

The Mystery Parish of Londonderry, Northern Ireland
Ballymeath or Ballaymeath
What evidence is there or where should it be and it is not there?
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The *History of the Ancient Ryedales* By Gideon Tibbetts Ridlon was published in 1884 and a digitization of the book was done by Google Books. In this book Ridlon has a section with the title on page 193: The Riddells of Ballaymeath, Ireland. Ridlon claims that Hugh Riddell was baptized in the Parish of Ballaymeath, County Londonderry, Ireland, Oct. 16, 1658.[Ridlon 193]

What is the source of the location of Ballaymeath, Ireland for this section? Walter Riddell-Carre a descendant of the Riddells of Roxburgshire, claimed that off shoots of the family settled in Ireland at different times. (Note this does not say the Walter Riddell-Carre claims that they settled in Ballaymeath, Londonderry, Northern Ireland specifically.) As a result, we still do not know where the source "Ballaymeath" as parish identification came from.

Ridlon quotes from this Walter Riddell Carre. The Riddell-Carre book *Border Memories* was published in 1876:

"I have some information about descendants of the old house, who flourish in Ireland, as well as in America, but I cannot say when or how they came off the parent tree. The Irish Riddells settled in Ulster, and intermarried with the Morrisons, who were forced to leave Scotland for then adherence to the royal cause after the battle of Worcester" [Riddell Carre 202-203]

The Morrisons were from Colraine, Londonderry, Northern Ireland. They also lived in the Shankhill area of Belfast. This family also came to settle in Londonderry, New Hampshire as did the Riddells. (for more information on the Battle of Worcester see Appendix)

Ridlon comments that the children of Hugh Riddle and Mary Wilson are all baptized at Ballaymeath, Ireland during the years of 1633 to 1644. Another Hugh Riddell and Mary Wilson child was Janet Riddell who married August 16, 1657 James Wilson. A sibling to Janet Riddell was Mary Riddell who married Alexander Wilson.[Ridlon 194] Note also that Ballymeath and Ballaymeath are spelled two different ways in Ridon's book.

I discovered from Public Records Office of Northern Ireland Catalog (PRONI) that the Wilson family from which Mary Wilson, Alexander Wilson and James Wilson descend were from an area of Northern Ireland in Londonderry County in Templemore. There is no parish called Ballaymeath associated with the Wilson family in the PRONI records.

Ridlon mentions the place “Ballymeath, County Londonderry, Northern Ireland”. on page 219 as “supposed to have been” the birthplace of Gawn Riddle again with no source for this information. This Gawn is the brother of my immigrant ancestor Robert Riddle who settled in Londonderry, New Hampshire and then later went to Coleraine, Massachusetts. Also, Ridlon does not say that he obtained the information on “Ballaymeath’ directly from John A. Riddle a descendant from Gawn Riddle. [Ridlon 219]

Ridlon’s footnote on page 194 does little to identify the source of the Ballaymeath designation. It is probable that the Riddells of Coleraine supplied Ridlon with the information but again no one is mentioned as a specific source. My line of Riddells which began with Robert who arrives in America and settles to Londonderry, New Hampshire; and then proceeds to Coleraine, Massachusetts. This line matches Ridlon’s description of the “ancestors of Riddells and Riddles of Coleraine, Massachusetts”[Ridlon 194].

“Riddell’s of Coleraine, Massachusetts, No. 2 Robert Branch” Here Ridlon states: “Robert Riddell presumed to be a son of John Riddell and Janet Gordon of Ballymeath , Ireland.”[Ridlon 253]

Robert (Riddells of Coleraine, Massachusetts) immigrated with his two brothers Hugh Riddell (Riddells of Coleraine, Massachusetts) and John Riddell (Riddells of Bedford, New Hampshire)

Ridlon mentioned that other families other than the Wilson Family were supposedly from Ballaymeath, Londonderry County, Ireland. These family surnames are Campbell, Henderson, Maudit , Gordon, Hamilton, Clark and Douglass that married into the Riddell family and had children baptized at Ballaymeath. The author of this analysis searched for “Londonderry Parish [surname]” and a date range of 1600-1698 on the Public Records of Northern Ireland (PRONI) website which contained the e-catalog http://applications.proni.gov.uk/LL_DCAL_PRONI_ECATNI/SearchPage.aspx The results of the search were for Londonderry County, Northern Ireland (Ulster): What Locations in the county were found for this surname in 1600-1698 (the date range proposed by the Ridlon Riddell text) for the time period? See appendix I for details. The charts below are a summaries of the location results.

Campbell

Surname	First Name	Location in Northern Ireland	Date
Campbell	Colin	Ballyherrin, County Donegal	1630
Campbell	John	Sheepbridge, Newry, county	1707

		Down	
Gordon	James, Ann, George	Sheepbridge, Newry, county Down	1707
Campbell	John, Alexander	Calstereagh Upper and Lower Iveagh, County Down	1727
Campbell	Ann aka Jane Conyngham alias Campbell Widow	Dublin	1646, 1727, 1746
Campbell	John	County Down	19 March 1638

Gordon see also Campbell
Hamilton see also Campbell

In the book "Immigrants to New England, 1700-1775 by Ethel Stanwood Bolton, Bolton lists

Riddle, Gawn of Londonderry and Bedford, N.H.; from Balleymeath, County Londonderry, Ireland 1718 b. May 16, 1688 at Balleymeath." and gives the source of this as "Brown's Bedford, p. 1046"[Bolton 164]
other family members from Balleymeath, County Londonderry, Ireland are Riddle. John and Riddle, Robert who were both born in 1718. The source is the same as the one for Gawn "Brown's Bedford, p. 1046 and 345"

Ethel Stanwood Bolton references another book in regard to Balleymeath,: Brown's Bedford and gives a page number of 1046, Ancient Ryedales p. 245 and Vital Records of Londonderry page 106. This book was published in 2002.

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made 2,500,000 brick in 1902, res. Springfield, Miss., five ch.;
Ella M.^s, b. 1872, July 8, d. 1872, Sept. 2; Carrie E.^s, b. 1878, July
16, m. Everett Cochran, res. Milford, three ch.; James C.^s, b.
1876, Feb. 12, res. Philadelphia, Pa.

RIDDLE.

Compiled by John A. Riddle.

Note.—Generations are marked by Roman characters and separated by a double
dash. Individuals are numbered (*prefixed*) in generations. Parents number (pre-
vious generation) is shown by superior number (*affixed*). Children's numbers
(*affixed*) after date of death of parent. Families (brothers and sisters) occupy
space between short dash. Other numbers relate to place of residence on the map.

Ridel, Riddell, Riddle, the latter spelling having been adopted by the
Bedford branch about 1790, is an old name, derived from Ryedale, a dale
or dells of rye, heads and sheafs of which appear in coats of arms of
families of the name in Great Britain. Robert Burns, Scotland's bard,
wrote of them:

"My goose quill too rude is to tell all your goodness,
Bestowed on your servant the poet,
Would to God I had one like a beam of the sun,
And then all the world, sir, should know it."

Bonnie Annie Laurie's mother was Jean Riddell. Upon one of the
unns was bestowed the "Star of India," the highest gift of the British
crown for meritorious civil service.

Gaven, Hugh, Robert, John, and Margery, children of John and Janet
Gordon Riddell, Balleymeath county, Londonderry, Ireland, came to Lon-
donderry, N. H., and from thence to Bedford (except Robert, who did not
come to Bedford) about 1738, and their names appear upon the petition for
the town, 1750, including John Clark the husband of Margery; Hugh,

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removed to Colraine, Mass., in 1703, with his children: Hugh, William, Robert, and Ann, all of whom were born in Bedford. John died July 6, 1767, in Bedford, and was buried in the old graveyard; he had two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, who died unmarried, and the family became extinct. Margery died about 1778 in Bedford, leaving no issue. See genealogy of the Riddells by G. T. Riddon.

I. Gawn Riddell (see above), b. May 16, 1698 (Balleymeath record); d. Dec. 22, 1779, Bedford; m. Mary Bell, b. 1724; d. Jan. 7, 1819, dau. of John Bell (see Bell). He settled at No. 65, and his name appears upon the town records as tythingman, constable, selectman, clerk of market, committee to build meeting-house, etc. 1-6.

II. John Riddell, b. Oct. 30, 1754, Bedford; d. Nov. 18, 1812; m., 1st, Mary McAfee (McDuffee), Bedford. 1-9. He m., 2d, Sarah Hartshorn. 10-11. He subscribed to the "Association Test" of 1779; was a soldier in the Revolution. He built and lived at No. 41. He was a millwright by trade, an industrious, hard-working man, building most of the mills that were in operation in this section of the county at that time. His name appears on the town records as holder of many offices.

2. David Riddell, b. March 16, 1757, Bedford; d. Dec. 18, 1809, Bedford; m. 1798, Mary Dunlap, dau. Maj. Dunlap, Bedford. 12-16. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and a pensioner. He and his brother Hugh bought No. 34, and he afterwards built and resided at No. 35. He held offices of trust in the town, pound-keeper, selectman, etc. He was noted for his originality, and differed in his views on political matters from his brothers.

3. Susannah Riddell, b. 1759, Bedford; d. Nov. 5, 1841, Bedford; m. Solomon Hutchinson, Merrimack; removed to Maine. 17-36.

4. Hugh Riddell, b. 1761, Bedford; d. Aug. 17, 1823, Bedford; m. Ann Maria, dau. of Rev. John Houston, Bedford. 27-33. He was a Revolutionary soldier, entering the army at the age of sev-

by a dislocated neck, cau door, when about to visit had broken his leg in 1806. Margery, dau. of 1776, d. Dec. 19, 1816, m. m., 3d, May, 1819, Mrs 1760, d. April 5, 1837, s party in Boston harbor; ures the axe with which of tea; he was a Revolt the land, built and livi removed to Quincy, Mas ing saved a small amon service, he went to New goods, which was brong front room of his moth store. Business increas of potash from the her The ashery was located from his house, and is s The potash was taken to article for export for imp in the lumber business, navigation on Merrima of the locks and canals the funds for which we state of New Hampshire built and owned the first of the Merrimack. It Bedford Center, and dra oren, to "Basswood Lat in presence of the town novelty of the day. It v following notice is taken

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The History of Bedford, published in 1903 by the Town of Bedford by The Rumford Printing Company in Concord, NH on page 1044 spells the parish in question as Balleymeath (yet another spelling) and says it is a "county", Londonderry, Ireland and on page 1046 a reference is cited as "Balleymeath record". The problem with this is that the source cannot be tracked because not enough information is given in the source citation.

I have searched the modern map of Londonderry as well as historic maps and have not found the parish of "Ballymeath, Ballaymeath, Balleymeath" in Londonderry County, Northern Ireland. I have also searched the following resources and have not found any mention of the parish in question:

The General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies in Ireland. The experts at the British Isles Research group a subgroup of the San Diego Genealogical Society recommended this as one of the best quality sources. If Ballaymeath was a parish it should have been listed on page 42 in this book but it was not there. Also, it could have been found on page 101 but it was not there either.

I also consulted the Parish Maps of Ireland and Ulster published by Closson Press in Appollo, PA in 1988 as part of the Perry Youth and Community workshop which was headed by Brian Mitchell. Once again, Ballymeath was not found in the list of Baronies in the Province of Ulster.

So, I suggest that the Riddells are from the Parish of Coleraine, Londonderry County, Northern Ireland due in part to its proximity to Templemore, Londonderry County Northern Ireland where the Wilsons were located as discussed previously.

Note that in the Ridlon book he makes two comments. They both have to do with the Riddell family relocating from Londonderry, New Hampshire to Coleraine, Massachusetts. The first comment is found on page 245 in which Ridlon compared men of Coleraine, Massachuttes to men of Coleraine, Northern Ireland. The second comment is found on page 246 and is essentially the same as the one on page 245. My question is "Why would Ridlon put this in twice if this branch of the family was not from Coleraine, Londonderry, Northern Ireland?"

I would like to put forth another piece of information. Usually in the process of analysis a search is made for the publication that is written the closest in time proximity to the event. Keeping this in mind, we should consider the genealogy of the Riddell family written by William Pitt Riddell, a great grandson of Robert Riddell who was also a scientist and surgeon. William's brother John Leonard Riddell edited the piece. The probability of accuracy in this work is higher as the Riddell brothers were meticulous in documenting their scientific work and you would expect this to carry over into their analysis of their own genealogy. William Pitt Riddell's book is *A genealogical sketch of the Riddell family*.

Ridlon discussed my particular line of decendancy as his own collateral line and also his book was published later in 1884 and therefore not as close in time as the William Pitt Riddell Book was to the Northern Irish branch. William Pitt Riddell, however published his book in 1852 and was closer in time to the events and people he described. William Pitt Riddell also described his direct line in his forty four page book. Another potential source could be Dr. John Leonard Riddell's papers stored at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. These may shed some light on the "Ballaymeath" problem. On page 6 of William Pitt Riddell's book he also quotes from the "History of Bedford" "the three brothers, Hugh, Gawn, sometimes spelled Gaen, and Robert came to this country about the year 1737, from Coleraine, county of Londonderry, in the north of Ireland, being descended from Scotch ancestors. One manuscript of this book was faithfully transcribed by John P. Riddell Jr. in January of 2002 from a crumbling manuscript from Robert Wallace who descended from John Leonard Riddell and an identical copy was carefully verified by the author of this analysis from Heritage Quest's scan of the book from the American Antiquarian Society.

Another future avenue of investigation could be to trace back the ancestry Ridlon mentions that married into the presumed "Ballaymeath" Riddells. Other people than the Wilsons that were supposedly from Ballaymeath are the Campbell, Henderson, Maudit, Gordon, Hamilton, Clark and Douglass families that married into the Riddell family and had children baptized at Ballaymeath. A geographic and time equivalent survey could be undertaken to correlate with the Riddell Ballaymeath information. Also, William Sarratt who was a skilled Ulster Map maker in 1736 may have done a map of the area of Londonderry, Northern Ireland which could be referenced. The Ulster Historical society may be of some help in locating Ballaymeath as well.

Through the Northern Ireland <http://www.proni.gov.uk/> PRONI website I located The following summary of Volume of eighteenth-century copies of Petty's Down Survey maps of parts of County Antrim.

Barony of Coleraine, Parish of Ballyrashane, Parish of Ballyvolen [Ballywillan], Parish of Ballyagharen [Ballyaghan], Barony of the Liberties of Coleraine, parts of the Parish of Towlaghgochrill [Tamlaght O'Crilly] and Ballykullen [Ballyscullion], parts of the Parishes of Killelagh, Maghera, Farmonery [Termoneeny] and Kilranaghan [Kilcronagha], the Church lands of the Parishes of Lissan and Desertmartin, Parish of Ballinskreene [Ballynascreen], parts of the Parishes of Arboe, Artrea, Tawlaghtkelleigh [Tamlaght] and Ballinderry, Barony of Loughinsholin [Loughinsholin].

Note that Ballymeath is not mentioned as a Parish in this early survey which was close to the time that the Riddell's lived in Northern Ireland.

Another parish, Ballymena is in Londonderry County, Northern Ireland is close to the spelling for Ballymeath and this could possibly be the mystery parish but it is farther in distance from Templemore than Coleraine parish.

Appendix 1: Events which took place around the time my Riddell ancestors immigrated to America

Background on Scotland, Ireland. and the Battle of Worcester.

For details on this battle see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Worcester

The Aftermath of Dunbar Scottish Prisoners after Battle on September 3, 1650

During the fall and winter of 1650 over 3000 Scottish prisoners of war made a perilous 120 mile march from their defeat at the Dunbar battlefield in Scotland to Durham Cathedral in the north of England. From there most were sent to staff labor starved English colonial ventures in the West Indies, Virginia, Massachusetts, Maine, and Ireland.

Sixty-two were sent aboard the Unity across the wintry seas of the Atlantic. They arrived at Saugus (Lynn) Ironworks 350 years ago, in early April 1651. Today their descendants number in the thousands. According to Colonel Banks' 1927 paper presented to the Massachusetts Historical Society, in the aftermath of the Battle of Dunbar, 900 Scots were to be sent to Virginia. Another 150 prisoners were sent to New England aboard the Unity through Joshua Foote and John Becx, owners of the Saugus (Lynn) and Braintree (Quincy) Iron Works.

<http://www.electricscotland.com/hiStory/articles/worcester.htm>

Appendix II

Detailed results from search for surnames referred to in Ridlon's Riddell book.

Campbell

Campbell:

Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D1935 Level : Fond

Access : Title : Donegal and Londonderry City-related papers Dates : 1630-1918

1630; to Colin **Campbell**, the lands of Ballyheerin, Co. Donegal,

Campbell/Gordon:

Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D2092/1/2 Level : Item

Access : Open Title : Volume of letters chiefly to Judge Ward. Dates : 1680-1724

7 July 1707 Will of James **Gordon**, Sheepbridge, Newry, Co Down. He makes bequests to his wife **Ann**, and to James Hamilton, William Carlisle and Robert Murdock. The will also refers to Nicholas Bagnal, John **Campbell**, Robert Rainy, and the **testator's son George**.(p11) [c.1755] Memo from patrons of Saintfield Parish, asking the Bishop of Down and Connor to admit institute and induct James Hamilton Clewlow to the incumbency of the Parish.(p12) 28 Apr. 1707

Campbell/Hamilton:

Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D2092/1/2 Level : Item

Access : Open Title : Volume of letters chiefly to Judge Ward. Dates : 1680-1724

Letter from Francis **Campbell**, Robert King, and Hans Hamilton, Dublin, to Mrs. Sophia **Hamilton**, Bangor, Co Down. This discusses financial matters relating to the **Hamilton Estate**.(p16) 13 Oct. 1707 Legal notes relating to the codicil of Henry Osborn, which refers to provision 4 orphan children at the Bluecoat Hospital, two estates in Counties Meath and Kildare, and to various members of the Osborn family. 9 Nov. 1708 Letter from Campbell King & Hamilton in Dublin, to Mrs. Sophia **Hamilton** in Bangor. The letter discusses legal and financial matters relating to the Hamilton family.(p19) c.1721 ; *Campbell*: 30 Oct. 1725 Letter from Edward Mathewes, Castlehill near Belfast, to Michael Ward in Dublin. He comments on the evidence given before a Commission to examine a legal dispute, and refers to Mr Geering, Charles **Campbell**, Hans **Hamilton**

Campbell:

MIC506/1 Level : Item Access : Open Title : 1832-47 Hancock Phelps Greer. List of Deaths Dates : 1610-1950

Reports and orders of United Irishmen. Castlereagh Upper and Lower Iveagh

Co.Down.Sunday 10 June [1798] John and Alexander **Campbell**... Depositions: 3pp. (numbered 11-13)

Campbell:

T700/1 Level : Item Access : Open Title : Will abstracts of individuals in the Stewart
Dates : c.1500 -1858 Description : Will abstracts of individuals in the Stewart Kennedy Notebooks as follows

CAMPBELL Anne, Dublin si. 1727 pr. 1729 Charles, Dublin 1725 George, Dublin sig. 1809 John, Dublin sig. 1728 pr. 1729 Col. Josias sig. 1726 pr. 1727 Lettice (widow) sig. 1755 pr. 1757 Samuel, Mr Campbell, Leitrim, sig.... pr. 1676 (?) Jane (Conyngham, alias **Campbell**, widow), sig. 1746 Jane (Conyngham alias Hamilton)

Campbell:

Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : T810/10 Level : Item
Access : Open Title : Volume comprising transcripts of documents Dates : 1638-1908
Description : Volume comprising transcripts of documents deposited by the Land Registry of Northern Ireland, arranged alphabetically by surname. (469) Copy of a Translation of a Patent or Grant from King Charles I to Sir James Montgomerie Knight of Several Lands in Co. Down, 19 March 1638. (470) Lease, John Magill, 1st part, John Crozert and John **Campbell**, 2nd part, 9 January 1696.

Surname Study Continued: Ridlon and PRONI search for parish for dates and surnames of people who married into the Riddell line for which Ridlon lists Londonderry as the county and Ballaymeath as the parish for the following:

Henderson, Mary and Robert Riddell 1682

search Results:

nothing found for 1682 but in 1784 Henderson is found in Armagh

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : T700/1 Level

: Item Access : Open Title : Will abstracts of individuals in the Stewart Dates : c.1500 -

1858 Description : Will abstracts of individuals in the Stewart Kennedy Notebooks

Maudit, Elizabeth and William Riddell 1658-1679 nothing found in PRONI.

Gordon, Janet and John Riddell 1641, 1670

Gordon, James and Janet Riddell 1665-1679

Name	Parish	County
Gordon Papers 1630-1910 Family Tree and genealogical notes in archive.	Florida Abbey, Rosemount, Greyabbey 1691	Down
Gordon (solicitors records)	1593-1960	Fermanagh
Gordon (Bundle of Final Notice to Tenants, Rental and bundle of deeds)	1609-1897	Donegal
Genealogical table and notes on the Gordon family	1669-1964	Antrim
James Gordon	1716	Armagh

Wilson, James (b. 1685) and Janet Riddell/ Mary Wilson and Hugh Riddell

Wilson, Alexander and Mary Riddell 1642-1659

(not found in PRONI)

Patten, Betsey and high Riddell 1665-1684

Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D654/R/2/1 Level : Item

Access : Open Title : 'A Copy of the Rentroll of Comber for the Dates : 1684

mentions Daniel Riddell and James Patten and
Comber is near Belfast in County Down.

John Henderson Junr. holds by lease of 41 yeares from Allsaints 1676 a tenement and an
acre of land Rent yearly.

(not in Londonderry County)

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : MIC500/2
Level : Item Access : Open Title : 30 Jan. 1722 Henry Davys and Cadwallader Dates :
1572-1857 4 May 1809 Agreement and Conveyance for £15,000 and £800 annuity
[dispute on late Earl of M's Will]. See also D2058 Henry, Earl Massereene, 1st Party.
George Doran, Esq., Elizabeth Countess Massereene, his wife, Geo. Forbes, Tullyglis,
Co. Monaghan, 2nd Party. James Patten, Esq., Streamville, Co. Antrim. Property: Antrim
Castle and Demese and 16 townlands of Antrim.

Howell, Elizabeth and Ralph Riddell 1663-1702

There seems to be some connection between the Wynnes of Dublin and and
Howell Family as suggested in:

Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : MIC666/2 Level : Item
Access : Open Title : Title deeds, deeds of settlements, mortgages Dates : 1677-1862
Lloyd of Rhiwaedog, who claimed (probably correctly) that his family was descended
from Rhirid Flaidd, pointed out the connection between Lewis Gwynne of Bala and the
Wynns of Maesmochnant. He told Richard that he (Lloyd) had found in the British
Museum a manuscript of about 1680 which set out correctly the ancestry of the Wynnes
of Lurganboy back to Howell, fifth in descent from Rhirid Flaidd. Through Lloyd's help
Richard himself discovered the will, dated 1527, of David ap Meredith. On the back of it
were the following words written by Owen Wynne I. "This is the last will and testament
of David ap Meredith ap Howell, my great-grandfather, whose heir I am, Owen Wynne,
Bala, 5th June, 1665." In the course of the correspondence Lloyd made this comment to
Richard: "It is some surprise to me that so respectable and opulent a family as yours have
not ranked among the peers. I believe I recollect your father (Owen IV). He was not a
courtier and the barter of titles for dependency may not be acceptable to your brother's
principles. That may account for his remaining with the petit gens." Pulman was the most
informative and accurate of the correspondents. He pointed out that the descent from
Rhirid Flaidd on the one hand and from the Gwydir family and so back to Owen
Gwynedd on the other hand were quite separate matters and that any claim to the Gwydir
baronetcy was unfounded. In the end Richard, while anxious to establish a relationship
with the Wynns of Gwydir, accepted that the direct descent was from Rhirid Flaidd. He
noted correctly that Flaidd meant wolf and that that fact might account for the three
wolves' heads on the coat of arms of the Irish Wynnes. ... 'The pedigree material in this
bundle is far from being exclusively Welsh, because - for reasons not entirely clear -
post-1658 marriages into Irish families - Dunbar of Rosscolban, Co. Fermanagh, Ffoliot
of Ballyshannon and even Maxwell of Farnham - all had to be inquired into.

Patterson, William and Mary Riddell 1675-1691

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : MIC80/3

Level : Item Access : Open Title : 1681. Transcript by William Molyneux of Dates : 1681-1721

Lease book of the manor of Castledillon, Co. Armagh, with very detailed observations by William Molyneux. There are notes on the state of the manor in 1696 with some retrospective comment on the descent of the manor from John Dillon. Townlands and tenants are indexed and there is some useful detail about the kind of houses occupied by tenants as well as the more predictable land use details. The transcript is as follows: Castle Dillon. William Patterson Protestant Weaver. At will. House and garden for weaving 2 score of cloth. Rent 5s. A small mud wall cabin in the town of Castle Dillon. (1710)

The Norman family of De Lion (later called Dillon), under the charter of King John, built Portlick Castle in 1185. The family were devout Catholics who fought in the Irish rebellion. Although banished for a time to Connacht by Cromwell, they did not leave their home for good until 1696.

The Dillions had been supporters of King James during the Jacobian and Williamite wars, so the new monarch, King William, decided to grant the property to someone more loyal to himself, a privy councillor of Ireland named Thomas Keightly.

<http://www.portlickcastle.com/history.htm>

Henderson, Katherine and Alexander Riddell 1678-1696

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D683/273

Level : Item Access : Open Title : William, Lord Bishop of Derry (sic), to Dates : 25 March 1703 Description : William, Lord Bishop of Derry (sic), to John Henderson, Donaghmore, Co. Donega. Draft Letter of Attorney authorising him to take toll &c. from persons who should grind their grain at Bishop's mills and (if necessary) to sue for same.

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D354/366

Level : Item Access : Open Title : Indenture of apprenticeship between Daniel Dates : 1 April 1718 Description : Indenture of apprenticeship between Daniel Mussenden & Co., Belfast, and David Henderson, Belfast, to serve for a term of five years on the ship Prince George of Belfast, owned by Daniel Mussenden and Co.

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D562/159

Level : Item Access : Open Title : Note from Dudley Wynn to Anthony Foster Dates : 29 June 1705 Description : Note from Dudley Wynn to Anthony Foster, Dunleer, Co. Louth. "Please pay bearer John Henderson £5

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D562/162

Level : Item Access : Open Title : Rent Roll and comments by John Steel, 3 Dates :

November 1710 Description : Rent Roll and comments by John Steel, 3 Jan. 1710 for lands in Dunleer, Co. Louth. [Tenison Property ?]. Tenants: Anthony Foster, Dr. Wye, Thomas Brunker, Exors. Robert Aston, decd., Capt. Townley, John Holt, John **Henderson**, Thomas Berry, John Nicholson, Thurtagh Fee, William Bissell, Rich. Timmin, Rich. Hether.

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D642 Level : Fond Access : Title : Papers of the Hill family, baronets, of Brook Hall, Londonderry Dates : 1618-1925 copy of the will and probate of William **Henderson**, naval surgeon, Foyle View, Londonderry, 1846.

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D763 Level : Fond Access : Title : Abstract of Lord Fane's leases Dates : 1713 - 1794 Description : Abstract of Lord Fane's leases c.1790:- lands in Tamnaghvelton and Tamnaghmore, Co. Armagh, to Moore family, 1733, lands in Clare, Co. Armagh, to McLelland family 1733, lands in Tamnaghvelton to Fearon family, 1713, and **lands in Cornasreeb, Co. Armagh, to Henderson family, 1713**; "List of such tenants as have leases in being on the estate of the Earl of Sandwich and Peter de Salis", Manor of Clare, Co. Armagh, together with list of tenants without leases, c.1790; list of tenants on Fane estate, Manor of Clare, 1792; list of tenants on Fane estate, Ballyknock and Cloghoge, Co. Armagh, with abstract of Lord Fane's leases, c.1790:- lands in Clare to Marks family, 1726, and lands in Cornasreeb to Cousins family, 1726; memorandum relating to rentals of the Sandwich and de Salis estates, Manor of Clare, 1794.

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D763/1 Level : Item Access : Open Title : Rt. Hon. Charles Lord Viscount Fane to William Dates : [July 1713] - [December 1733] Description : Rt. Hon. Charles Lord Viscount Fane to William Moore James McClelland Roger Fearon and **David Henderson**. Abstract of 4 Leases. 117a. English Tonyvalton and Tonahmoye Co. Armagh. 37a. English Clare, Co. Armagh. 34a. Tonyvalton 20a. Burkley's farm Clare, Co. Armagh. 110a. Clare, Co. Armagh.

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D1550/118 Level : Series Access : Title : Papers relating to **Henderson** family Dates : [1613]-1860s Description : Various documents relating to the **Henderson** family. Grocers' Company, London, to Nathaniel Stewart: abstract of title with recitals from 1613, Co. Londonderry estate. [1613]. James **Henderson** v. Commissioners of Customs: briefs, etc., in action concerning Drumaweir property at Greencastle, Co. Donegal. [1858]. Marquis of Donegall v. **Henderson**: three bundles of briefs, correspondence, etc., about ejectment process, Drumaweir. [1860s]

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D2092/1/2 Level : Item Access : Open Title : Volume of letters chiefly to Judge Ward. Dates : 1680-1724 Description : Volume of letters chiefly to Judge Ward.(p1) 6 Oct. 1680 Lease for 31 years from Hans Hamilton of Hamilton's Bawn, Co Armagh and James Hamilton of Newcastle, Co Down to John **Henderson** of Bangor, Co Down, sadler. The property has a

fifty foot frontage and the condition of the lease is that Henderson shall build within the space of two years a house of one and a half storeys 'in the English forme with stone and oak timber fit for entertainment'. The rent is ten shillings per annum together with five good fat hens and five days work of a man yearly.(p2) 7 Feb. 1694 Notes on the hearing of a case between Hamilton and the Earl of Drogheda. This relates to the Clanbrassil Estate, Co Down.

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : MIC637/9
Level : Item Access : Open Title : GENEALOGICAL NOTESTyped notes on Families
Dates : 1670-1938 Description : GENEALOGICAL NOTESTyped notes on Families and
Places of Co. Down. Savage, Wallace, Winder, Elliott, **Henderson**, Gillespie, Moore,
Gordon, Perry, Edgar, Smith, Rea, McKee, Moffett, Stewart, Dr Berniere, Oliver,
Montgomery, Shaw, Mure, Cleland, Hutton, Hamilton, Bennett, Morrow, Heron, How,
Weaver. [Compiled 1938] [D1759/3A/1]Typed notes on Families and Places of Co.
Down (with index). [Compiled 1938] [D1759/3A/2]Typed notes on Families and Places
of Co. Down (with index). [Compiled 1938] [D1759/3A/3]Typed notes on Families and
Places of Co. Down (with index). [Compiled 1938] [D1759/3A/4]Typed notes on
Families and Places of Co. Down (with index). [Compiled 1938]
[D1759/3A/5]Manuscript notes on "The Gordons of Co. Down". [Compiled 1930]
[D1759/3A/6]Manuscript biographical notes on various families, Co. Down, arranged
alphabetically. [Compiled 1930] [D1759/3A/7]Bundle of c.100 pp. miscellaneous
genealogical notes relating to the Cleland family, drafts of sermons and notes on the
history of the Presbyterian church. [c. 1930] [D1759/3A/8]Manuscript copy of Abstracts
of Wills of testators mainly resident in Co. Down. "Extracts made ... between 1897 and
1921 when the Public Record Office Dublin was destroyed ...". Arbuckle, Bailie, Barnet,
Bennett, Blackwood, Boyd, Bradshaw, Brownhall, Bruce, Bryanton, Creighton,
Caomellin, Cumming, Cowan, Ekerhead, Echlin, Fairlie, Getty, Gendie, Hamill,
Halliday, Hattridge, Hill, Hamilton, Hutcheson, Isaac, Kennedy, Johnson, Johnston,
Legg, McRobert, McGawan, McGartney, Ross, Stewart, Weld, Wilson, Wallace, Walker,
Trail, Vaughan, Savage, Reid, Price, Maxwell, Nevin, Mercer, Dickson, Cumine,
Magennis. [c. 1700] [D1759/3B/1]Rent Roll. (Manuscript copy) - Irish Street, English
Street, Fryars Land, Scotch Street, Barrack St., Demesne of Down, Manor of Down,
Downpatrick Co. Down. Rt Hon, Edward Southwell, Downpatrick, Co. Down. [1743-
1744] [D1759/3B/2]Rent Roll - (Manuscript copy) - Newtownards, Bangor, Holywood,
Co. Down. Henry, Earl of Clanbrassil. [1670] [D1759/3B/3]

Douglass, Elizabeth and James Riddell 1695-1726

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D859/6 Level : Item Access : Open Title : Viscount Charlemont to Robt. Arthur of Stackerna, Witnesses:- Thos. & Geo. Bond, Jos. Rea, Wm. Douglass, Lease for lives of lessee son Robt. & Joseph Arthur grandson of Tullylinton. Already in possess Dates : 1 May 1700 Description : Viscount Charlemont to Robt. Arthur of Stackerna, Witnesses:- Thos. & Geo. Bond, Jos. Rea, Wm. Douglass, Lease for lives of lessee son Robt. & Joseph Arthur grandson of Tullylinton. Already in possession. Rent £16 English per annum £3 per annum in lieu of duties. Suit of court & mill. Agrees to build with in ten years a large dwelling house of good oak timber with two upright gavells the walls of stone & lime at least fifty feet long & 14' high. Enclose with ditch & quick setts 1 plant acre adjoining house & plant with fruit trees. Maintain all oak, ash, birch & alder trees & saplings. Scour and fence in the mears within three years. Endorsed:- If lessee, family & tenants attend parish church Sundays & other days appointed by Government duty money to be out to £2, Two townlands of Stackernagh and Edencronnagh

epository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D2223/15/56 Level : Sub-series Access : Title : Title deeds and copy deeds, mortgages, releases, renewal of leases etc. Hugh Montgomery and John F. Montgomery, Ballydrain Estate, Co. Antrim. Dates : 1704-c.1870 Description : Bundle of c.70 title deeds and copy deeds, mortgages, releases, renewal of leases etc. Hugh Montgomery and John F. Montgomery, Ballydrain Estate, Co. Antrim. Ballyboggy Part of Ballydrain estate, Co. Antrim. Includes Lease for 3 lives at the yearly rent of £8. [also a copy of above deed]. Wm. Hamilton, Donnemanagh, Co. Tyrone and Wm. McLaughlin, Ballyboggy. Tenement and farm Ballybogey [sic] Co. Antrim. [19 June 1740]Counterpart lease for 3 lives at the yearly rent of £6 13s. 4d. Wm. Hamilton, Donnemanagh to James Wier, and John Glasgow, Ballyboggy. One third part of the quarterland of Ballybogey [sic]. [1 November 1740]Counterpart lease for 3 lives at the yearly rent £4. Wm. Hamilton to Robert Lyle and James Adams, Ballyboggy. One third part of North Ballyboggy. [1 November 1740]Counterpart lease for 3 lives at the yearly rent of £6 17s. 6d. Wm. Hamilton to Thomas Alexander, South Ballyboggy. One third and one twelfth part of the quarterland of Ballyboggy. [1 November 1740]Lease for 3 lives or 31 years at the yearly rent £8.0.0. Wm. Hamilton to James and Andrew McLaughlin. Co. Antrim. 2 thirds of the Upper part of Ballyboggy. [24 August 1743]Original lease for 3 lives at the yearly rent of £4 8s. 10d. [Also copy of same deed]. Wm. Hamilton, Donnemanagh, to Patrick McLaughlin, Ballyboggy. Land at Ballyboggy. [5 August 1749]Lease for 3 lives at the yearly rent of £12 12s. Rt. Hon. Lord Baron Mountjoy, Dublin, to Francis Lyle and James Aikin, Ballyboggy. Co. Antrim. Farm in Ballyboggy. [10 December 1790]Conveyance forever at the yearly rent of £8. Moses Cupples, Killynee, Co. Antrim, to John Harbison, Kinflea, Co. Antrim. Farm in Ballyboggy. [18 January 1793]Deed inserting 2 new lives in a former leases. Lord Baron Mountjoy, Dublin to Rev. **Jos. Douglass, Ballyboggy.** [19 February 1793]Protracted map of a drain. James Hamill, Surveyor. Between Ballycreagh and Ballybogey [sic]. [1851]Bundle of 4 copy Wills: Attested copy will. Wm. McLaughlin, Ballybogey [sic], Co. Antrim. [4 October 1746]Attested copy Will. Francis McChaughey, Reefsherrey. [22 September 1808]Probate of the Will. John

Cupples, Ballyboggy. [19 October 1820]Copy Will. Samuel Wilson, Ballycloughan, Co. Antrim. [25 March 1852]

Note: Coleraine became part of County Londonderry, Northern Ireland in late 1500- early 1600

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D1725 Level : Fond Access : Title : McKisack deposited genealogical papers Dates : c.1500-c.1950 Description : 24 documents, c.1500-1935. Genealogical notes and pedigrees on notable Irish families, Crossley, Skipton, Carey, Knox, Nelson, Fanning, Mervyn, Tone, Reynolds, Charley, **Riddell**, Grimshaw, Campbell, Duffin, Sharman-Crawford, Carlisle, Cowan, 1500-1935; printed copy of Deed of co-Partnership and list of proprietors, Northern Banking Co., 1824; diary of an emigrant, the writer appears to have been an agent for a cotton trader in North Carolina, America, he left America, 1838, to return to Ireland where after an unsuccessful attempt in cotton manufacturing he settled as a farmer near Bangor, Co. Down, 1837-1844.63 documents 1768-[c.1950]. Counterpart lease of lands Ballyoran, Co. Down, Robert Lambert, Dunlady, Co. Down, to John McCully, Ballylisbredan, Co. Down, 1768; copy will and codicil of James McCully, Ballyhaft, Co. Down, 1793; copy will of John Wightman, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, 1797; copy will and codicil of James McCully, Springmount, Co. Down, 1828; correspondence of Henderson Wightman, Assistant Surgeon, RN, from various ports of Europe to his family in Lisburn, Co. Antrim, 1810-1819; correspondence of the Wightman family in Italy, New York and Philadelphia, USA, to the family in Belfast and Lisburn, 1824-1841; genealogical notes on the Henderson and Wightman families, [c.1770]-1855.

Repository : Public Record Office for Northern Ireland PRONI Reference : D1725/8 Level : Item Access : Open Title : Pedigree of the Charley and Riddell families. Dates : 1744-1924 Description : Pedigree of the Charley and Riddell families.

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