

# Bowles

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Source: - St. Mary's Archives.

<u>St. Munchin's</u> . Burial.	<b>Margaret Bowles.</b> Age 94	27/11/1864
	James Bowles Age 2 ½	22/03/1843
Baptism	James Bowles. Son of John and Elizabeth.	25/08/1750
<u>St. John's</u> . Marriage	<b>Robert Bowles to Elizabeth Sargent</b>	03/01/1792
	Thomas Bowles to Maria Beauchamp	11/01/1824
	<b>Ambrose Bowles to Eliza Anderson</b>	15/11/1839
Burials	Gertrude, daughter of Henry Bowles	25/11/1781
	Catherine, daughter of <b>Robert Bowles</b>	05/07/1795
	A child of <b>Robert Bowles</b>	15/11/1810
	A child of Henry Bowles	19/09/1796
27/11/1799	A child, son of Henry Bowles	
	Robert, son of Henry Bowles	20/04/1800
	A child of Henry Bowles	14/07/1810
	<b>Elizabeth</b> , wife of <b>Robert Bowles</b> ( <b>Elizabeth Sargent</b> )	19/01/1810
	William Bowles	13/03/1820
	Mrs. Bowles	25/02/1825
	Elizabeth Anne Bowles. Age 13.	23/11/1843
	Eleanor Bowles. Age 25	22/03/1844
	of Rutland St.	
	<b>Anne Bowles.</b> Age 52	08/01/1846
	<b>John Bowles.</b> Age 69	03/01/1848
	of Clare St.	
	<b>Henry Bowles.</b> Age 80	10/04/1849
	of St. Michael's Parish	
	John Thomas Bowles. Age 34	14/02/1853
*	<b>Sarah Bowles.</b> Age 91.	18/11/1865
	of Hartstonge St.	
*	Catherine Bowles. Age 85.	09/02/1888
	of St. Michael's Parish. (16 Lower Hartstonge St.)	
Baptisms.	Mary, daughter of Robert	05/06/1768
	<b>Robert</b> , son of Robert	20/05/1770
	<b>Henry</b> , son of <b>Henry and Sarah.</b>	13/06/1794
	Born	09/06/1794
	Henry, son of <b>Robert and Elizabeth</b>	19/03/1797
	Born	12/03/1797
	Alexander, son of <b>Henry and Sarah Lill</b>	17/08/1797
	Born	14/08/1797

		James, son of James and Margaret	16/08/1816
		John Thomas, son of Henry	16/12/1816
		Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Maria	22/04/1827
		Matilda Mary, daughter of John and Anne	28/01/1834
		Mary, daughter of Henry	17/06/1766
		James, son of Thomas and Maria	04/04/1825
<u>Adare</u>	Baptisms	Arthur Allen, son of William and Jane	07/06/1897
		Margaret Alice to William and Jane	19/09/1898
		Louis John to William and Jane	10/06/1900
		<i>This family are in the census returns for 1901 and 1911. William was born in England and Jane was born in Wales, their four children were all born in Adare.</i>	
<u>St. Mary's</u>	Marriages	Jacob Smyth to Mary Anne Bowles	01/03/1824
	Baptisms	James to John and Elizabeth Bowles	20/09/1805
		John to John and Johanna Bowles	02/01/1810
		Ambrose to James and Margaret Bowles	24/12/1813
<u>St Michael's</u>	Marriages	Henry Bowles to Sarah Tierney	12/11/1817
	Baptisms	Matthew to Henry and Sarah Bowles	
		12/04/1819	
		John, Twin brother to Matthew	
		Henry to John and Anne Bowles	16/12/1831
		James to Ambrose and Elizabeth	08/11/1840
		Margaret to Ambrose and Elizabeth	03/01/1843
		Born	04/12/1842
		Henry to Ambrose and Elizabeth	03/11/1845
		Born	17/10/1845
		Ambrose was a Shoemaker of Ellen St.	
		Mary to Ambrose and Elizabeth	27/02/1848
		Ambrose was now of Denmark St.	
		He married in 1839, see above.	

Note: - St Munchins Tombstones. (See first entry above)

Erected by Jane Bowles in memory of her beloved mother [Margaret] Bowles who died on the 25 Nov. 1864 aged 94. Also her father James Bowles who died in May 1826, aged 56. (Therefore Margaret was born circa 1770 and James was born circa 1770 also).

\* The Limerick Chronicle reported the deaths of the widow Sarah Bowles, aged 91 and Miss Catherine Bowles aged 85, both mentioned on page 1 above. Both were living at 16 Lower Hartstonge St. They appear to have been born 29 years apart so it's most likely they were mother and daughter. This Sarah is not Sarah Tierney.

A Henry Bowles died at his house in Henry St. on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 1849. (Aged 80) Therefore born circa 1769.

Henry Bowles Esq. Gent. and Merchant took a large amount of property from the Earl of Limerick in 1851. The premises were in Catherine St. and near Queen's St.



**James Sargent owned these three houses in Clare St. in 1795, the year he leased the right-hand house site to Richard Storey. The largest part of the Sargent estate ended up in the hands of Thomas Hignell and his wife Matilda Mary Bowles by 1872.**

**St. John's Register and Freeman Claims: -**

**James Sargent = Elizabeth Boyse**

**M.1786**

**John Bowles = Anne Sargent**

**B.1779            B. 1794,  
M. 1828           M. 1828, Aged 34.  
D. 1848           D.1846**

**Thomas Hignell = Matilda Mary Bowles  
Baptised. 28 -1-1834  
M. 20 March 1860**

**Henry  
Bt. 16-12-1831**

**Robert Bowles = Elizabeth Sargent**

**B. 1770**                      **B.**  
**M.1792, aged22.**    **D. 1810 in childbirth**  
**Catherine**     **Henry**                      **Child**  
**D. 1795**            **B.1797**                      **D. 1810**

**Matilda Mary Bowles is mentioned frequently in Griffith's Valuation. The Limerick City Library has copies of the maps which were marked up with the identifying numbers used in the Valuation.**

Matilda Bowles, the daughter of John Bowles and Anne Sargent married Thomas Hignell on the 20 March 1860.

In 1872 the Landed Estates Court sat to determine the Ownership of some if not all of the Sargent lands in Monamucky, then in the possession of Thomas Hignell and his wife Matilda. A large scale map of the Estate was printed and the Hignell properties are shown in Red.

**Freeholders who voted in the 1760 Election in Limerick.**

379a Robert Bowles                      Annacotty                      Annacotty, £10 per  
Yr.

**Nick Reddan's Registry of Deeds Project. Memorial number 165533. Dated 1764.**

This mentions the Marriage Settlement in 1764 between Henry Bowles, a Baker and Elizabeth Clampett the daughter of Henry and Mary Clampett.

**Rosemary ffolliott's BMD's.**

**Dublin Hibernian** Journal of Monday 26 April 1784,

Died at Limerick, Mr. Henry Bowles, baker  
(The Trade Directory for 1788 lists a Mrs Bowles, a Baker of John St. no doubt Henry's widow)

**Ennis Chronicle** of Thursday 14 October 1802,

Advert. William Bowles, stuff and serge manufactory, Clare St. Limerick.

**Ennis Chronicle** of Thursday 18 November 1802,

Advert. All persons indebted to the late Dennis Kennedy of Limerick are to furnish accounts to Mr. John Bowles of Mary St.

**Ennis Chronicle** of Thursday 10 February 1803,

Married, on Saturday morning last in the Co. of Cork, Mr. John Bowles of the city of Limerick to Miss C. Sharp daughter of William Sharp of Glin Mount in the said county.

**Clonmel Gazette** of Saturday 12 February 1803,

Married at Castle Magner, Mr. John Bowles of Limerick to Miss Sharp daughter of William Sharp of Glinmount, Co. Cork.

**Limerick Chronicle** of Saturday 14 April 1804,

Advert. John Bowles has taken the house in which Mr Henry Collis now lives, corner of Creagh Lane and Mary St.....soap and candles.

**Ennis Chronicle** of Wednesday 30 March 1808,  
Bankrupt. William Bowles of Limerick, clothier, to surrender 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April.

**Clare Journal** of Thursday 18 January 1810,  
Died Tuesday, in Clare St. Limerick, Mrs Bowles wife of Mr. John Bowles.

**The Limerick Chronicle of Friday 19 Jan. 1810.**

Died in Clare St. Mrs Bowles, wife of John Bowles. (See Burial notice above for St John's church which says Elizabeth, wife of Robert Bowles died on that date. Robert Bowles married Elizabeth Sargent in 1792. It would seem that the paper got the wrong name for Mr. Bowles).

**Ennis Chronicle** of Saturday 28 December 1811.  
Bankrupt. William Bowles of the city of Limerick to surrender on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>th</sup> of December

(Henry Bowles, Gent. of Ballysimon and Henry Bowles Jnr. were admitted Freemen of Limerick City on the 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1813).

**Limerick Chronicle** of Saturday 22 March 1817,  
Married, Mr. W. P. H. Bowles of Summerville to Sarah daughter of Charles Hawkes of Roscommon.

**Ennis Chronicle** of Saturday 15 November 1817,  
Married yesterday morning at St. George's church Henry Bowles Esq. of Limerick to Sarah, daughter of the late John Tierney of Limerick and sister to Dr. Tierney, Physician to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent. (Matthew)

**Clonmel Advertiser** of Wednesday 19 November 1817,  
Married in Limerick on Thursday, Henry Bowles Esq. Attorney-at-law to Sarah daughter of the late John Tierney and sister to Dr.[Matthew] Tierney Physician to the Prince Regent.

**Limerick Chronicle** of Wednesday 14 April 1819,  
Birth in Glentworth St. the lady of Henry Bowles Esq. Attorney, of a son. (Matthew?).

**Limerick Chronicle** of Saturday 29 April 1820.  
Birth, on Thursday at his house in Glentworth St. The Lady of Henry Bowles Esq. of a son.

**Limerick Chronicle** of Wednesday 4 April 1821,  
Birth, on Sunday at his house in Glentworth St, the lady of Henry Bowles Esq. of a daughter.

**Ennis Chronicle** of Wednesday 15 March 1820,  
Died on Saturday morning in Glentworth St., Limerick, William Bowles Esq.

**Clare Journal** of Thursday 16 March 1820,  
Died in Glentworth St., Limerick, William Bowles Esq. late of Clare St.



(Henry Bowles , the Attorney who was married to Sarah Tierney was the Bowles who had a house in Glentworth St. Was William his brother and is this the William who was a Bankrupt).

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John and David Bowles were both members of the Broguemakers Guild in 1840. Could they be sons of Michael, the Broguemaker of Broad St.? They would then have to be Catholics. They are not recorded as buried in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The number of Broguemakers fell from 120 to only 26 between 1800 and 1840. Perhaps they emigrated to the new world.

#### **Limerick.ie Clampett family history notes.**

Isaac Clampett, Mayor of Limerick in 1739 and Sheriff of Limerick in 1720, was married to a Miss Bowles of Ballinacurra, If Miss Bowles was his first wife, they would have married shortly before 1720. However in **Betham's Will Abstracts G.O.233. p 182.** in the will of Robert Franklin, its recorded that his niece Margaret Franklin was already married to Isaac Clampett when Robert wrote his will in 1722. Ballinacurra could be the one in Co. Cork which the Boles were associated with. I have researched a number of families of Ballinacurra in Limerick but never came across any Bowles there

James Darby Goggin took a lease from **John Bowles** on the 1 Sept. 1846. The Bowles got some of James Sargent's property in the Monamuck area. (The two Clare street areas)

**John Bowles**, claimed admission as Freeman by right of marriage in 1834

“Hugh Fennessy, John's brother-in-law, swears that **John** was married to Anne Sargent, at Kilquane church by the Rev. William Maunsell in April 1828. Anne was the daughter of James Sargent and his wife Elizabeth Boyce”.  
(Hugh Fennessy was married to Anne's sister Mary.)

Only two other Bowles bothered to apply for admission as Freemen of the City of Limerick and they were

<b>Henry Bowles, Gent.</b> of Ballysimon.	15/2/1813
<b>Henry Bowles Jnr. Gent.</b>	15/2/1813

#### **Source: - Limerick County Archives, DO347**

22<sup>nd</sup> August 1836.

- This is a letter from **John Bowles** claiming rents from a former tenant of Sargent's. Bowles having bought property from James Sargent (Junior) in the Old Clare Street and Pennywell area.

#### **1854 Rates Book, Limerick City.**

**Sarah Bowles**, tenant of a House and Office in Hartstong St. Value £17.  
Henry Bowles, owner of a House ,Office and yard in William St. Value £34.  
Thomas Bowles, House in Brunswick St. Value £12-10-0.  
(**Sarah**, above, is the widow of **Henry Bowles**, she died in 1865 aged 91 [born 1774]).

**The 1853/4 Rate Book gives Matilda Bowles as the owner of a large number of houses in Cloon and Monamucky.**

### 1870 Rates Book

The Rev. Henry Bowles held 3 Houses and yards in William St. Valued £36, £36 and £34.

### Limerick Chronicle of 9/2/1853, (Limerick City Library, Obits.)

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> in London, John Thomas Bowles, Barrister, 2<sup>nd</sup> son of the late **Henry Bowles of Limerick. His mother was still living.** He was buried in the family vault in St. John's. See page 1 for birth of John Thomas 16/12/1816. (John Thomas entered Trinity College on the 1 July 1833 aged 16). (Sarah Tierney died in 1850)

### Betham's Will Abstracts. G.O. 224/83.

Christopher Bennet =  
Merchant of Dublin  
Will. 1666  
Proved 8/09/1680.

Lydia = Mr Waring

Dorcas = Thomas Bowles

## Alumni Dublinenses

### Bowles/Boles who entered Trinity College Dublin.

Name.	Entry date.	Age.	Father's name.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Born
George	13/06/1793	15	George	Armiger	Co. Cork	1778
George	04/07/1831	17	Spotswood	Centurio	Cork	1814
Henry M. J.	01/11/1841	15	<b>Henry</b>	Solicitor	Limerick	1826
John A.	07/07/1828	17	Henry	Farmer	Wiltshire	1811
John Thomas	01/07/1833	16	<b>Henry</b>	Gent.	Limerick	1816
John Wright	01/07/1840	16	Spotswood	Gent.	Co. Cork	1824
Richard	22/04/1704	17	Thomas	Gent.	Co. Cork	1687
Robert Boles	17/10/1776	16	Samuel	Farmer	Cork	1760
William	03/11/1806	15	John	Armiger	-----	1791

Henry M. J. was Henry Matthew John Bowles.

John A. was John Adolphus Bowles.

Armiger means Esquire.

Centurio means Officer.

## Rosemary ffolliott's BMD's not included in the Limerick List.

**Dublin Hibernian Journal, Wednesday 23 Sept 1778,**

Died in Waterford in the 88<sup>th</sup> year of his age, Mr John Bowles.

**Dublin Hibernian Journal, Wednesday 3 April 1782,**

Married at Charleville, John Preston to Miss Martha Bowles.

**Limerick Evening Post, Thursday 20 Nov 1817,** Married in Tralee on Tuesday, Capt Henry Bowles of the 81<sup>st</sup> Regt to Eliza, daughter of Oliver Stokes, Barrack Master, and also Granddaughter of Alderman Day of Cork.

**Clonmel Advertiser, Wednesday 29 April 1818,**

Died on Monday night, Mr John Bowles, Smith.

**Limerick Chronicle, Saturday 6 March 1819,**

Died at Cuckfield, Henry Bowles Esq.

**Limerick Chronicle, Saturday 2 June 1821,**

Married, William Webb, son of Richard Webb of Lissryan, Co. Longford to Anne daughter of the late John Bowles of Springfield, Co. Cork.

There are quite a few Henry Bowles to be sorted out and separated from each other.

The first **Henry** is the Baker who married **Elizabeth Clampett**. Their Marriage settlement is dated 1764 so they most likely married that year. Henry, the Baker died in April 1784. His widow was still running the bakery in John St. in 1788. Therefore any children they had were born between 1765 and 1784/5. There was a Mary, daughter of Henry who was baptised in St John's church on the 17/6/1766 and a Gertrude, daughter of a Henry Bowles who was buried in St John's church on the 25/11/1781.

An easier Henry to track is the **Henry** who married **Sarah Tierney** on the 11/12/1817 in St. Michael's church. This was the parish church for New Town Pery. **Henry** moved to Dublin where he died at Upper Pembroke St. in Jan 1855. **Sarah** had died in Dublin shortly before him, in Feb 1850. Her death notice says that **Henry** was born in Limerick and was an Alderman of Dublin. **Henry and Sarah Tierney** were the parents of Matthew, born 1819. A son born 1820, a daughter born 1821 and Henry Matthew John born 1826 in Limerick, who entered Trinity College, Dublin on the 1/11/1841. He became a clergyman and moved to England where he died in 1884.

The next Henry to be identified would seem to be the father of **Henry**, the Solicitor. This **Henry** also married a lady called **Sarah**. Her maiden name was given as Lill. (This may or may not be a mistake for the well known Limerick surname of Lillis). **Henry** died in 1849 aged 80, therefore born circa 1769 and under normal circumstances he should have married circa 1790. **Sarah**, his wife, died in Nov 1865, aged 91 (born circa 1774) at 16 Lower Hartstonge, Limerick. Their daughter Catherine died at the same address in Feb 1888, aged 85, therefore born circa 1803. **Henry and Sarah** were the parents of Alexander Bowles who was born in Aug 1797. They also appear to be the parents of John Thomas Bowles who entered Trinity on the 1/7/1833 aged 16. He was baptised in St John's on the 16/12/1816 and died, in London, in Feb 1853, a Barrister-at-law and 2<sup>nd</sup> son of **Henry Bowles** of Limerick City. This rules him out as a son of **Henry Bowles and Sarah Tierney**. This Henry, the elder must be the **Henry Bowles, Clothier**, who voted in the 1812 Election in Limerick.



Progressing from a Dyer to a Clothier would be a very natural career move. Now we have two Roberts to untangle. They appear to be father and son. This is based on the baptism of Robert, son of Robert on the 20/5/1770. The younger Robert married Elizabeth Sargent on the 3/1/1792 in St. John's parish church. Elizabeth was buried in St John's on the 19/1/1810. Therefore their children were born between 1793 and 1810. First there is the burial in St. John's of Catherine the daughter of a Robert on the 5/7/1795. Now she could be the baby daughter of the younger Robert or an adult daughter of Robert senior. Then we have the birth of Henry, son of Robert and Elizabeth on the 12/3/1797 who was baptised a week later in St John's. Finally we have the burial in St John's, of an unnamed child of a Robert Bowles in 1810, surely a child of Robert junior.

Who was the Robert Bowles of Castleconnell whose death was reported in the Limerick Chronicle of 25/3/1806? Was this Robert senior or a third Robert?

John Bowles who married Anne Sargent can now be separated from the other John Bowles.

**Nearly all the Bowles named above would have been Protestants.**

**Nearly all the Bowles named below would have been Catholics.**

## Mount St. Laurence Burial Register for Bowles name.

(The name was spelt Bowles in all cases).

Plot	Name	Burial date	Age	Address	Born circa
120 R	Margaret	23 June 1859.	3 Mts	none given	1859
150 Rb	James	12 May 1861.	6 yrs	Broad St.	1856
??? Ra	Mary Kate	21 May 1861.	69	Broad St.	1792
150 Ra	John Ml.	09 Aug 1864.	16	Broad St.	1848
151 Ra	Michael	23 Nov 1864.	83	Broad St.	1781
149 Ra	Eliza[beth]	01 May 1868.	14	Nelson St.	1854
48 Pc	Ellen	28 Nov 1868.	7	Mary St.	1861
162 Ra	Patrick	04 Dec 1871.	61	Clare St.	1810
-----	Mary	12 Sep 1878.	29	Clare St.	1849
-----	Patrick	26 May 1879.	---[45]	Francis St.	-----[1834]
67 L	Michael	29 Jan 1882.	40	John St.	1842
150 Ra	Francis	20 Oct 1888.	1	Thomondgate	1887
150 Rb	Joseph	07 Feb 1892.	9 days	Thomondgate	1892
150 Rb	Eliza	11 Feb 1892.	12 days	Thomondgate	1892
150 R	Mary	29 Jun 1897.	6 mts.	1 New Road	
				Thomondgate	1897
150 Ra	Josephine	05 Nov 1902.	4 yrs	Thomondgate	1898
150 Ra	Mary	08 Mar 1903.	80	City Union	1823
49 Pc	Margaret	05 Feb 1912.	82	City Union	1830
150 Ra	Elizabeth	12 Mar 1912.	52	2 New Road	
				Thomondgate	1860
155 Rb	Joseph	05 Nov 1918.	67	Thomondgate	1851
150 Rb	Michael	03 Nov 1938.	53	12 Treaty Terrace	
				Thomondgate	1885
75 L	Edward	10 Apr 1947.	71	Island Road.	1876
150 Rb	John J.	2 Mar 1949.	68	8 Old Thomondgate	
149 Rb	Myra Georgina	26 Aug 1949	55	St. Patricks Nursing	

75 L                      Bridget                      14 Nov 1952    70                      Home.                      1894  
 Road.1882                                                                                                          13 Island

## 1901 Census, Bowles of Limerick City.

House 5 Emmett Place. Dock Ward. St. Michaels Parish.

Honora,	Head.	53.	R.C. Housekeeper, married.	Born Co. Lim. Circa 1848.
Jack	Son	28.	R.C. Engine Fitter, single.	Born Co. Lim. Circa 1873.
Edward	Son	25.	R.C. Baker	single. Born Co. Lim. Circa 1876
Michael	Son	21.	R.C. Fitter	single. Born Co. Lim. Circa 1880
Mary	Dau.	18.	R.C. Teacher	single. Born Co. Lim. Circa 1883.

The house was rated as 2<sup>nd</sup> class and had 4 rooms with 3 windows to front of house.

## 1911 Census.

Public House, 61 Richmond St. (Now St. Joseph's Street)

Honora	Head.	67.	R.C. Licensed Trader. Widow
John	Son	37.	R.C. Engineer. Single
Michael	Son	29.	R.C. Engine Fitter Single
Mary	Dau.	26.	R.C. Charge of Bar. Single

The new home, the Public House, was not far from their old home in Emmett Place. They now had 7 rooms with 4 windows to the front but the building was still rated as 2<sup>nd</sup>. Class. They now had a servant living in and the premises had 2 Out Offices. Edward, the Baker was now married and living in his own home in Catherine St. (Honora filled in but crossed out again, that she was 44 years married and had 8 children born to her of which 4 were still alive).

## 1911 Census.

House 19. Catherine St.

Edward. Head. 35. R.C. Baker. 2 yrs married , no children.  
 Bridget. Wife. 30. R.C.

They had 1 Female boarder and 1 Female visitor with them in their 6 roomed, 2<sup>nd</sup> class house with 4 windows to the front.

(See Edward and Bridget buried in Plot 75L in Mount St. Laurence in 1947 and 1952)

**1912 Postal Directory for Limerick.** *(Only 4 Bowles families named).*

Richmond Street, No. 31. Lawlor Ml. O'H. *(of No 67 on Census)*

Bowles. H. *(of No 61 on Census)*

Catherine Street, No. 19. Bowles Edmond. (*Edward/Edmond, typical carelessness*)

Mungret Street, No. 3. Bowles Patrick.

New Road, Thomondgate, No. 2. Bowles Joseph.

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Edwards marriage was registered in 1908.

## 1901 Census

House 1, New Road, Castle Ward, St. Nicholas's Parish.(Thomondgate)

Joseph.	44	Head.	R.C.	Cooper	Married
Elizabeth.	39	Wife.	R.C.		Married
John	20	Son.	R.C.	Solicitor's Clerk.	Single
Christina	18	Dau.	R.C.	Book binding.	"
Frances	15	Dau	R.C.	Scholar.	"
Augustine	11	Son	R.C.		"
Henry	7	Son	R.C.		"
Josephine	2	Dau.	R.C.	Infant	
Charlette	1	Dau.	R.C.		

All were born in Limerick City

5 roomed, 2<sup>nd</sup> class house with 6 (sic) windows to front.

## 1911 Census.

House 2, New Road, Castle Ward, St. Nicholas's Parish. (Thomondgate).

Joseph	53	Head	R.C.	Cooper.	Married
Lizze	50	Wife.	R.C.		Married
John Joseph.	30.	Son.	R.C.	Law clerk.	Single
Christina	29.	Dau.	R.C.	Dressmaker.	"
Henry	17.	Son.	R.C.	Shop hand.	"

Lizze states that she was 31 years married and had 14 babies of which 7 were still alive. Joseph and Elizabeth must have married circa 1870.

6 roomed 2<sup>nd</sup> class house with 4 windows to front.

Missing since the 1901 Census are

Frances, who would now be 25.

Augustine, " 21. (*KIA, WW1, France 1918*).

Josephine, " 12.

Charlette, " 11.

Using Lizzie's statement above, re 7 children still being alive, then these four should all be still living in 1911. Frances, Josephine and Charlette are not recorded anywhere in Ireland in the 1911 Census.

This family owned Plot 150 Ra and adjoining Plots in Mount St. Laurence cemetery.

Joseph Bowles ,who died in 1918 and was buried on the 5<sup>th</sup> November in Plot 155 Rb, was the father of J.J. Bowles the Champion Handball Player who was of 8 Thomondgate when he died in 1949. (8 Old Thomondgate is where J. J. Bowles pub is located today).

J.J. was buried in Plot 150 Rb as was his mother Elizabeth/Lizze when she died in 1912.

Her address was given as 2 New Road, Thomondgate. (From Limerick Chronicle). I would suggest that 155 Rb, the father's plot number, should perhaps read 150 Rb.

A Josephine Bowles was buried in Plot 150 Rb on the 5 Nov 1902 aged 4. She was from Thomondgate and has to be the Josephine from the 1901 Census.

John Joseph Bowles's birth was registered in the year 1881.

Sergeant Augustine Bowles, son of Joseph and the late Elizabeth Bowles of 8 Old Thomondgate was killed in action on the 10 Sept 1918 in France. He was aged 27. That would date his birth to 1891 which agrees with the Census dates.

It now seems very obvious that the Bowles buried in the adjoining Plots , 150 Rb, 150 Ra and 150 R, are all from the same family and this includes Mary Kate who died in 1861. It also seems obvious now that the family lived in Broad St. before moving to Nelson St. and finally to Thomondgate.

Were Michael and Mary Kate, who were both from Broad St., were of a similar age and were buried in the same grave, Married? A Michael Bowles owned a shop on the corner of Broad St. and West Water Gate Lane in Griffith's Valuation of 1850. He also owned 3 houses behind his shop running back along the lane. The 3 houses were full of Lodgers.

**Limerick.ie Local Studies, 1829 Freeholders List.** says that Michael of John's St. was a broguemaker and he registered his houses and ground in North Prior's-land on the 27 April 1827. This is the same place that the Thomondgate area is located.

Patrick who may be his son had his Grocery and Wine business on the opposite side of Broad St. Patrick is mentioned in Griffiths Valuation and in the Trade Directories from 1840 to 1870. He had moved to Nelson St. by 1867. The Patrick who died in 1871 aged 60 could be this man. Elizabeth Bowles who died aged 14 in 1868 in Nelson St was the daughter of a Patrick Bowles. A Michael who died aged 13 in August 1864 in Broad St. was also the son of a Patrick.

Joseph and his wife Elizabeth were the next generation of Catholic Bowles to be buried in the Bowles Plot. They are listed in the Census for 1901 and also in 1911. We know that Joseph was the father of John Joseph, the famous Handballer, and that John Joseph ran the Pub in Old Thomondgate called J. J. Bowles which is still in business today [2012]. The 1946 Register of Electors gives John Joe and Myra Bowles living at 8 Old Thomondgate and this is a clue to Myra Georgina who was buried in Plot 149 Ra being John Joseph's wife. They are both listed as married people in the Burial Register.

