

# A New List of 170 Freemen admitted between 1672 – 1680 in Limerick City

**Source: - Ms 89. Assembly Book of Limerick City. 1672 – 1680.**

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The Assembly Book actually has two indices, one at the beginning and another at the end of the Book. Of the two, the end one is the larger. The main text moreover contains many names extra to the names recorded by who ever wrote the two indices. From all three lists it was possible to collect the names listed below. Where one source was difficult to make out, a check in another usually sufficed to provide the right spelling of a dubious name. The Assembly Book pages were numbered individually from the beginning but the page numbers used by the Index writer are different and are to be found close to the spine of the book. Because of this location some of the numbers cannot be read completely. The numbering sequence also changes part way through the book as if the number was given to individual Council Meetings rather than to individual pages. This list seems to be divided equally between surnames from the old regime and surnames from the new Cromwellian regime.

Name	Qualification	Date Admitted.
<b><u>A</u></b>		
Patrick Arthur, Merchant.	Son of a Freeman	18/02/1672
Dominick fitzDominick Arthur.		18/06/1677*
William Allin.	Son of Sheriff Allin. Special Grace	04/10/1680
Richard Allin.	Son of Sheriff Allin. Special Grace	04/10/1680
Charles Ashburneham.	Special Grace	09/07/1677
James Arthur fitzJames fitzAnthony. Merchant		31/05/1677*
Munchin Arthur, Merchant.		18/06/1677*
<b><u>B</u></b>		
John Bond.	Servitude to Thomas Phelps.	13/05/1673.
John Bayly.	Not found on p.66	
Symon, Lord Bishop of Limerick.		26/04/1679
Francis Bodkin. Gent.		23/01/1673/4
Anthony Barnes.		23/01/1673/4
John Breviter.	Not found on p.92	
John Bourke of Cahirmoyle.		06/10/1674
Francis Button, Master Smith.		06/10/1674
Captain John Beversham.	Special Grace	14/01/1674/5
John Bezon. Alien.		15/03/1674/5
George Blakeny.	Servitude	04/10/1675.
Samuel Burton. Esq.	Special Grace	17/04/1675
Viscount Blessington.		27/10/1676
Dominick Bodkin.	Servitude to Ald Foxon. Special Grace	09/05/1677
Thomas Burroughs, Mariner.	Special Grace, Marriage	30/09/1678
Thomas Bromby of Tullybrac.		03/10/1678
Francis Bushel.	Servitude to Ald. Yorke. Special Grace	26/04/1679
John Bartlet.	Servitude to Capt Anthony Bartlett	18/11/1678

**C**

Daniel Carthy.		22/05/1677
Thomas Creagh fitzThomas, Merchant		09/06/1677*
Capt. William Coates.	Special Grace	02/10/1672
Henry Carton.	Not found on p. 66	
Viscount Clare.		23/01/1673/4
Andrew Creagh fitzJames fitzAndrew.		27/06/1675
John Colpis.	Special Grace	02/10/1675
William Creagh fitzJohn.	Special Grace	04/10/1675
Thomas Connor.		11/12/1675
Dennis Carmody, Cook.	Marriage to Elizabeth dau of Q.M.Smith	05/04/1680
Michael Creagh fitzAndrew.		31/05/1677*
John Creagh fitzPierce FitzJames, Merchant.		31/05/1677*
Christopher Creagh fitzDominick.		18/06/1677*
Patrick Creagh fitzJames.		18/06/1677*

**D**

Edmond Dundon.	Not found on p. 66	
Richard Driscoll.	Not found on p. 66	
John Debast, Master Mariner.		12/01/1677/8
Abraham Destare.		10/10/1678
William Daves.	Servitude to Ald. Bartholomew Garnet.	30/09/1676
Matthew Deane.		22/05/1677*

**E**

Archibold Erskins.	Readmitted	21/10/1672
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**F**

John Ford, merchant.	Servitude to Ald. Robert Shute, deceased.	13/01/1674/5
Zacharias Foxon.	Servitude to Samuel Foxon	30/09/1676
Thomas Foxon.	Servitude to Ald. Bartholomew Garnet	30/09/1676
Henry Fane. Esq.	Special Grace	22/10/1677
Samuel Frend.	Son and Heir to Ald John Frend	22/12/1677
James Flack.	Servitude to Capt. Anthony Bartlett	15/11/1678

**G**

John Gavan.	Servitude to Widow of Ald Robert Shute	18/01/1672/3
Managh O'Grady.		23/01/1673/4
John Gabbart.	Servitude to Ald. John Bourne M.D.	26/07/1675
Thomas Gill, Chandler.		02/10/1675
Connor Gavan, Tanner.		21/05/1678
William Gribble.	By Marriage	05/04/1676

**H**

Wiliam Howrigan.		21/10/1672
Daniel Hogan.	Servitude and Marriage	15/08/1673
Jarvis Hawksworth, Co. Clare.		05/10/1674
Nicholas Hubbert.	Special Grace	04/10/1675
Thomas Huggins, Clark.	Special Grace	07/10/1678
Robert Harnan, Merchant.		11/06/1678*

**I**

Richard Ingram. 26/09/1679  
 Robert Isaac, Ships Master. 26/09/1679

**J**

Gualty Jurvans. Mariner. 21/10/1672  
 Abraham Jackson. 15/09/1673  
 John Jackson. 15/09/1673  
 Thomas Jackson. 15/09/1673

**K**

John Kent. Servitude to Ald Robert Stritch 30/06/1673  
 William Kennett, Shoemaker. Special Grace 30/09/1678  
 William Kempland, Clothier. 26/09/1679

**L**

George Lee. Servitude 04/10/1675  
 Thomas Lysaght. Special Grace 04/10/1675  
 John Leonard. 15/08/1673  
 Thomas Lynch. Not found on p. 66  
 James Lee. Servitude to John Bennis 30/09/1676  
 Bartholomew Lee, Apothecary. Servitude to Robert Higgins 24/09/1677  
 Thomas Lysaght. Servitude to Robert Lillis 15/09/1673

**M**

John Moore. Merchant. 23/05/1674  
 Thomas Munsell, Gentleman. 30/09/1676  
 Denny Muschamp. 27/10/167  
 Robert Maccarrol. 19/11/1672  
 John Moore. Not found on p.66  
 Richard Maguire, Esq. Special Grace 01/10/1677  
 Thomas Morgan. Special Grace 09/10/1677  
 George Mathews. Special Grace 21/03/1677/8  
 John Miler. 17/06/1678  
 John MacNamarra. 23/01/1679/80  
 James Maxwell. Not found on p.254  
 William Moroney. Servitude 01/07/1678

**N**

John Naughten. 21/10/1672  
 Edmond Neale. 21/10/1672  
 John Nihill, Gent. 07/07/1677  
 Phillip Neale, son of Edward. Servitude to Edward Neale, Butcher 09/07/1678

**P**

Richard Pery. 23/01/1673/4  
 Arthur Pomroy, Dean of Cork. 05/10/1674  
 John Papin, Merchant. 02/10/1675

**R**

Bartholomew Rippingal. Taylor.		01/04/1673
James Ronane.		02/10/1675
Jeremy Rothram.	Not found on p.66.	
Paul Richardson. Mariner.		09/05/1674
Robert Rogers.	Servitude to Robert Pasoy, Burgess.	08/04/1675
William Rice of Killaloe.		16/02/1676/7
John Baptista Rousell, Alien of Flanders.		22/12/1677
Thomas Radcliff.		15/03/1677/8
John Ronane, Councillor at law. Son of James, Freeman and Merchant.		15/09/1673
James Robinson.	Servitude to Robert Smith, Goldsmith	04/10/1680
Patrick Ronan fitzNicholas.		21/05/1678*
Edward Rice, Merchant.		22/05/1677
Robert Reardan, Merchant.		22/05/1677*
James Rice fitzFrancis, Merchant.		22/05/1677*

**S**

Val. Stephenson.		18/01/1672/3
William FitzJames Stritch. Merchant		18/01/1672/3
John Smith. Mariner.		27/06/1674
John Sober. Esq.	Special Grace	31/10/1674
Robert Steward.		02/10/1675
George Stammer, Co. Clare.	Special Grace	02/10/1675
Robert Stapleton.	Servitude to Ald. Miller.	04/10/1675
Thomas Starky.	Servitude to Anthony Bartlet.	30/09/1676
Earl Strafford.		15/03/1677/8
John Standish.	Special Grace	30/09/1678
Michael Sea—le.	Special Grace	30/09/1676
William Stritch, Merchant.		22/05/1677*
John Skeolane, Merchant.		05/06/1677*
Michael Stritch fitzLucas, Merchant.		28/06/1677*
Edmond Syford.	Special Grace	04/10/1680

**T**

Robert Taylor.		26/10/1672
Henry Earl of Thomond.		01/11/1672
Phillip Tomlinson.		15/09/1673
Henry Taunton, Gent.	Special Grace	01/10/1677
Alexander Thorn.	Servitude to John Thorn	17/06/1678
Jonathan Tilly, Cornet, Bruff.	Special Grace	06/10/1679
Edward Trant.		09/05/1677*
Phillip Thorne, Butcher.		16/02/1676/7

**U**

James Uniack.		29/03/1680
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**W**

Maurice Wall, Shoemaker.		02/10/1672
Richard Waller.		26/10/1672
James Woods.		19/11/1672

Moses Woodruffe.	Servitude to Thomas Merton	18/02/1672/3
Richard Williams.	Not found on p.44	
Richard Weeks. Butcher.		11/12/1675
David White.	Servitude to Thomas Roch	11/12/1675
Symon White.	Servitude to Thomas Foxon	01/12/1677
Thomas Willow.	Servitude to Thomas Phelps	12/04/1678
Francis White.	Servitude to William Craven	19/08/1676
Sir Joseph Williamson.		02/10/1680
Francis Williams, Skinner.	Servitude to John Dundon	04/10/1680
William White fitzJohn. Merchant.		31/05/1677*

## Y

George Yaris.	Special Grace	14/01/1674/5
John Young, Chirurgeon.	Special Grace	04/10/1680
James Yeoman.		08/11/1673

Alexander Thorn served his apprenticeship to John Thorn and his indenture papers were dated May 1662. Why he waited 16 years to become a Freeman is unknown. Normally a boy would start his apprenticeship at the age of 14 and after serving his master for 7 full years he would then be eligible to apply, at the age of 21, to be admitted a Freeman of the City.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1678 provisional arrangements were agreed by the Common Council in order to allow a number of former apprentices to work at and set up shop to follow their trade. For what ever reason, these boys could not produce their indentures so the Council agreed to treat them as Freeman temporarily. Each apprentice is named followed by his master's name. The master also had to be a Freeman.

Nicholas White fitzNicholas	Thomas Roch, Merchant
William Fanning	William Burgatt
John Malowny	Patrick Stritch
James Woulfe	John Bourk
Francis Arthur	Robert Reardon
William White	Patrick White
Richard White	Patrick Arthur
Michael White fitz John FitzJames	Francis Creagh
Geoffrey Arthur	Michael Creagh
Nicholas Hennesy	Peter Stritch
James Creagh fitzStephen	John Skeolan
Phillip England	James Arthur
John Chapman	Daniel Roch
Piers Creagh	John Rule
Cyprian Eames	William Taylor
Thomas England	Thomas Roch, Merchant
James England	John Creagh fitzPierce.

Both apprentice and Master in the above list are in the main, Old Limerick Names from the pre - Cromwellian period and this may have some bearing on the inability to show proper indentures. Probably because in the early days after the change in control, the Master Trades men knew that they had no standing with the new Authorities and just continued to work quietly and not draw attention to themselves by engaging lawyers to draw up official indentures for their apprentices.

While John Bourne was Mayor in 1672, he took it upon himself to admit 18 men as Freemen. This was against the rule which required the whole Common Council to preside over the admittance of Freemen and these 18 men had to reapply for their Freedom at a later date. These are the names marked with an asterisk in the main list above.

Was John Baptista Rousell the founding father of the Russell family of Limerick?