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 “Ballymeath” 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 summaries of the location results.

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<td>John</td>
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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 Ballemeth, County Londonderry, Ireland 1718 b. May 16, 1688 at Ballemeth.” and gives the source of this as “Brown’s Bedford, p. 1046”[Bolton 164] other family members from Ballemeth, 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”

History of Bedford, NH, see screenshots below
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 Colerain, Massachusetts. The first comment is found on page 245 in which Ridlon compared men of Coleraine, Massachusetts 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 descendency 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 [Ballyaghran], Barony of the Liberties of Coleraine, parts of the Parish of Towlaghgochrill [Tamlaght O'Crilly] and Ballykullen [Ballyscullion], parts of the Parishes of Kilrelagh, 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 Loghinsholin [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**

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 for 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 Phelphs Greer. List of Deaths
Dates: 1610-1950

**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

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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. holdes by lease of 41 yeares from Allsaints 1676 a tenement and an
dacre 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, Tullyglish,
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
Rhrid 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 Rosscoban, 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 :


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 Cornascreeb, 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 Cornascreeb 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: 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.
Douglass, Elizabeth and James Riddell 1695-1726

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, Riddel, 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.

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