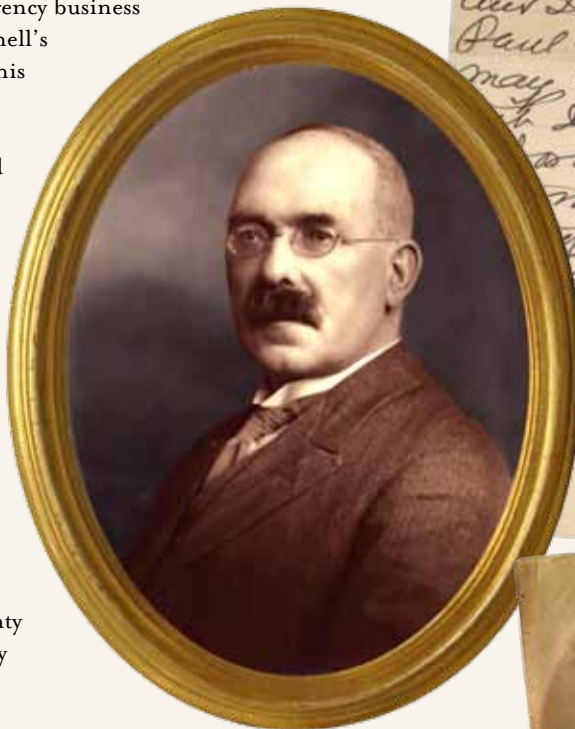
The Collection was stored in the basement of offices in a three storey building in the centre of Ennis, where Michael McMahon operated an auctioneering and estate agency business from the late 1800s, close to T.V. Honan's licenced premises in O'Connell's Square. Michael McMahon was also Clerk to the Presiding Officer at Ennis Courthouse during the East Clare Election of 1917. Michael's son Gerry McMahon went on to marry Rhoda Honan, daughter of Sinn Féin activist, T.V. Honan, whose home and premises were shelled and burned by irregular British Army Troops in 1921. Michael McMahon's & T.V. Honan's grandson, Dermot McMahon is Director of Sherry Fitzgerald McMahon, O'Connell Square in Ennis.

The dominant landed families within the McMahon Archival Collection include the Burtons of Carrigaholt, Rovigo and Stamer families of Ennis & Carnelly, the Barclays of Ballyartney, near Labasheeda, the Burtons of Corofin, and sixty other families associated with the history of Co. Clare. The stories selected for this publication are just a representative sample and demonstrate the importance of these documents in local social history.

The McMahon Archival Collection was donated to the National Archives in the 1970s through the Business Records Survey by Dermot McMahon. The collection was subsequently reacquired by Clare County Archives in 2010. It is now accessible to the public through Clare County Archives.

The McMahon Archival Collection was launched by Professor Irene Lynch Fannon of University College Cork, a great grand niece of Patrick Lynch, candidate in the East Clare Election and later Attorney General in 1937.

August 2015







*East Clare By-election 1917. Éamon de Valera with T.V. Honan on his left. Courtesy National Library of Ireland*

## EAST CLARE ELECTION 1917

Willie Redmond of the Irish Party was first elected MP for East Clare in 1892. A staunch advocate of Home Rule, he was convinced that loyalty to the Crown would deliver Home Rule for Ireland.

He was an officer in the 6th Battalion of the Royal Irish Brigade and died at the Battle of Messines Ridge in Belgium during World War I. A by-election in East Clare followed his death.

Sinn Féin was in favour of nominating Peadar Clancy from Cranny. He had fought in the 1916 Rising and had his death sentence commuted. A Sinn Féin Convention at the Old Ground Hotel selected de Valera. T.V. Honan (grandfather of Dermot McMahon) chaired the Sinn Féin rally in Ennis.

Edward (Éamon) de Valera of Sinn Féin and Patrick Lynch of the Irish Party contested the election. Hugh O'Brien Moran was appointed Election Agent for Edward (Éamon) de Valera while John B. Lynch was appointed election agent for Patrick Lynch. de Valera received 5,010 votes (71.1%) while Patrick Lynch got 2,035 (28.9%). The turnout was 77%.

A telegram which de Valera sent to his wife Sinéad simply gave the result and was signed Dev. It is housed in the Clare Museum.



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The documents relating to the East Clare Election 1917 in the McMahon Archival Collection comprise 97 items including the appointment of presiding officers and polling clerks, correspondence on election expenses, printing information and a personation story. A letter from Patrick O'Connell Junior, Glin, Co. Limerick is also included in which he applies for a nomination paper as a candidate. There is no indication that he followed through on this.

The Election Officials referred in the documents include:

**Thomas Crowe Junior,  
Returning Officer, Courthouse, Ennis**

Born in 1892, he was High Sheriff of Clare in 1917. He inherited Dromore Estate and sold it in 1936. He married Jane Fairrie Denniston Studdert of Bunratty. His grandaunt Matilda was said to be the lady admired by Honest Tom Steele, eccentric, scholar, engineer and supporter of Daniel O'Connell. He died in 1946.

**Major Frederick George Cullinan,  
Assessor to Returning Officer East Clare Election**

Deputy Sheriff of Co. Clare he served through the Irish Rebellion of 1916 and the Civil War. He was married twice first to Julia O'Dwyer and then to Frances Brady-Browne. His son William (Guillermo) Cullinan died in 1978 in Buenos Aires, Argentina

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### ÉAMON DE VALERA (1882-1975)

A towering figure of 20th century Irish politics, he was born in New York City to Catherine Coll, from Bruree, Co. Limerick and Juan Vivion de Valera, believed to be either Spanish or Cuban. Following his father's death in 1885, Éamon was reared by his grandmother, Elizabeth Coll in Co. Limerick.

A Mathematics teacher, and ardent lover of Irish and Ireland's national identity, he joined the Gaelic League in 1908. His teacher was Sinéad Flanagan from Balbriggan, Co. Dublin whom he married in 1910 and they had seven children.

He joined the Irish Volunteers in 1913 and helped with the landing of guns from the Asgard in 1914. He commanded the Boland's Mill garrison during the 1916 Rising but had his death sentence commuted to life imprisonment. Released from prison in June 1917, he was elected Sinn Féin MP for Clare in July in a historic victory defeating the Irish Party candidate Patrick Lynch. He continued to represent Clare until his election as President of Ireland in 1959.

The Anglo Irish Treaty was ratified by the Dáil in 1922. de Valera opposed the partition of the country and the Oath of Allegiance to the Crown. On the losing side in the Civil War, de Valera embraced constitutional politics when he founded Fianna Fáil in 1926 and entered the Dáil in 1927.

When Fianna Fáil came to power in 1932 with the support of the Labour Party, de Valera became President of the Executive Council. One of his first acts was to abolish the Oath of Allegiance. His title was changed to Taoiseach following the adoption of a new Constitution in 1937. Bunreacht na hÉireann was largely the creation of one Éamon de Valera.

He was out of office from 1948-51 and again from 1954-57. Regaining power in 1957, he was elected President of Ireland in 1959 and held the position for 14 years. He died on the 29th June 1975.

*Image credit: Éamon de Valera, half length portrait, by Keogh Brothers Ltd, photographers, created 1914-1923. Courtesy National Library of Ireland.*



### PATRICK LYNCH (1866-1947)

Born in Latoon House, Newmarket on Fergus, Co. Clare on the 10th February 1866, the fifth of six children born to John Lynch, farmer of Latoon and Elizabeth (née Kelly) Dromona, Dysert.

Like his brothers, Patrick attended a hedge school locally in Mooghaun, provided by Lord Inchiquin, where one of its teachers was inventor, John Holland. Patrick later attended Killaloe Diocesan College at Springfield, Ennis.

He graduated from the Royal University of Ireland (RUI) and was admitted to the bar in 1888. He was Junior Counsel representing Willie Redmond in the 1893 Clare Election petition. His brother Thomas (the athlete known as Flying Thomas) was the instructing solicitor.

Patrick was called to the inner bar in 1906, became a member of the Munster Circuit and was appointed Senior Crown Prosecutor for Kerry two years later. He was a candidate in the East Clare Election of 1917 representing the Irish Parliamentary Party losing to de Valera of Sinn Féin. Patrick was acquainted with many Sinn Féin figures and was to join Sinn Féin within a year. He defended many IRA activists in the 1920s and represented Mrs. McCurtain at the inquest into the attack on their house in Cork and into the death of Tomás McCurtain, Lord Mayor of Cork.

Patrick Lynch was Senior Counsel in the Erskine Childer's Court Marshall in November 1922. He became a Kings Inn Bencher in 1925, Fianna Fáil Senator 1934-36, Attorney General appointed by Éamon de Valera in 1936 and re-appointed under the new constitution 1937-40. In the drafting of the Constitution he had concerns about the use of capital punishment for political purposes and the overuse of referendums to settle issues which he felt would diminish the influence of the Dáil.

He was an External Examiner for the law faculty of UCD and was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate of Law from the National University of Ireland. He had married Rita Galvin of Tralee, a widow and died on the 9th December 1947 in Cork. He is buried in Deans Grange Cemetery, Dublin.

*Urgent*

PP/EST/1/663 (80)  
Ballyguiltenean Glin  
to Limerick  
June 25<sup>th</sup> /17

Dear Sir  
I wish to apply to  
you for a Parliamentary  
Nomination Paper  
for the forth coming  
election in East Clare.  
As I intend to forward  
myself for election  
for the said division.  
Also any other papers  
relating to same

As the time is short  
I hope you will pay  
the most prompt  
attention in forwarding  
me the required papers  
for same,  
And shall be much  
obliged

I am Sir  
Faithfully Yours

Patrick O'Connell Junior  
Ballyguiltenean  
Glin  
Co. Limerick

Letter from:  
Patrick O'Connell Junior, Ballyguiltenean, Glin, Co. Limerick  
Dated: June 25th '17  
To whom: is not indicated  
CCCLA/PP/EST/1/663 (80)

Ballyguiltenean,  
Glin,  
Co Limerick

June 25th '17

Dear Sir,

I wish to apply to you for a Parliamentary Nomination  
paper for the forthcoming election in East Clare.

As I intend to forward myself for Election (for inst.) the  
said Division. Also any other papers relating to same as the  
time is short.

I hope you will pay the most prompt attention in  
forwarding me the required papers for same. And shall be  
much obliged.

I am Sir,  
Faithfully Yours,

Patrick O'Connell Junior  
Ballyguiltenean,  
Glin,  
Co. Limerick

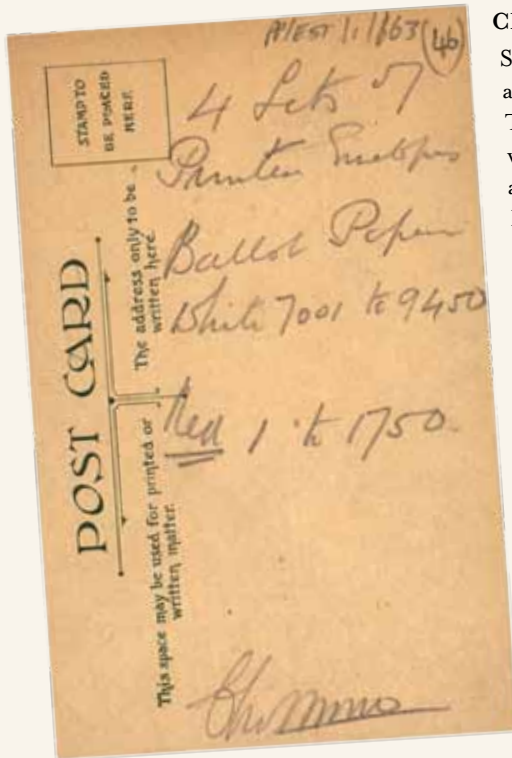


# ELECTION PRINTING

Printing, stationery requirements and costs in relation to the administration of the election were sought from Charles Nono, Proprietor of Printing Works, O'Connell St., Ennis and Browne & Nolan, Dublin



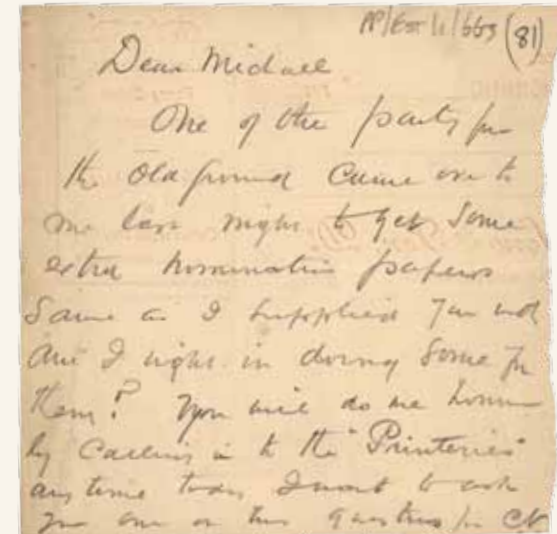
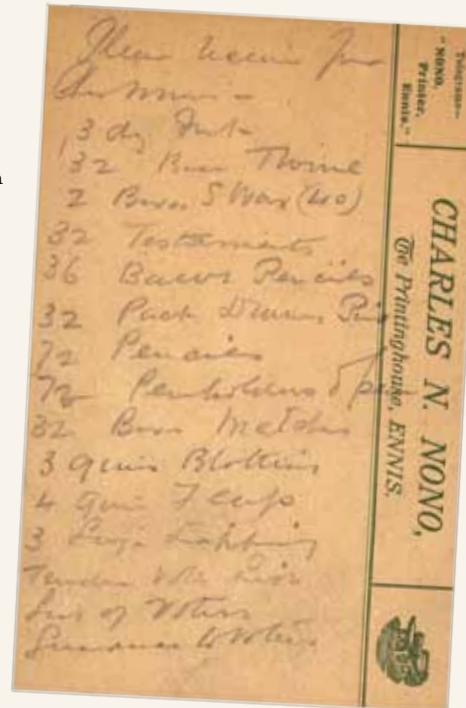
A letter from Browne & Nolan Ltd. Dublin indicating that the price list of election forms was already sent and the cost of ballot papers was 30 shillings per 1,000. CLCCA/PP/EST/1/95



## CHARLES NONO, PRINTER

Son of Charles Louis (Mons) Nono (b.1834) and Eileen/Ellen O'Byrne from Wexford. The 'Mons' came to Ennis from Belgium, was resident organist at Ennis Cathedral and taught music at St. Flannan's College, Ennis. The 'Mons' was also Proprietor of the Clare Freeman until cease of publication in 1884. Charles Napoleon (1865-1919), eldest son of the 'Mons', was proprietor of the Printing Works on O'Connell St. Ennis. Charles Napoleon's nephew named Charles Joseph (b.1911) was a Prisoner of War in Germany during World War II and wrote the book 'For You the War is Over' published in 2001.

List of stationery and related supplies for the administration of the Election. Signed by Charles Nono. CLCCA/PP/EST/1/46



A note from Charles Nono to Michael McMahon about a request for extra nomination papers from 'one of the party'. CLCCA/PP/EST/1/81

## AN INCIDENT AT TULLA

A young man named John Murphy claimed the vote of John Murphy Senior from Silvergrove who was deceased. On sworn testimony John Murphy Junior was allowed to vote. However, the personating agent, James Ryan (for Patrick Lynch) objected and the Presiding Agent had him arrested.

There are three items in the McMahon Archival Collection which relate to the personation incident.

1917 (40)  
 Dear Sir  
 In reply to yours of yesterday addressed to Mr Cullinan re John Murphy given into custody for alleged personation I have to inform you that the duties of the Sheriff and the Presiding Officer cease on the person charged having been given into custody the representation of the Candidate and the Polls have then

to deal with the matter you should not do anything further in the matter without my express direction  
 Yours

Letter 2.  
 Draft letter with no address, signature or date  
 CLCCA/PP/EST/1/34

It appears to be a draft reply to letter from Tom McGrath and refers to the duties of the Sheriff and the Presiding Officer ceasing on the person charged having been given into custody

Blarney  
 O'Callaghan's Mill  
 17/7/17  
 To Major Cullinan  
 Dear Sir  
 I would be very thankful if you could give me some information with regard to the case of a man arrested in Tulla on the day of the election for personation. The police authorities report as that under

Letter 1.  
 From: Tom McGrath, Clonlough, O'Callaghan's Mills  
 Dated: 17th July 1917  
 To: Major Cullinan  
 CLCCA/PP/EST/1/34

Tom McGrath indicates that he is a neighbour of John Murphy and is requesting information from Major Cullinan

the returning officer's power - that the case should fall through. The Presiding Officer at the polling booth decided to prosecute and I wish to know if you are the person in point to go on with the case also if he is to be prosecuted against as to my report legal assistance  
 As if the High Court is impossible you might at we have his address for which I would be  
 I am, Sir, very truly  
 Yours  
 Tom McGrath

Harmonys Row  
 Ennis  
 4th July 1917.  
 Dear Sir,  
 At Tulla No. 1 Booth yesterday, a young fellow named (I understand, John Murphy) claimed the vote of Mr. John Murphy (deceased) Silvergrove who I believe is now deceased. After having put to him the necessary questions corroborative in the prescribed manner I received news as above stated on the affirmation of Mr. James Ryan (Personation agent for Mr. P. Lynch) I had him arrested.  
 I understand that my name appears pro. liti. as prosecutor in the case and I would be obliged for information as to whether the Returning Officer will now take up the case.  
 Yours truly  
 A. James Ryan  
 Personation Agent  
 Tulla No. 1 Booth  
 G. Cullinan, Esq.

Letter 3.  
 Letter from Presiding Agent, Tulla No 1 Booth  
 Dated: 11th July 1917  
 CLCCA/PP/EST/1/42

It contains an explanation of the personation incident. It mentions that the Presiding Agent's name appears as prosecutor in the case and is looking for information as to whether the Returning Officer will now take up the case.



**REQUESTS FOR POSITIONS OF PRESIDING OFFICER & POLLING CLERK**

There are several letters of requests to Election Officials for the positions of Presiding Officer & Polling Clerk. There are also letters of appointment and acknowledgements of appointment to those positions. Included also is a draft handwritten list in pencil of Presiding Officers and Polling Clerks

*Draft Pencil List of Presiding Officers & Polling Clerks  
CLCCA/PP/EST/1/85*



11/60/1/1663 (73) Lahinch  
July 20th 1917  
Thomas Crowe Esq. Jnr.  
Returning Officer  
Ennis  
Dear Sir,  
I have your notification  
of appointment as Poll Clerk at  
Corofin I will attend as directed  
at Ennis on 9th inst, in the meantime  
if you have a vacancy as Presiding  
Officer you may give it to me  
Yours faithfully  
Henry Comber

From: Henry Comber, Lahinch,  
Dated: July 3rd 1917  
To: Thomas Crowe Esq. Jnr. Returning Officer, Ennis  
CLCCA/PP/EST/1/73

Dear Sir,  
I have your notification of appointment as Poll Clerk at Corofin. I will attend as directed at Ennis on the 9th inst, in the meantime if you have a vacancy as Presiding Officer you may give it to me.

Yours faithfully  
Henry Comber

From: P.O'Sullivan, Manager's Office, West Clare Railway, Ennis  
Dated: 21st June 1917  
To: Michael McMahon, Auctioneer, Ennis  
LCCA/PP/EST/1/90

Dear Michael,  
As I am sure you will have something to do in the election and I trust you will not forget Paul. If Frank [be] at home you may find something too for him but I am anxious about Paul.

I ordered an open wagon to be put in today for you at Shragh as they can contain more turf than the ordinary wagons.

Yours faithfully  
P.Sullivan

West Clare Railway  
Ennis  
21st June 1917  
Michael McMahon  
Auctioneer Ennis  
My dear Michael  
I have ordered an open wagon to be put in today for you at Shragh as they can contain more turf than the ordinary wagons.  
Yours faithfully  
P.Sullivan

From: Wm M. Vaughan, Sallybank, Kilmore, Limerick  
Dated: June 21st 1917  
To: Michael McMahon Esq.  
CLCCA/PP/EST/1/89

Dear Michael,  
In view of the coming Parliamentary Election may I ask for old Kilmore friendship sake - would you kindly get for me from the Sheriff the post of Presiding Officer at either O'Callaghan's Mills, Kilkishen or Feakle polling booths.

I have several times filled the post of Presiding Officer and done my work well. It is [not] for the pay I'm seeking the post. I want to be absent altogether from the election here. Besides I like the variety of the work.

Hoping you will kindly get me the post and that you are quite well.

I remain,  
Truly yours  
Wm. M. Vaughan

I enclose stamped addressed for reply  
W.M. V.

Dear Michael  
I have several times filled the post of Presiding Officer and done my work well. It is [not] for the pay I'm seeking the post. I want to be absent altogether from the election here. Besides I like the variety of the work.  
Hoping you will kindly get me the post and that you are quite well.  
I remain,  
Truly yours  
Wm. M. Vaughan

JAMES O'REGAN, Coal & Timber Merchant, Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare  
Dated 6th July 1917  
To: Michael McMahon Esq., Auctioneer, Church St., Ennis  
LCCA/PP/EST/1/48

From: James O'Regan, Coal & Timber Merchant, Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare  
Dated 6th July 1917  
To: Michael McMahon Esq., Auctioneer, Church St., Ennis  
LCCA/PP/EST/1/48

My dear Michael,  
Both Bertie Wallace (my brother-in-law) and myself are available for Presiding Officerships for Tuesday next. Can you do anything for us?

We should prefer Booths at Sixmilebridge as we are both voters. I think you know us well enough to rely that the work shall be done efficiently and well.

Yours sincerely  
James O'Regan

PP/Est. 1/1663 (33)

Tulla, Clare,  
 July 27<sup>th</sup> 1917.

Major Cullinan,  
 Courthouse,  
 Ennis.

I am sending 2 bills here with as requested. Mrs Boyce is quite reasonable as I engaged the car & sent it to Feakle as directed, when he got there he was informed he was not required.

As for Keane's it is atrocious, the best to do in this case is to send him what ye think is fair. (I suggest a £1 or so)

Yours faithfully  
 M.V.O'Halloran.

Letter from M.V. O'Halloran, Tulla  
 Dated: July 27th 1917  
 To Major Cullinan, Courthouse, Ennis  
 CLCCA/PP/EST/1/33

I am sending 2 bills herewith as requested. [Thos.] Boyce's is quite reasonable as I engaged the car and sent it to Feakle as directed. When he got there he was informed he was not required.

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Yours faithfully  
 M.V. O'Halloran

### ELECTION EXPENSES

There are approximately 30 documents in the East Clare Election 1917 file which refer to election expenses: they include receipts from Presiding Officers and Polling Clerks for work carried out, sometimes referring to delay in payment, expenses for posting election notices and candidates' refund. Below are some samples

Letter from Frank O'Mara, The Asylum, Ennis, Co. Clare  
 Dated: 31st July 1917  
 To: Michael McMahon  
 CLCCA/PP/EST/1/25

The asylum  
 Ennis  
 Co Clare  
 31/7/17

Dear Mr McMahon  
 As I want to go  
 to the second day of  
 the Galway Races  
 you possibly give  
 me my £ 3:19:00  
~~pay~~ keep the cheque

Dear Mr. McMahon,  
 As I want to go to the second day of the Galway Races could you possibly give me my £3.19.0. Keep the cheque when money is given out.

I remain yours  
 Sincerely

Frank O'Mara  
 PS Please reply by man. Frank O'Mara

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when money is  
 given out ~~you~~

I remain yours  
 Sincerely  
 Frank O'mara  
 P.S. Please reply  
 by man  
 Frank O'mara



**STORY OF ROVIGO, STAMER, BURTON FAMILY CONNECTIONS** with links to France, Italy and Clare

1801 Marriage Settlement of Sir Francis Nathaniel Pierpoint Burton of Buncraggy, Carrigaholt and Valentina Letitia Lawless, daughter of Nicholas Lawless, 1st Baron Cloncurry

Sir Francis Nathaniel Pierpoint Burton & Valentina Lawless Burton are grandparents of Francis Nathaniel Valentine Burton who married Marie de Rovigo in 1866



**MARRIAGE SETTLEMENTS**

For centuries settlements were very popular among the landed gentry in Ireland and England as a way of keeping land within the family for generations. A Marriage Settlement often involved the husband's property alone but more frequently it involved both the husband's property and the wife's dowry or marriage fortune. Occasionally trustees became the legal owners of the property and/or inheritance of the prospective couple in which case they held these assets on trust for the benefit of the couple and their children in accordance with the provisions of the deed establishing the settlement. It appears that Valentina Lawless's inheritance was £25,000 and was incorporated into a settlement on her marriage to Francis Nathaniel Pierpoint Burton in 1801.

Marriage settlement made between Francis Nathaniel Burton, Colonel of His Majesty's Clare Regiment of Militia in Ireland and Valentina Lawless, Maritime, County Dublin. 1801. Clare County Archives. CCA/PP/EST/1/195.





**MARIE DE ROVIGO and her connection to the Stamer Family of Ennis & Carnelly and her marriage to Francis Nathaniel Valentine Burton (Conyngnam) of Carrigaholt in 1866.**

Marie de Rovigo was the daughter of Harriet Elizabeth (Eliza) Stamer, Duchess of Rovigo and Marie Napoleon Rene Savary, son of an aide to Napoleon. Eliza belonged to the Stamer Family of Carnelly & Ennis.



*Marie de Rovigo*



*Carnelly House, Newmarket on Fergus, Co. Clare. Courtesy Clare County Library*



*Marie de Rovigo. c.1860. Vandeleur Collection, Clare County Archives.*



### ROVIGO FAMILY

Anne Jean Marie Rene Savary, Duke of Rovigo  
*b. 1774 / d. 1833*

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Napoleon Marie Rene Savary, Duke of Rovigo  
*b. 1813*  
m. Elizabeth Stamer 12th August 1839  
(became Duchess of Rovigo)  
d. 1872 and she is buried in Killoo Graveyard in Clarecastle

↓

Marie de Rovigo  
*b. 1841*  
m. Francis Nathaniel Valentine Burton Conyngham in 1866  
*d. 1890*  
No children

### THE STAMER FAMILY

William Stamer came from Essex  
*1630s*

↓

?

↓

George Stamer settled in Clare  
(grandson to William above)  
*1670s (leasing Carnelly & Moyarta 1680s)*

↓

William (High Sheriff of Clare 1717) m. Anna Bindon

↓

? George (High Sheriff of Clare 1757)  
*d. 1799 (Buried in Killoo)*

↓

William (High Sheriff of Clare 1779)  
*b. 1750*  
*m. 1782*  
*d. 1785*

↓

Lt. Col. George Stamer  
m. Mary J ?  
*d. 1819*

↓

Elizabeth Stamer  
*b. 1816*  
m. 1839 Savary Duke of Rovigo in both Protestant &  
Catholic Churches  
*d. 1875*

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Marie de Rovigo  
m. Francis Nathaniel Valentine Burton of Carrigaholt  
in 1866  
*d. 1890*  
No children

### BURTON GENEALOGY - BUNCRAGGY CARRIGAHOLT

Samuel Burton m Margery Harris  
*d. 1712*

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Francis Burton m. Alice Tilson  
*d. 1714*

↓

Rt Hon. Francis Burton m. Mary Conyngham  
*b. 1696 / d. 1743/44?*

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Francis Pierpoint Conyngham\* m. Elizabeth Clements  
*b. 1730*  
*d. 1787 Hot Wells, Bristol*

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Sir Francis Nathaniel Pierpoint Conyngham\*\* m.  
Valentina Lawless  
*b. 1766 / d. 1832 Bath, England*

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Henry Stuart m. Alicia Mary Simpson  
*b. 1808 / d. 1867*

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Francis Nathaniel Valentine Burton Conyngham\*\*\* m.  
Marie de Rovigo in 1866  
*b. 1842 / d. 1883*

## ORIGINS OF THE FAMILY OF MARIE DE ROVIGO

**Anne Jean Marie Rene Savary (1774-1833)** French General & Diplomat was born in Marcq in the Ardennes. He was aide-de-camp to Napoleon in France and accompanied him on his many campaigns.

Anne Jean Marie Rene Savary was granted the Duchy of Rovigo (Italy) for his loyal service. He was Inspector General of the Gendarmerie and was among the last to desert the Emperor at the time of his abdication in 1814. He did not however accompany him to St. Helena and died in Paris in 1833.

His son, **Napoleon Marie Rene Savary, Duke of Rovigo (1813-1872)** Referred to as Capitaine de Dragons & Homme de Lettres, he married Elizabeth Stamer on the 12th August 1839 in both Catholic & Protestant Churches.

Their daughter **Marie de Rovigo, Carnelly, Co. Clare (1841- 1890)** married Francis Nathaniel Valentine Burton Conyngham of Carrigaholt in 1866. They had no children. Their marriage took place at Clarecastle Church. Her mother, the Duchess de Rovigo (Elizabeth Stamer), arranged with Marie to transfer half the contents of the library at Stamer Park to Carnelly near Newmarket on Fergus.

## INSCRIPTION ON STAMER VAULTED TOMB IN KILLOO GRAVEYARD, CLARECASTLE

*Stamer Tomb: Here lies the bodys of Col Henry Stamer. George Stamer of Carnelly Honora Stamer Alias O Brien his wife and William Stamer their Son by whose orders this monument is erected died the 13th of July 1785 aged 35 years. Much lamented by his friends and his Country. Here also lies the body of George William Stamer who died 26th of November 1817 aged 16 Days. And of Lieu Col George William Stamer who departed this life April 24th 1819 aged 34 years. [Also buried in this tomb is Elizabeth Duchess of Rovigo who died in 1875.]*



Tomb of Elizabeth Duchess of Rovigo. Photograph courtesy of Ray Conway.

## ORIGIN OF THE STAMERS IN CLARE

The **Stamers** came from Essex in England to Ireland in 1610 and were granted lands in Fermanagh & Cavan. George Stamer (whose father William had lands in Fermanagh) married Jane Yorke, daughter of the Mayor of Limerick. He found favour with the Earls of Thomond and became Deputy Governor & High Sheriff of Clare in 1681. The Stamers acquired a lot of land in Cloonkerry, Derryvet, Leitrim, Moyarta, Carnelly, Clarecastle. Their base was Carnelly House until the male line became extinct in the late 19th century.

**Eliza Stamer (1816-1875)** daughter of Col. George & Mary J. Stamer who were living in Stamer Park, near the Causeway in Ennis. Eliza was highly educated, travelled extensively abroad, became a fluent linguist and had a keen interest in literature and fairytale stories. She wrote an autobiography in novel form, 10 quarto volumes and stories – some illustrated in oriental style art. They were never published.

Eliza married Marie Napoleon Rene Savary, whose father (General Savary) was given the title, Duke of Rovigo for his loyal service to Napoleon. The title passed to his first son Marie Rene Savary. During the Napoleonic Wars many valuable artefacts, books and manuscripts came into the hands of General Savary and later became entrusted to Eliza in Stamer Park. Eliza & Marie Rene had two daughters, Mary & Anne. Eliza died in 1875 and was buried in the family vault at Killoo.

The Stamer Library collection was sold by public auction in 1883



Marriage Settlement Marie de Rovigo and Francis Nathaniel Burton 8th November 1866.  
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## BURTONS OF BUNCRAGGY, CARRIGAHOLT

The Burtons originated from Shropshire in England and settled in Ireland in the 1600s

### Ancestry of Francis Nathaniel Valentine Burton of Buncraggy, Carrigaholt (1842-1883)

Francis was descended from **Samuel Burton (d.1712)** & Margery Harris who are recorded as living in Buncraggy, Carrigaholt in 1666 and was High Sheriff in Clare in 1669.

His great grand uncle was **William Burton Conyngham (1733-1796)** Buncraggy, Carrigaholt who was MP for Limavaddy and later Ennis in 1790. He was famous for having presented the Trinity College harp to TCD. In 1922 the harp was used as the model for the insignia of the Irish Free State & the Republic of Ireland. An image was also registered as the Guinness trademark in 1876. He was unmarried and died without issue. A portrait (Oil on Canvas) by a German painter Anton Raphael Mengs was painted of William. It appears to be in the Getty Centre in Los Angeles.

William Burton Conyngham was brother of Francis Pierpoint Conyngham married to Elizabeth Clements.



Deed of Appointment Henry S. Burton to Francis Nathaniel Burton 20th September 1866. Clare County Archives. CLCCA/PP/EST/1/178

### \*Francis Pierpoint Conyngham (1730-1787) - 2nd Baron Conyngham of Mount Charles m. Elizabeth Clements

He was given the name **Francis Pierpoint Burton** at birth. He held the office of MP for Killybegs between 1753 & 1760. He held the office of MP for Co. Clare between 1761 & 1776. He succeeded to the title of 2nd Baron Conyngham of Mount Charles, Co. Donegal on 3rd April 1781. On the 3rd May 1781 his name was legally changed to Francis Pierpoint Conyngham by Royal Licence.

### \*\* Sir Francis Nathaniel Pierpoint Conyngham (1766-1832) m. Valentina Lawless

He was MP for Clare 1790 until the Act of Union 1801 and sat in the Parliament in England from 1801-1808. He was a champion of the Union. He was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Lower Canada but didn't actually travel to Lower Canada until 1822 under threat to have his salary removed.

#### The Honourable Valentina Letitia Lawless

Valentia Lawless was the daughter of Nicholas Lawless, 1st Baron of Cloncurry, Co. Clare and Margaret Browne, daughter of Valentine Browne of Dublin, who were married at St. Peter's Church Dublin on the 13th October 1761.

Valentina Letitia Lawless married Hon. Sir Francis Nathaniel Pierpoint Burton Conyngham, son of Francis Pierpoint Conyngham, 2nd Baron

Conyngham of Mountcharles and Elizabeth Clements on the 4th June 1801. Their children were Henry Stuart Burton Conyngham born 14th September 1808 and died 10th February 1867 and Captain William Conyngham Burton Conyngham born 31st December 1809

Valentina Letitia Lawless was a sister of Valentine Browne Lawless of Dublin. An Arts graduate from Trinity College Dublin, he was imprisoned in 1798 for six weeks on suspicion of treason and again between 1799 and 1801 for the same reason. She died on 4th February 1844.

### \*\*\* Francis Nathaniel Valentine Burton Conyngham (1842-1883) m. Marie de Rovigo

He held the office of High Sheriff of Co. Clare in 1870. He gained the rank of Officer in the service of the 10th Regiment. He was Justice of the Peace for Clare. He held office of Deputy Lieutenant (DL) for the county. He lived at Carrigaholt Castle on 9,169 acres.



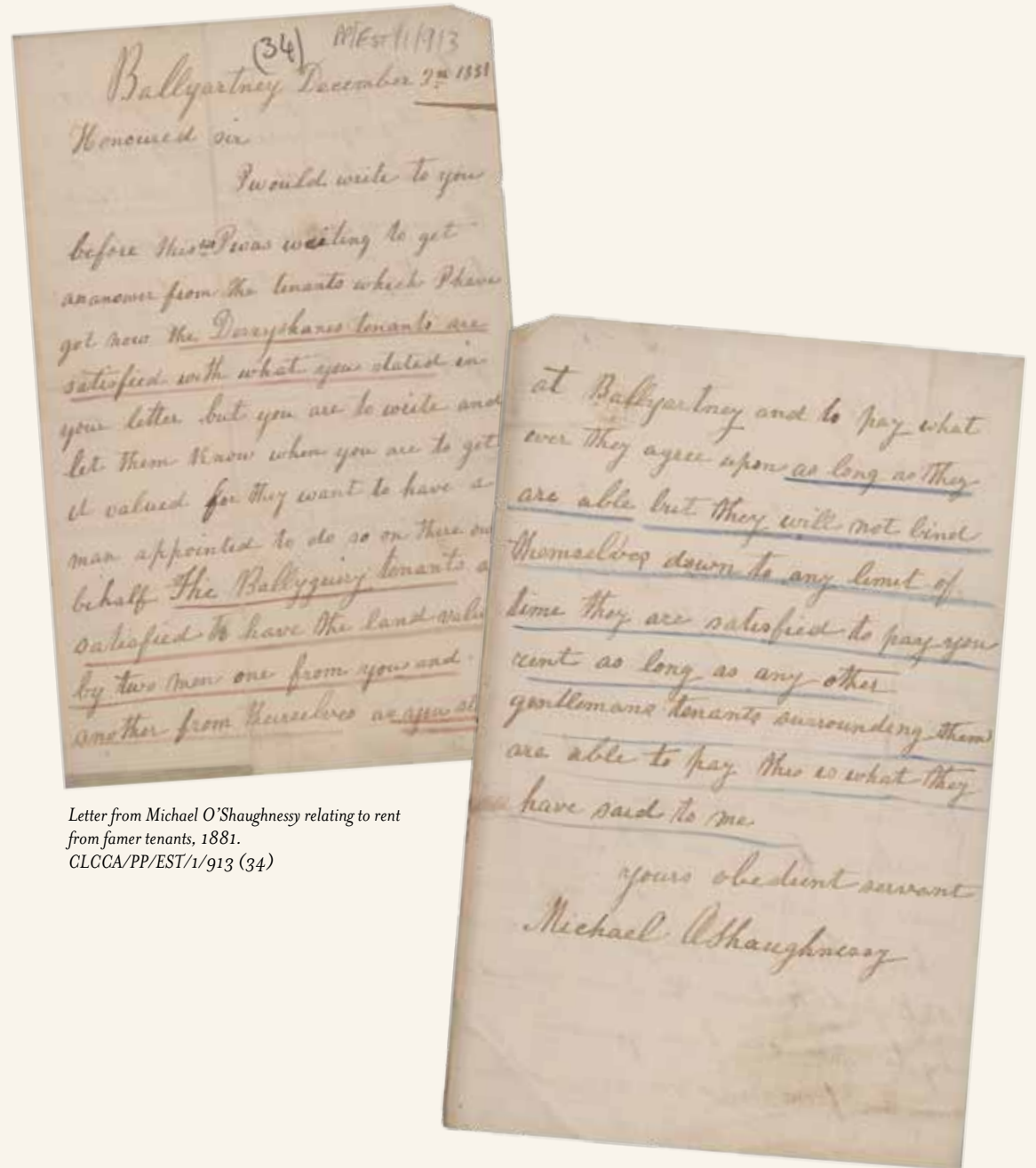
# THE BARCLAY ESTATE

## INTRODUCTION

From the mid-late 18th century to the mid 19th century the landed estate was at its most prolific in Ireland. Landlord life usually revolved around the management of the estate, the local hunt, and social gatherings organised within the Big House. Many landlords would have served the State as local Magistrates and Justices of the Peace, on the county Grand Jury and perhaps on the local Poor Law Union Board of Guardians.<sup>1</sup>

After the Famine (1839-1845) many estates such as the Barclay estate were massively encumbered with debts due to the cost of maintaining their large homes, expensive banking arrangements, marriage settlements and financial arrangements for the upkeep of the family. It was in this climate that the Encumbered Estates Act of 1848 was introduced, which allowed the sale of mortgaged properties. The Landed Estates Court allowed creditors of bankrupt estates to have the estate sold so as to receive payment. In the late nineteenth century, amid widespread economic depression and the agitation of the 'Land War', and the political context of the Home Rule movement, there were moves for the reform of the land system in the form of the various Land Acts. The 1881 Land Act, for example, altered the landlord-tenant relationship by giving many tenants more rights and fairer rents. The 1882 Arrears Act wiped out many tenants' arrears.

In 1885 came the passing of the first of the Land Purchase Acts. These Acts eventually dissolved the landlord-tenant relationship. The 1903 (Wyndham) Land Act advanced purchase money to tenants and gave a 12% bonus to landlords for selling their whole estate. Landlords were then able to pay their debts, while tenants could secure loans to purchase their farms, the annuities (repayment instalments) of which were lower than their old rents. By 1914, about 80% of tenants had purchased their holdings.



Letter from Michael O'Shaughnessy relating to rent from famer tenants, 1881.  
CLCCA/PP/EST/1/913 (34)





Deed appointing Thomas Barclay, Ballyartney, County Clare as a Justice of the Peace for County Clare, 1739. CLCCA/PP/EST/1/48

The tumultuous history of land and land ownership in Ireland and the developments in the governing legislation relating to ownership of land in Ireland is reflected in the McMahon Collection. Evidence may be seen in the deeds, grants, leases and marriage settlements of the various family estates including large estates such as the Barclay, Blood estate. The famine period, is well documented through original correspondence, rental accounts, ejectment decrees, notices to quit and related Court Orders. The post-famine move towards tenant ownership, evident in documents relating to the Landed Estates Court and the Land Acts of the 1880's and early 1900's.<sup>1</sup> Files containing appeals from tenants on the estate to the Irish Land Commission relating to arrears of rent give a clear account of the changing nature of land and its ownership in Ireland.<sup>2</sup>

The estate papers of the Barclays of Ballyartney House, Labaheeda within the McMahon Collection, span over two hundred years from 1716 to 1959. Ballyartney House was the seat of the Rev. David Barclay and his descendants from the late 17<sup>th</sup> century up to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Barclay Estate Papers contain legal papers pertaining to property

transactions such as leases, deeds and sale of lands and correspondence relating to the administration of the family's estate. The earliest land transaction being a lease, dated 1709, between David Barclay of Ballyartney, Co. Clare and [Amijas] Bush of Kilmone county Kilkenny Esq., Henry Rose of Conigar county Limerick and George Rose Jnr of Ballysteane county Tipperary.<sup>3</sup> Marriage settlements and wills from each generation have survived giving an insight into the genealogy and the social and financial standing of the family throughout the centuries.

The Barclay estate papers form new and previously unknown primary source material for research into the personal, administrative and legal activities of the Barclay family. It also, more importantly perhaps, offers an important genealogical resource containing detailed lists of tenants names, townlands, rent paid, arrears and date on the landlord's land throughout County Clare dating as far back as 1791 up to the late 1920s.

**THE BARCLAYS OF BALLYARTNEY**

**Rev. David Barclay**

Rev. David Barclay (d.1715) was Vicar of Kilmacduane and Kilmurray Clonderlaw, Killofin and Killeymuir (Killaloe) from 1689-1715.<sup>4</sup> He married Isabella (d.1716), niece of Andrew Hickman, from whom she inherited lands in Lecarrow Lower, Barony of Clonderlaw. Rev. Barclay rented land in Ballyartney, Labasheeda and it is here that Ballyartney House was built in the eighteenth century. During the revolution of 1689-90 it is recorded that 'Rev. David Barclay remained at home and holding a valuable farm under the see of killaloe paid the tythe of it to the Catholic priest, who had uspured his living'. In the Summer of 1691, he was unusually hard to be pleased in the security, and Mr. Barclay despairing of being able to procure it was returning in low spirits to his residence at Ballyartney when he met Captain O'Brien of Ennistymond, with the news of the utter defeat of the Irish army at Aughrim...he immediately returned to the house where the intruder was setting the tythes of his parish and was asked if he had security...Barclay answered 'My security is the Great King William; and if you do not return my tythe book in ten minutes I will have you hanged on the road to Kilmurray'<sup>5</sup> His vault lies in Kilmurray McMahon graveyard.

In the name of God Amen. Isabella Barclay wife of David Barclay late of Ballyartney in the County of Clare the daughter and executrix of David Barclay late of Ballyartney in the County of Clare the daughter of some time Attorney do make this my last will and testament in manner & form following first & principally I recommend my soul to Almighty God hoping for salvation through the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour my body I bequeath to be buried in my Church as was after named at the direction of the Wherof I am entitled to the half plowland of Lecarrow Lower Barony of Clonderlaw & County of Clare & was formerly devised to me by the last will of my Uncle Andrew Hickman deceased and whereby I have been disabled by law from my inheritance & my coheirs from receiving the said half plowland from any Kingman or other Hickman deceased in the County of Clare by reason of our Courts of law and whereby I am now about to receive the same in law & equity for recovery thereof a Council learned in the law shall advise me calling to mind the uncertainty of this life & that I may live to see my children brought to an end and to beget by any of my children about the death of the said half plowland after my decease by lawsons & others to have the half plowland of Lecarrow Lower & County of Clare & the half plowland of Lecarrow Lower and all my right title & interest in the County of Clare & County of Clare late son David Barclay by Henry Kasparszoff son subject now deceased to payment of such legacy & sum of money of seven shillings & a penny to be paid to him from Isaac mink Elizabeth Howett eldest daughter to Thomas Howett being my granddaughter the sum of seven shillings & a penny and likewise to my granddaughter Margaret Lardner eldest daughter of Michael Lardner the like sum of seven shillings & a penny to be paid mink them respectively out of the first profits arising out of the said estate after recovery of the same or such part thereof as shall be due to them from the said estate my friend son David Barclay Esquire of this my last will & testament hereby recommending a former will by me made in the County of Clare for the said my last will & testament I have hereunto set my hand & seal at Ballyartney of Ballyartney 1716

Isabella  
 Signed sealed & published in  
 presence of  
 Andrew Barclay  
 My Brother  
 John Howett Esq:  
 Isabella A Barclay  
 Mark

Last will and testament of Isabella Barclay, widow of David Barclay late of Ballyartney, County Clare 1716. The will bequeaths half of plowland in Lecarrow Lower, Barony of Clonderlaw, County Clare devised to Isabella Barclay by the last will and testament of her Uncle Andrew Hickman, to her son David Barclay. Bequests of the sum of five pounds are also made to her granddaughters Elizabeth Howett, oldest daughter of Thomas Howett, and Margaret Lardner, oldest daughter of Michael Lardner. The will is signed and sealed. CLCCA/PP/EST/1/62







### David Barclay

David Barclay, son of Rev. David and Isabella Barclay, married Mary Wakely, daughter of Nicholas Wakely, Crovrahan in 1720. David inherited Ballyartney and is mentioned in his mother Isabella Barclay's will of 1716. In 1745 he bought a premises from Percy Wyndham O'Brien in Drishane

**Rev. Andrew Barclay** (b.1681 d.1754) son of Rev. David Barclay entered Trinity College in 1699 and received his BA in 1704.<sup>8</sup> He was treasurer of the Killaloe diocese from 1738-54 and also Vicar of Kilnasoolagh (Killaloe) at this time and resided in Newmarket, County Clare. In 1731 he rented lands in Ballinacraggy, Co. Clare.

**Thomas Barclay** (d. 1838) married Anne Harte, daughter of Richard and Bridget Harte of Ballyhennan in 1763. He is recorded within the collection as having leased farm and lands at Ballyartney in 1791 for the yearly rent of £377. His daughter Bridget married Richard Chadwick in 1784 and another daughter married James Eyre Caulfield, Charlemont in 1797. Thomas Barclay leased the house, farm and lands at Ballyartney to Richard Barclay in 1803. Anne, his wife died in 1805 in Castleconnell, Limerick.

**Richard Barclay** (d.1836) married Millicent Anne Studdert in 1805. Richard had been a signatory in favour of the Union in 1799, was Magistrate of the Grand Jury between 1804-1835<sup>9</sup>, Peace Commissioner in 1803 and listed in Leet's directory of 1814 as a gentleman holding his seat in Ballyartney.



Ballyartney House in present day.



Richard Barclay had evictions carried out upon his estate which consisted of considerable lands as recorded in the Ejectment Books of County Clare (1816-1835). He had a large family; Thomas, Ann, George, Millicent, Jonas, Richard, Georgina and Henry. The family appears to have travelled and settled in Argentina whilst others remained in Ireland. Colonel Jonas Barclay (b.1820 d.1880) served in Madras, India; Henry Barclay (b.1812) seems to have left for Argentina in 1831 when he was 19 years old<sup>10</sup>, he died in 1871 in Rosario, Argentina<sup>11</sup> leaving Charles Keane as beneficiary. George died in 1867 in Buenos Ayres<sup>12</sup> leaving Charles Keane, Richard Barclay and Henry Barclay as beneficiaries. Richard is listed in 1876 as owning 923 acres in County Clare whilst he is recorded as residing in South America<sup>13</sup>. Ann married Thomas Llyod, of Dublin barrister at law, in 1830. Georgina (b.1816 d.1911) lived in Ballyartney with her niece and grandniece and never married, she died aged 95.

**Thomas Barclay** (d.1847) son of Richard married Charlotte Moroney in 1837, daughter of Thomas Harrison Moroney, Milltown House. They had issue; Thomas Harrison (b.1843 d.1868), William (b. c.1845); Anna (b.1841), Robert (b.1848) and Richard ((b.1839 d.1874) and Maria (b.1844-1923). Anna married Alexander John MacDougall, Captain Royal Artillery, son of Vice Admiral Sir John MacDoughall in Limerick in 1867<sup>14</sup>; Robert B. Barclay married in 1882, his wife's name was Frances Moore<sup>15</sup>, they had five children; Ethel Burdett (b.1883), Mabel C (b.1884), Eileen Elizabeth (b.1886), Kathleen M. (b.1885) and Arthur (b.1890). Robert is recorded as living in Dublin in the 1910 and 1911 censuses.

Marriage Settlement made between Thomas Llyod of Dublin and Anne Barclay, daughter of Richard Barclay. 1830.  
GLCCA/PP/EST/1/54



Robert Burdett Barclay, Thomas Harrison Barclay and Richard Barclay are recorded as living in Ballyartney on voters' lists from the years 1861 up to 1874.<sup>16</sup> Robert Burdett, in 1905 is recorded as living in The Retreat, Milltown Malbay. Their father **Thomas Barclay** was Commissioner of the Peace for Co. Clare in 1836. However Thomas died 'of fever' as reported in the Waterford Mail in June 1847. His widow Charlotte remarried George A. Dartnell, Limerick in 1854. This marriage led to dispute amongst family as to the estate and evidence of this may be seen throughout the Barclay Papers. In 1847, Thomas Barclay, Chairman of the Killofin Relief Committee, wrote to the Famine Relief Commission, enclosing a subscription list and appealing for aid to relieve a distressed parish population of 4,500.

The Limerick Reporter, 4<sup>th</sup> June 1847 advertised by direction of Thomas Barclay the 'entire of his highly bred dairy, horses, vehicles, sheep, pigs..' and also the same newspaper on, 25<sup>th</sup> June 1847 advertised that by direction of the late Thomas Barclay the 'entire of the furniture and other property at Ballyartney.'

**Richard Barclay** (b.1839 d.1874) married Maria Studdert (b.1844 d.1923) in 1864. Their daughter Ellen Florence was born in 1865 and lived in Ballyartney with her mother and her grandaunt Georgina Barclay after her father's death. She never married and moved to Dublin following the sale of Ballyartney in the 1920s where she died in 1941<sup>17</sup>. The representatives of Richard Barclay are listed as owning 338 acres in County Clare in 1876. Maria, Richard's widow and her husband's aunt and her daughter Ellen are recorded in the 1901 and 1911 censuses. Richard had died at the early age of 35. Richard's wife and daughter were the last Barclays to live on the estate. In 1895 Ellen wrote in a letter to land agent, Harry Willis, 'father's will was never administered too, there were as you say more debts than assets...'<sup>18</sup>

Letter from Ellen F. Barclay to Harry Willis relating to succession duty claims against Ellen Barclay following the death of her father Richard Barclay. 1895. Clare County Archives. CLCCA/PP/EST/1/892

85  
 Encl. Durd. May  
 Have an account of  
 Mr. Bartwell's for 1875

Mrs 11/1892 Ballyartney  
 (1) Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1895

My dear Harry,  
 I send you two a/c's of  
 Mr. Bartwell's for 1874/75.  
 I cannot find any of any  
 earlier date. I also enclose  
 a letter of Encl. Durd.  
 about the Succession  
 Duty, it is the Duty on  
 the reference to  
 I never got the receipt  
 for the money. I thought

it must have been I am sorry I cannot  
 send you, as you paid him any thing more  
 it for me. Encl. Durd. which was of use to  
 may remember to me you. I hope I won't have  
 anything about it, he is to pay more Succession  
 in Limerick at present Duty. I thought it was  
 & it is probable you quite done with it.  
 maybe him. Thanks for the cheque  
 which was very  
 never administered too, welcome  
 there were as you say  
 more debts than assets.  
 Yours very sincerely  
 Ellen F. Barclay



COUNTY OF CLARE—BARONY OF CLONDERALAW

COPY OF THE REGISTER

So far as relates to the Barony of CLONDERALAW of Persons entitled to Vote at any Election of a Member or Members of Parliament for the County of CLARE between the 30th day of November, 1860, and the 1st day of December, 1861.

Number of the Register	Christian Name and Surname of each Person on the Register at full length	Place of Abode	Nature of Qualification	Amount of Qualification or Rating	Description or Enumeration, Street, Lane, or other the place in the Barony, and the extent of the Property (if any), where the property is situated, or name of the property, and the names of the Owners of the property and of which each land-chap is liable, or name of them and the situation of the property	Date of Registry (in cases where party claims under a Registration under 2 & 3 Wm. IV., c. 85)
1	Anglin, Michael	Lackyle	house and Land	21 0 0	house and land at Lackyle south	
2	Bull, Major William Hawkins	Fertfergus	freehold and pasture	845 10 0	(Knockasaggarth, Carrowkaha, and Inchodan)	
3	Burdick, George	Kilroe	freehold	50 0 0	house and land at Ballynacall, Fertfergus, Arnaigh, Corafield	
4	Burdick, Edward	Ballyroney	freehold	0 0 0		
5	Berry, Thomas	Loak	house and Land	65 0 0	house and land at Loak and Toulegh	
6	Berry, John	Breafla east	house and Land	18 15 0	house and land at Breafla	
7	Boutanney, Richard Hawkins	Ballynagard	house offices and land	185 0 0	house land and offices at Ballynagard and Ballymal	
8	Bolan, Michael	Breafliva	house and Land	17 0 0	house and bog at Breafliva	
9	Bolan, Michael	Knock	house and land	12 15 0	house offices and land at Ballymoran and Tanager	
10	Bolan, James	Kilross	freehold	60 0 0	Breafliva	
11	Bonnet, New James	Oaklands	house and land	26 0 0	house offices and land at Oaklands and Caseragh	
12	Borningham, Thomas	Ballyroney	house and Land	30 0 0	lands at Ballyroney	
13	Borningham, Thomas sen.	Balyes	house and land	13 1 0	house of les and land at Balyes and Kilkerrin	
14	Borningham, John	Lackyle	house and Land	19 15 0	house and land at Lackyle south	
15	Bran, Denis	Carrowrath	house and land	14 4 0	house and land at Carrowrath east	
16	Bran, John	Poulinphooka	house and Land	25 5 0	house and land at Poulinphooka	
17	Bran, Simon senior	Kilrosser	house and Land	27 8 0	house & land at Kilrosser	
18	Bran, John	Craig, K. Middens Parish	land	0 0 0	land at Craig (Kilblishaw Parish)	
19	Bran, Thomas	Lackyle	house and Land	18 15 0	house and land at Lackyle north	
20	Bran, Michael	Greggrove	house and Land	17 0 0	house and land at Greggrove	
21	Bran, James	Craig and Kibblane	house and Land	24 5 0	house and land at Craig and Kibblane	
22	Bree, George	Clonmillymore	house and Land	75 0 0	house land at Clonmillymore and Ballybat	
23	Bree, Michael	Tullycross	house and land	12 15 0	house and land at Tullycross	
24	Bree, George junior	Clonmillymore	house and land	13 10 0	house and land at Clonmillymore	
25	Breen, John	Lahashoda	house and land	29 11 0	house and land at Lahashoda, Lahashoda and Conkerry	
26	Brooks, John	Kilmore	house and land	24 5 0	house and land at Kilmore, Caseragh	
27	Brown, John	Shaniva	house and land	15 15 0	house and land at Shaniva	
28	Brown, Patrick	Leitrim	land	12 0 0	land at Leitrim	
29	Brown, Michael David	Derrylough	land	12 15 0	land at Derrylough	
30	Brown, John	Crossmore	house and land	12 15 0	house and land at Crossmore	
31	Brown, Edmund	Barrane upper	house and land	13 15 0	house and land at Barrane upper	
32	Brown, Mary	Derrin	house and Land	14 10 0	house and land at Derrin	
33	Brown, Edward Burke	Castlepark	house and Land	71 15 0	house offices and land at Castlepark	
34	Burke, John	Loak Kilshill	land	12 10 0	land at Loak east and Loak west	
35	Burke, William Brown	Castlepark	land	55 5 0	land at Castlepark and Castlepark	
36	Burke, Michael	Ballymoran	land	18 0 0	land at Ballymoran	
37	Burns, Walter	Ballyroney	house and land	12 15 0	house and land at Ballyroney	
38	Bush Major William Daxton	Kilmore	freehold	50 0 0	Mountshanna, parish of Kilm	
39	Butler, John	Knock	house and land	13 2 0	house & lands at Knock, Dooagrogue, Dunail & Ballymoran	
40	Butler, Rev Theobald	Beshorough	freehold	80 0 0	lands of Dooagrogue	
41	Callan, Simon	Colmanstown	house and Land	22 0 0	house and land at Colmanstown	
42	Canon, William	Inshaker	house and Land	143 15 0	house and land at Inshaker and Ballynacall	
43	Carey, John	Leitrim	land	29 10 0	land at Leitrim	
44	Carey, Daniel	Leitrim	house and Land	16 15 0	house and land at Leitrim	
45	Carmody, Patrick	Lahashoda	house and Land	150 5 0	house and land at Lahashoda, Moy-falla, Lahashoda, and	
46	Carmody, Patrick	Carrowbane	house and Land	18 0 0	house and land at Carrowbane	
47	Carmody, Thomas	Carrowbane	house and Land	19 0 0	house and land at Carrowbane	
48	Carmody, Thomas	Lackyle	house and Land	18 10 0	house and land at Lackyle and Kilkerrin	
49	Carey, James	Glenunna	house and Land	72 6 0	house offices and land at Glenunna	
50	Carey, John	Gurtoshaha	house and Land	21 5 0	house and land at Gurtoshaha and Dooagrogue	
51	Carey, Denis	Ballyroney	house and land	17 5 0	house and land at Ballyroney	
52	Cather, James	Carrowtoola	house and land	97 5 0	house and land at Carrowtoola	
53	Chambers, James	Leitrim	house and land	15 0 0	house and land at Leitrim	
54	Chambers, John	Leitrim	house and Land	127 15 0	house and land at Leitrim	
55	Chambers, Patrick	Cullinagh	house and land	20 15 0	house and land at Cullinagh, Clonkerrow and Clonmoran	
56	Chambers, John	Derrylough	house and Land	51 5 0	house and land at Derrylough west and Derrylough	
57	Chambers, Robert	Deer Island	house and Land	35 0 0	house and land at Deer Island	
58	Chambers, Stephen	Deer Island	house and Land	33 0 0	house and land at Deer Island	
59	Chambers, Henry	Knockasaggarth	house and land	31 0 0	house and land at Knockasaggarth	
60	Chambers, George	Loak	house and land	15 10 0	house and land at Loak	
61	Chambers, Joseph	Cappanavarnog	house and Land	17 15 0	house offices and land at Cappanavarnog	
62	Chancy, Denis	Leannally	house and land	11 8 0	house offices and land at Leannally	
63	Chancy, Michael	Leannally	house and Land	12 0 0	house offices and land at Leannally	
64	Chancy, Thos	Ballyvohan	house and Land	85 0 0	house and land at Ballyvohan	



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## THE LAND AGENT

The employment of land agents was a common form of estate management in the nineteenth century Ireland. Agents were responsible for collecting rents, which were normally collected twice a year, on gale days in May and November. Their additional duties included keeping accounts, drawing up leases and ensuring their covenants were adhered to by its tenants, supervising expenditure; overseeing improvements, carrying out evictions and valuing property.<sup>19</sup>

Besides his estate duties an agent often served as resident magistrate, member of the Board of Guardians or organised voters at elections.<sup>20</sup>

The existence of such land agents in the management of estates in the county of Clare throughout the nineteenth century can be found throughout the McMahon Archival Collection.



Appointment of Marcus Keane as New Trustee of the Burton Estate. 1859.  
CLCCA/PP/EST/1/136

### MARCUS KEANE, LAND AGENT

One such land agent was Marcus Keane (b.1815 d.1883). Marcus Keane was from a prominent family in Ennis. His father, Robert 'Long Bob' Keane (b.1774 d.1939), a Protestant land agent, had built his family home in Beechpark circa 1800. His sixth son Marcus took over his father's land agency upon his death in 1839.<sup>21</sup>

Marcus married Louisa Westby, daughter of Nicholas Westby of Kilballyowen. The larger estates in which Keane was land agent were the Westby, Conyngham and Henn estates.



Cash receipts relating to rent on the Barclay family's estate. Signed by land agent Marcus Keane. 1860.  
CLCCA/PP/EST/1/882



Marcus Keane, Land Agent c. 1860. Courtesy Clare County Library.



RENTAL OF THE ESTATE OF R. B. & E. F. BARCLAY

FOR ONE YEAR ENDING

1st NOVEMBER,

1896

No.	DENOMINATIONS AND TENANTS' NAMES	Gate Days	Tennants	Tenement Valuations	Arrears from 1895	1 Year's Rent to 1896	Date of Payment	Rent & Arrears Received	Poor Rate		County Cess		Income Tax		Allowances	Arrears to 1896	OBSERVATIONS		
									Made @	Allowed	Made @	Allowed	Made @	Allowed					
1	Chamberlain's Shop (Name Chamberlain's)	20	20	10	20	20/1/96	10												
2	Walter's Kitchen	24	24	80	110	22/5	22/5												
3	Wormley's Kitchen	15	15	31	106	12/10	5/10/96	6/9											
4	Wormley's Shop	17	17	19	13	19/13	4/6/96	5											
5	Wormley's Shop			4	18	4/18	6/6/96	2/9											
6	Wormley's Kitchen			15	110	22/5	22/5	15											
7	Wormley's Kitchen (Name Wormley's)	10	10	4	10	4/10	4/10	4/10											
8	Wormley's Kitchen (Name Wormley's)	20	20	67	114	22/5	22/5	15/15											
9	Wormley's Kitchen (Name Wormley's)	16	16	19	11	19/11	19/11	10/1											
10	Wormley's Shop			1	1	1	1	10											
11	Wormley's Kitchen			5	42	8/4	8/4	5/2/6											
12	Wormley's Kitchen			6	3	12/6	24/1/96	6/3											
13	Wormley's Kitchen			5	4	10/8	26/1/96	10/8											
14	Wormley's Shop			6	6	12/1/96	12/1	12											
15																			
16	Wormley's Kitchen					1	10	26/1/96											
17	Wormley's Kitchen					15	6/6	15											
18	Wormley's Kitchen					2	1	25/1/96											
					240	134	107	8	6					176	12	10			
										512			77	10	2	175	6		



## LANDED ESTATES

### Conyngham

At the time of Griffith's Valuation in 1855 when Marcus Keane would have been his land agent, the Marquis of Conyngham held lands in barony of Islands, parishes of Clondagad, Clareabbey, Killone, Kilmaley and Drumcliff, the barony of Bunratty Lower, where he held fourteen townlands in the parish of Killely and the barony of Moyarta, parishes of Kilmacduane and Kilfearagh, Bunratty Upper and Inchiquin. By the 1870s the Conyngham estate in county Clare was comprised of 27,613 acres.

### Westby

Nicholas Westby of Kilballyowen, Marcus Keane's father-in-law, held extensive estates in county Clare in the mid 19th century, mainly located in the baronies of Moyarta (centred on the parish of Kilballyowen) and Islands (centred on the parish of Kilmaley) but also in at least five other baronies. In the 1870s Edward Perceval Westby owned 25,779 acres in county Clare.<sup>22</sup>

A reflection of the enormity of their estates can be found within the McMahon Archival collection in the form of a bound volume containing ordnance survey maps of County Clare *Presented by The Marquis Conyngham and Nicholas Westby Esquire to Marcus Keane Ennis, County Clare*. This fascinating volume dated 1842-1843 includes an index to townlands and tenants names on estates managed by Keane.



Bound volume containing ordnance survey maps of County Clare presented by The Marquis Conyngham and Nicholas Westby Esquire to Marcus Keane Ennis, County Clare. 1842-43. Clare County Archives. CLCCA/PP/EST/1/OS-4.



*The Day after Ejection, Illustrated London News, 1848.*

## EVICCTIONS

It was during this time, that Marcus Keane however, earned the name 'The Exterminator General of Clare' due to his mass evictions in Clare. In February 1848 Keane evicted 30 families from the Westby estate at Anghneal, east Clare, levelling their houses completely. Later in the same month he removed another 30 families from three townlands near Kilrush, to a total of 185 persons.<sup>23</sup>

In the Limerick and Clare Examiner, 22 August 1849, it was reported that 'within the last four and five days, eleven houses were tumbled by Marcus Keane's men at Rehig, and that several more are to fall under the hands of wreckers employed by that person. He has, we are told a troop of twenty of them engaged for a two days demolition. In addition to this, notice has been given, that if any tenant receives one of his unhoused and unsheltered fellow occupiers, the following day will see him too, together with his family an outcast for his charity, and without a roof for indulging one of the best feelings in our nature. The inhuman [ukase] thus peremptorily issued, cannot be too severely reprobated, or too loudly condemned. Prohibitions of this kind have undoubtedly caused the death of thousands of peasantry.'

In the early 1850s Keane bought 1,000 acres at Enogh, barony of Moyarta and by the 1870s Marcus Keane's estate had grown to 4,784 acres in county Clare.<sup>24</sup>

In following decades Marcus Keane continued to operate as Land Agent for the Westby and Conyngham estates and more besides. He spent his time in his residence in Beechpark, Kilmaley and at Doondahlin, Kilbaha.<sup>25</sup> Doondahlin was built in 1842 on the Westby estate, it remained in the possession of the Keane family until the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it is now in ruins.<sup>26</sup> His [nephew] Charles Owen Keane, Hermitage, Ennis, continued the role of Land Agent until his death in 1924. There is much evidence of his administration of the Barclay estate, the Burton estate, the Cullinane and the Kelly estate to be found in the McMahon Archival collection in the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.





*Thomas Keane, Marcus Keane's brother, at Kilrush House with Crofton Moore Vandeleur of Kilrush House. C. 1863. Crofton Moore Vandeleur is thought to have evicted up to 1,000 tenants from his estate in the late 1840s. The Vandeleur Collection, Clare County Archives.*



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## CLARE FAMILIES WITHIN THE MCMAHON ARCHIVAL COLLECTION

**Anderson Family Estate**, Chapel Lane, Ennis, Cooleamore (Burren) & Tromore Castle (Quilty) and Rinroe (Tuber).

**Archer Family Estate**, Monanoe, Doorar Parish.

**Bolton Family Estate**, Ballytarsna (Kilshanny), Moy Glass Beg, Kilmurry Ibrickan, Carrow Laggan, Kilmurry Ibrickan.

**Cahill Family Estate**, Glen North, (Clooney) Knockarunnagh and Carrownaclough, Ennistymon and Lahinch.

**Collins Family Estate**, Kilkee & Clonroadmore, Ennis.

**Considine Family Estate**, Drumbiggle, Ennis.

**Cox Family Estate**, Jail St., Ennis.

**Crowe Family Estate**, Old Mill Street, Ennis, Clare Abbey, Ballyaghafadda, Ballybeg, Lissylisheen, Nuaff, Ruan, Quility, Clonadrum, Leaghaknock, Molosky, Finoremore, Craggaknock, Ballyteigue, Ballyoganmore & Tullymacan, Ballyvonnavaun (Barefield) and Cullen (Kilmaley).

**Crowley Family Estate**, Furroor, Leitrim – Cree.

**Barclay Family Estate**, Ballyartney, Labasheeda, Drishane (Killfiddane), Cahircullea Beg, Lands of Lack, Ballygeery, Lecarrow Lowerr., Clonerafs & Ballingaira, parish of Coolemine, Derryshaan, Clonderalaw, Kilmurry West, Maryville, Clounakillen and Rahoe in the Parish of Kilfenora.

**Blood Family Estate**, Gleninagh, Aghaglinny, Murrrough, Clounie, Rockforest, Gallows Park & Church St. – Ennis, Ballyheaghane, Castletown, Lisduff, Magowna, Crivagh, Killonoghnan, Ballyelly, Magheranraheen, Loughgullyshanna & Loughnagure, Jail Street, Ennis and Turnpike Road, Ennis.

**Burton Family Estate**, Carnane, Clifden, Crossard, Nooan, Caheramore, Gortlecka, Ballinphunta, Knockaunroe, Cahirnamoney, Kilnabroskey, Cornanemore & Cornanebeg, Flour Mills, Tullagha, Carrigaholt, Kilcredaun, Rahony, Cross, Clounconneen, Ballygarvan, Rahys, Kilmacaduan, Gower, Moyaddarmore, Thomastown, Kilmoranemore, Tromore, Kilcarroll, Ballykillane, Gortboyheen, Ballyshanny, Ballybree, Deelanmore & Tarmon, Carnelly, Rahyadryan, Rahy West, Reinaderick, Ballygarran, Kilmoranbeg, Darragh, Adelphi - Clifden, Gurtnaculla, Riverstown - Corofin, Cahernamona, Garranavinchoge, Mollough, Parkroe, Gurteenyard, Tullagha, Crehan, Garrynavanshogue, Knockamoe, Knocknaskeagh, Knockanealbunkard, , Knockacarrabane, Tivoremore, Emlagh, Drimmin, Knockacastlane and Corra.

**Culligan Family Estate**, Knockerry west, Killimer, Kilrush, Market Square Kilrush, Tolar Street, Kilrush and Derrlough.

**Cullinan Family Estate**, New Bridge Row – Ennis, River View – Ennis, Ballymulcashel, Coolready - Tulla, Bodyke, Colshingaun & Drumcarina.

**Ellis Family Estate**, Cloonbooly, Miltown Malbay, Milford – Kilfarboy, Knockloskeraun, Fitzgerald & Davoren Family Estate, Old Mill Street – Ennis, Waterpark – Ennis, Furroor.

**Foley Family Estate**, Dooneale – Kilrush, Killimer, Dunneil and Coolorta.

**Forster Family Estate**, Loughannaweelaun, Rinroe, Drumon, Attydota & Poulavala & Corofin – Loughaunfoylane, Garivillaun.

**Goldwyer Family Estate**, Ballingaddy East, Cloncoul, Tarmon West, Parknamoney, Rape Park and Moyaddabeg.

**Greene Family Estate**, Leitrim, Borheen, Old Mill Street, Lifford and Bill Road – Ennis.

**Haire Family Estate**, Moranoe.

**Hodder Family Estate**, Cloncoul, Clohanesavaune, Rathaniska, Newtown East and West and Breaghva.

**Kelly Family Estate**, Park, Tully, Caherbullog/Caherbuollig, Applevale, Peafield, Drumminagh/Drummina, Nuan, Porte - Ruan, Dromna, Newtown, Nooan, Killimoon/Kilmoon, Killinny, Normangrove, Caherclaney, Ballygriffy, Mount Elva, Liskena, Cahirclaney, Clonroadmore- Ennis and Dromina.

**Kennedy Family Estate**, Mill Street – Ennis, Drombiggle – Ennis.

**Cronin & Ryan Family Estate**, Lifford – Ennis, Drombiggle – Ennis.

**Enright Family Estate**, Mill Street – Ennis.

**Creagh Family Estate**, Rathbane.

**Kenny Family Estate**, Post Office Lane, Ennis.

**Kerin Family Estate**, Coolasteigue, (Coollisteige).

**Lillis Family Estate**, Corrovoran, Cooraclare.

**Lynch Family Estate**, Turnpike & Riverview – Ennis.

**Mahon Family Estate**, Clonlaheen, Green Lawn – Ennis, Old Ground Hotel – O’Connell St., Ennis.

**Matthew Family Estate**, Market Street & Old Barrack Street – Ennis, Laghtagoone, Kilvoydane, Normangrove and Ballymichael.

**McInerney Family Estate**, Turnpike, Market Street, Chapel Lane, Griffey Lane, Cahercalla, Chapel Lane, Blood Lane, Ennis.

**McMahon Family Estate**, Coolteengowan & Parnell Street, Mill Street Clonroad beg, The Cattle Mart, Ennis.

**Maloney Family Estate**, Simms Lane, Salt House Lane, Market Street, Mill Street, Summer Lane, Butter Market, Parnell Street & College Road, Ennis, Barrett’s Lane, Parnell Street, Ennis.

**MacNamara Family Estate**, Moananagh, Bushy Park – Ennis, Ballyellery, Barnanageeha, Feagreen, Knocknarah, Keelkyle, Laghally, Drumdoolaghty, Turnpike – Ennis, Well Park, Lisduff, Knockacaurhin, Sheun, Boulteagh and Carrygerry, Maryville, Chapel Lane & Jail Street in Ennis, Knockroe & Caherbarnagh.

**Moody Family Estate**, Drombiggle – Ennis.

**Moroney Family Estate**, Jail Street, Borheen & O’Connell St., Ennis, Nagle Family Estate, Woodmount – Ennistymon.

**O’Connor Family Estate**, Quilty.

**O’Donohue Family Estate**, Glenard & Newmarket-on-Fergus.

**O’Gorman Family Estate**, Drumellihy & Drombiggle.

**O’Loughlen Family Estate**, Mill Street – Ennis, Turnpike – Ennis.

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**Pilkington Family Estate**, Clonroadmore, Waterpark, Orchard Lane, Drombiggle and Old Mill Street, Ennis. Gortmore, Glenard – Clarecastle.

**Reilly Family Estate**, Ballyea.

**O’Meehan Family Estate**, Corofin.

**Patterson Family Estate**, Clifden, Adelphi, Riverston, Cahernamona, Carnane, Nooan, Crossard, Ballinphunta, Knockaunroe & Gortlecka.

**Rickard Family Estate**, Jail Street, Market Street and Mill Street, Ennis, Parnell Street, Ennis, Brady’s Lane – Ennis, Cahill’s Lane – Ennis, Old Meat Market – Ennis, Gael St., Ennis, Turnpike, The Quay, Halloran Lane, Lysaght Lane, O’Connell Street, Corn Market Street, Ennis.

**Ryan Family Estate**, Turnpike, Church St., Ennis.

**Rynne Family Estate**, Bank Place, Victoria Terrace, Harmony Row, O’Connell Street, Market Street, Post Office Lane and Church Street, Ennis.

**Shaughnessy Family Estate**, Dunneil, Kilrush.

**Spaight Family Estate**, Ballyvalley, Cussane, Tulla, Abbey House, Killaloe.

**Stephens Family Estate**, Old Mill Street, Ennis.

**Studdert Family Estate**, Ballyhannan and Madarra, Knockacaurhin, Shean, Aghawinnaun, Slievecarran, Coolnatullagh, Sheeaun, Newtown and Clarefield, Meadow at Clonrode Beg, Ennis and Madaragh.

**Westropp Family Estate**, Dromore and Derryulk.

**Willis Family Estate**, County Offaly and Co. Laois.

**Clounloun Estate**, Clouloun, Tulla, Mullogh, Rhine East and West, Carrulegane, Knockatoher and Dereen, Co. Clare.

**Morice Family Estate**, Cloghlea and Carhuelgane.

**Foley Estate**, Dooneale.



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Admit of David Barclay late of Bealpartry in the County of Card<sup>th</sup> deceased  
being of sound mind & Memory do make this my last will & testament in manner  
some following first & principally I recommend my soul to Almighty God hoping  
salvation through the only merits of Jesus Christ my saviour my body to be  
w<sup>th</sup> buried by my executor herein after named at his direction I the wherof  
am entitled to the half p<sup>th</sup> lowland of Lacarrow being lying along in the Bar<sup>th</sup>  
of Condralu & County afores<sup>d</sup> was formerly devised to me by the last will of  
my Uncle Andrew Hickman deceased and wherof I have been disabled for some  
time by my minority & since by my coverture from recovering the said half p<sup>th</sup>  
land from my kinsman Walter Hickman deceased in his lifetime & from my  
Wife by due course of law and wherof I am now about to recover full  
rights in law or equity for recovery thereof as Council learned in the law shall advise  
but calling to mind the uncertainty of this life & that I may be gone before  
I have done so I have hereunto signed my hand & seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1701



# Anthony Burton

No. 2-184 (A) DISTRICT

## COUNTY OF CLARE—BARONY OF CLONDERALAW

### COPY OF THE REGISTER

As by an Act in the 10th Year of GEORGE IV. CAP. 11. and in the 1st Year of WILLIAM IV. CAP. 1. and in the 1st Year of VICTORIA CAP. 1. and in the 1st Year of EDWARD VII. CAP. 1. and in the 1st Year of GEORGE V. CAP. 1. and in the 1st Year of EDWARD VI. CAP. 1. and in the 1st Year of ELIZABETH II. CAP. 1.

Serial	County	Barony	Parish	Section	Area	Value	Owner
1	Clare	Clonderalaw	St. Mary's	1	100	100	John Smith
2	Clare	Clonderalaw	St. Mary's	2	200	200	John Smith
3	Clare	Clonderalaw	St. Mary's	3	300	300	John Smith
4	Clare	Clonderalaw	St. Mary's	4	400	400	John Smith
5	Clare	Clonderalaw	St. Mary's	5	500	500	John Smith
6	Clare	Clonderalaw	St. Mary's	6	600	600	John Smith
7	Clare	Clonderalaw	St. Mary's	7	700	700	John Smith
8	Clare	Clonderalaw	St. Mary's	8	800	800	John Smith
9	Clare	Clonderalaw	St. Mary's	9	900	900	John Smith
10	Clare	Clonderalaw	St. Mary's	10	1000	1000	John Smith

West Clare Railway  
 24 June 1877  
 Dear Mr. [Name]  
 I have been very well  
 and I trust you are the same.  
 I have been very busy  
 but I am not at all  
 unwell. I am  
 ever your  
 affectionate  
 son  
 Anthony



Henry Board Director  
 Co.  
 Decd of Appointment



Received of Mr. [Name]  
 the sum of [Amount]  
 for [Purpose]  
 [Signature]

Dated [Date]  
 Settlement  
 [Signature]

With yours affly  
 Anthony