



## MEMBERS' INTERESTS – QUERIES

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**JOHNSON, SMILES, HUNTER** Information sought on Harry Charles Johnson, born in Belfast 1917. He was a bus driver in the 1970s in the city of Belfast. His parents were Violet née Smiles, born in S. Africa in 1894, and Henry or Harry Johnson, who married in Belfast in 1915. Are there any descendants of this man in the area? Also seeking any relatives of Violet's mother, Amelia Hunter, born 1856 in Killead, daughter of Harris Hunter and Rose. Amelia died in South Africa in 1905. Member A1550

**M<sup>c</sup>CORMICK, MORRISON, GOWDY** M<sup>c</sup>Cormick, Elizabeth Letitia born 1852, married John Gowdy Morrison 4.3.1872 at St Andrews Church, Shankill, Belfast (now demolished). Her father was David M<sup>c</sup>Cormick (composer). Any information about her father, mother or siblings and the M<sup>c</sup>Cormick family connection here would be greatly appreciated. Robert Morrison (editor), born 1822, lived in Belfast and died 1870. He married Sarah Ellen Gowdy (teacher) who died 1873 at Collin View, Belfast. Any information about their parents/forebears would be gratefully received. There may be a Drumbo connection. Member A2653

**MAYES, MAIZE, MAYS** Arthur born c.1839 (son of George); Morgan, Mary, born c.1840 (daughter of James); children John (c.1864), Eleanor (1865), Arthur (1867), Emma (1869), George (1871), George (1873), Margaret (1875), Edward (1879), William (c.1884), perhaps Sarah (adopted). Member A3300

**BITTLE** Bittle, Robert (son of Joseph); Nelson (Neilson), Agnes (daughter of James); married 13 July 1855, Limavady. Children: Anna Platt (1861), Mary (1865), David (1867), Agnes (1869), Jane (1871): resided for some time in Newtonards. Member A3300

**HAMILTON, M<sup>c</sup>VITTY, STERNE, BLACKBURNE** Henry Lindsay Hamilton (my great grandfather) born Newgrove, Co Monaghan, baptised St Patrick's Church, Monaghan 1829 and died Dublin 15 January 1915. His father, John, appears to have lived in Cornacassa Lodge in 1826 and may have been the Steward on the Cornacassa Estate. It may be he who died in Newgrove in 1839 (between the birth of HLH and his baptism. HLH's mother, Atillia M<sup>c</sup>Vittie, born c.1809, married Thomas Connor Sterne in Ballinode Church in 1850. She died in 1864 and was buried in Ballinode churchyard. Her father was Henry M<sup>c</sup>Vittie. It appears that HLH did not marry my great grandmother, Annie Deary: he was a racehorse owner and was involved as a Vintner in the City of Londonderry at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. My visit to Ballinode churchyard did not result in finding the grave of A.M<sup>c</sup>V, however, to my surprise, that of Joseph Blackburne (c.1773-1856), my wife's 3 x great grandfather. Any help with the above families would be much appreciated. Member A3454

**FINNIGAN, SCOTT** Searching for descendants of my paternal grandmother's family: namely Annie Winifred Scott (1878-1932) family home being Eisleben House in the Stranmillis Road, Belfast. Father John K. Scott, timber merchant, lived at same address in 1901. Annie Winifred was married to my grandfather, John Shirley Finnigan (solicitor) 1872-1928. Member A3523



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**HARRISON, CARREY** Harrison, George birth date 1807/08, marriage 1831, died 1880. He was an architect and clerk of works. Was a keen sailor. His wife was Fullerton, Sally birth around 1809 in Butchers Row and raised by aunts, Misses Kirk. Lived Lancastrian Street, Carrickfergus. Died 1874. George's father was Thomas Harrison born c.1775. He married Sally Carrey, marriage and death dates unknown. Carrey, Sally - her birth and death dates unknown. Lived 10 Governors Walk, Carrickfergus. Would like help with above unknown dates plus anything about their employment, interests and community positions and roles. Member A3547

**M<sup>c</sup>BRAYER/M<sup>c</sup>BRIAR** etc. I am looking for information on the M<sup>c</sup>Brayer/M<sup>c</sup>Briar family in Killyleagh, Co Down in the 1600s. I found reference to Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Briar and his children at PRONI in the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian church records. Three of Alexander's sons came to America around 1736 and one of them William, is my direct ancestor. The brothers landed in what is now Pennsylvania in a town called Hamilton which is interesting because a Hamilton owned the land around Killyleagh. I'm trying to find out more about Alexander and his ancestors, e.g. did they originally come from Scotland and if so, whereabouts? It's possible Alexander or his father came to Killyleagh at the invitation of the aforementioned Hamilton. Any information appreciated. Member A3608

**GILBERT, BULLICK** Researching Gilbert in Aghagallon, Co Antrim and Lurgan, Co Armagh. Thomas Gilbert s/o Stephen Gilbert (c.1746-Dec 1825) and wife, Margaret Bullick (c.1752-29 May 1784). Thomas married unknown and had son, John Gilbert born c.1802-03 Ireland, possibly daughter, Margaret c.1808. Thomas and family went to New York city c.1809. Married second to Sarah unknown. Had children William Henry born 18 Feb 1810 NYC, James born 11 Sep 1811 NYC, Stephen born c.1812 NYV, Maria born c.1820 NYC, Jacob born c.1821-26 Elgin County, Ontario, Canada. Looking for marriage of Thomas and his wife in Northern Ireland and any information on births of children, also the ship they sailed on to New York City c.1805-08. Member A3659

**BEATTY, BETTY** In his application for a pension in the USA, John Beatty said he was born 12 August 1773 (old style) in Donegal County, Ireland. He also stated he was drafted into the Pennsylvania Militia 1 May 1780. So between these dates, he, his father Stephen Betty and mother, Christina Duncan Betty came to the USA. Any information welcome. Member A3671

**GLASS, GALLAGHER** James Glass was born in 1730 in Donegal County and married Jane Gallagher (born 1735) in about 1756. They moved to America with their three children, Alexander, Mary and James in about 1762. Member A3671

**DOUGLAS, M<sup>c</sup>COUBRIE** Looking for ancestors of Hans M<sup>c</sup>Coubrie Douglas born 1822 in Ballyhay, Co Down. Father was Samuel Douglas born c.1770 and mother was Margaret M<sup>c</sup>Coubrie born c.1781, she died in 1846. Samuel lived at Hayfield in Ballyhay until his death in 1856. Member A3690

**LORMAR, LORMER** Searching for any relations of Alexander Lormar or Lormer, born c.1816 Ahoghill, Antrim according to his army record. Known as Lorimer in the army but the name is Lormer or Larmar Member A3694

**LEIVINGSTONE** Trying to find evidence of James Levingstone born Craigs, Ballymena circa 1836, became linen weaver, joined 77<sup>th</sup> (East Middlesex) Regiment of Foot in 1854. Discharged Dublin June 15, 1857. Unable to confirm if he came to Australia with 77<sup>th</sup> or is James Livingstone joined 2/14 Regiment Belfast 1858, discharged 1859 (medical). Member A3699

**PRINCE** I am interested in any reference to Magnus Prince in Ireland beginning around 1675 especially in Down and Antrim. Member A3706

**M<sup>c</sup>ILWRATH, LOGAN** John M<sup>c</sup>Ilwrath and Jane Logan of Balloo, Killinchy close relations in this area, i.e. siblings and parents as per the book The M<sup>c</sup>Ilwrath Letters. Member A3713



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**MARSHALL, ANDERSON, PORTER** Require to trace details of William Marshall married to Margaret Anderson in 1861 and his father John Marshall. Both are believed to be farmers in or near Ballyloughan township. Require to trace details of John Porter father of Alexander Porter, LinenHill farm, Shannaghan township, Down and brother Robert. Member A3714

**M<sup>c</sup>CULLOCH, CRAW, TULLUS** Has anyone ever heard of the poet of Cairncastle, Andrew M<sup>c</sup>Culloch Craw Tullus about 1780-1850? He was the grandson of Reverend James M<sup>c</sup>Culloch and great grandson of John M<sup>c</sup>Culloch of Cairncastle and Larne. Andrew and brother James inherited 210 acres of land in Corkermaine and Ballyrudder. What became of them and the land? Member A3725

**MEENAN, DOHERTY, KERR, M<sup>c</sup>FADDEN** Looking for information family and parents of Patrick Meenan, Ellen Doherty 1851-52 ship info. Parents of P. Meenan. Parents of E. Doherty settled in Armstrong Co, Pennsylvania. Parents of Charles Kerr. Parents of Mary M<sup>c</sup>Fadden settled Pittsburgh, Ohio. All seemed to be from North of Ireland. Member A3727

**M<sup>c</sup>LAUGHLIN** On Tobermore, Presbyterian Church WW1 war memorial Wm M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin, Tobermore, Private is listed as in the Australians. Any information on William would be greatly appreciated. Member B0832

**STEWART, FITZSIMMON, SEMPLE** My great-great grandfather Andrew Stewart, widower, son of John Stewart, married Mary Ann Fitzsimmon of Killymore, daughter of Williams Fitzsimmons 26 May 1864 St Eugene's C of I, Ardstraw, Tyrone. Their son William Stewart married Sarah Semple of Killydart, father Robert Semple, 22 July 1887 St Eugene's C of I, Ardstraw. Any information would be welcome. Member B0833

**SHEARMAN, STANLEY** Seeking information on the Shearman family particularly Richard Shearman, prison officer, who married Harriett Stanley. Also his father, William Shearman, Harbour Master, Warrenpoint ex RN, born Co Cork also lived in Islandmagee. Member B1498

**BRANNON, BROGAN** Margaret Brannon, sister of John Brogan born 1875 in Garvagh, Omagh, Co Tyrone married John Brannon. Lived Memphis, Tennessee. Had children Gerald (married Helen Rome), George, Frank, Robert born 1910 to 1920. Margaret died in Memphis April 19 1947. Member B1502

**M<sup>c</sup>FADDEN, MONTGOMERY** Seeking any information on great-great grandparents James M<sup>c</sup>Fadden born 1841 and Peggy Montgomery both of Park townland near Priestland. The last known record of them was the baptism of daughter Hesther (or Esther) M<sup>c</sup>Fadden in 1863 in Dunluce Parish church, Bushmills. Member B2359

**DICKIE, M<sup>c</sup>ALEESE** Looking for Dickie family who are related to the M<sup>c</sup>Aleese family of Drumahiskey, Ballymoney, Co Antrim. Also researching **Reynolds, Hunter, Getty** and **Holmes**. Member B2361

**GIBSON, SMYTH** Seeking information on John James and Bessie Gibson from Blackhill, Garvagh who probably all emigrated to USA pre 1911 census. Bessie Gibson may have married a Robert Smyth in USA and returned to Northern Ireland around 1920 and re-married. Member B2365

**M<sup>c</sup>NAGHTEN, M<sup>c</sup>NAUGHTON** Trying to find origin of Bartholomew M<sup>c</sup>Naghten born 1785 Ballymoney and his sister Margaret M<sup>c</sup>Naughton born 1783 Ballycastle. Father possibly Alexander. Compiling database on all surname variants of Co Antrim pre 1850. All known datasets checked except leases, leets and Presbyterian. Any obscure mention between Ballymoney and Glenarm wanted. Many thanks. Member B2406

**WRIGHT, COYLE, ENTRICAN, O'BRIEN** William Wright married Elizabeth Park. Richard Coyle married Catherine Entrican. John Coyle married Ann O'Brien. Member B2418