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BEVAN OF CO. LIMERICK

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The first of this family of whom there is record in Ireland is THOMAS BEEVIN, who must have been born about 1650 and was still alive in 1729. On 14 Oct. 1703 he leased the lands of Camas, Co. Limerick from Sir Standish Hartstonge, Bart., and on 21 Jan. 1708-9 transferred them to his son's father-in-law, Henry van Cruyskerken, apparently to guarantee them in trust for his son prior to his own second marriage. By his first wife he had a son,

Michael, of Camas, see below.

He m. 2ndly 17 Feb. 1708-9 (St John's, Limerick) Ellis Cullane.

The only known son,

MICHAEL BEEVIN, resided at Camas and d. c. 1747. He m. Jacoba Susanna, dau. and co-heiress (with her sister Diliana wife of Hugh Brady) of Henry van Cruysckerken, merchant of Limerick and Askeaton, and a native of Dordrecht, Netherlands, by Catherine his wife, and had issue (an account in his own hand of whose births has been preserved),

1. Thomas, b. 27 Feb. 1701-2, d. inf.
2. Henry, of Camas, see below.
3. Thomas, b. 15 Oct. 1704, will dat. 2 March 1728-9, pd. Prerog. 1729.
4. Catherine, b. 25 Aug. 1706; m. James Godsell (or Godson) and had issue.
5. Elizabeth, b. 17 Aug. 1708, living 1729.
6. Michael, b. 4 May 1710.
7. Coby (diminutive of Jacoba), b. 18 Feb. 1711-12, d.y.
8. Elinor, b. 15 June 1713.
10. Mary, b. 29 Oct. 1717, m. 1740 James Borchier of Kilcullane, Co. Limerick, and had issue.
11. John, b. 23 Jan. 1719, d. 1 Aprl. 1761 at his residence near Bruff.

The eldest surviving son,

HENRY BEEVIN, of Camas, adopted the spelling BEVAN, b. 4 July 1703, d. Aug. 1767, probate 28 May 1772; m. (set. dat. 15 May 1729 Avarina, 2nd dau. of George Purdon of Primrose Hill, Co. Cork, and by her, who d. Aug. 1764, had issue,

1. Michael, of Camas, see below.
2. George Purdon, of North Camas, probate 1796; m. (set. dat. 11 April 1771)
Elizabeth, eldest dau. of Samuel Adams of Kilbree, Co. Cork, and had issue,
i. Henry, who held North Camas and Ballinschoola and resided at
Lemonfield, Co. Limerick; m. (Fedamore) Oct. 1795 (set. dat. 20 Oct.)
Mary Anne, 2nd dau. of Thomas Furnell of Rockfield, Co. Limerick,
who d. April 1844, and had issue (probably with others),
a. George Purdon, “eldest son,” who in 1836 mortgaged North
Camas to his kinsman Frederick Bevan of Camas; m. May 1840
Janet, eldest dau. of George Cashel.
b. Mary Anne, “eldest dau.,” m. 15 Nov. 1818 (Kilpeacon) Arthur
Cashel of Bushfield, Co. Tipperary.
ii. Samuel, of Bruff, d. Feb. 1817 at his brother’s seat Lemonfield; m.
21 Dec. 1800 Elizabeth, dau. of Capt. William Collins, of Killinane,
Co. Limerick.
iii. George, living 1795.
iv. Ellen, living 1795.
3. Henry, of Milltown, Co. Limerick, probate 1801; m. Oct. 1771 Prudence,
dau. of Samuel Bennett of Ballinstona, Co. Limerick, and had issue,
m. (1) 11 Oct. 1803 (St Michael’s, Limerick) —— O’Connell, by whom
he had, possibly with other issue, a dau. Anne, b. 1806, d. unm. at
Mallow Dec. 1823 aged 17. He m. (2) 10 May 1833 (St Peter’s,
Dublin) Maria Elizabeth, dau. of George Gough of Maidstown Castle,
Co. Limerick, d. 24 July 1884.
ii. Samuel, Capt. 92nd Regt., b. 1783, d. unm. aged 29 at San Sebastian,
Spain, 22 Aug. 1813.
iii. James, of Milltown, m. 9 July 1803 (Uregare) Eliza, dau. of Richard
Franklin of Ballyvolane, Co. Limerick, who d. at Bruff Oct. 1826.
Cork.
v. Mary, m. 18 Dec. 1802 (Portpatrick, Scotland) Thomas Sherlock of
Rock Abbey, Co. Cork.
vi. Jane, “3rd dau.,” m. Aug. 1805 (Bruff) Francis Allen of Shandrum,
Co. Cork.
vi. Matilda, “youngest dau,” m. (1) 9 Oct. 1813 (Bruree) Major Thomas
Cornelius Holmes, of Glenamore, Co. Cork, who d.s.p. 1822; she m. (2)
8 Dec. 1830 (St Finbarr’s) Major Charles Burton Bennett.
4. a dau. (possibly named Eleanor or Mary), m. Jan. 1771 John Vallence.
5. Elizabeth, m. Nov. 1772 as his 2nd wife Rev. William Massy of
Glenwilliam, Co. Limerick, and had issue.
6. Avarina, m. (set. dat. 19 Aug. 1756) William Fitzgerald of Ballaghnagoley,
Co. Limerick, and had issue.
The eldest son,

MICHAEL BEVAN, of Camas, d. April 1789, probate 28 May 1789; m. 18 July 1761 (Aney) Elizabeth, 2nd dau. of Joseph Gubbins of Killrush, Co. Limerick by Anne Grant his wife; she d. at Camas May 1778, having had issue,

1. Henry, of Camas, see below.

2. Joseph, of Georgia, U.S.A., m. 8 Sept. 1796 at Milltown, Co. Limerick, Miss Vallence.

3. Mary, m. (set. dat. 13 Nov. 1782) George Lukey of Farthingville, Co. Cork, and had issue.

The eldest son,

HENRY BEVAN of Camas, High Sheriff of Co. Limerick 1796, built the bridge over the Morningstar River which bears his name and the date; probably about this time he added a Georgian “front” to the 17th century house at Camas (now the garden front). He d. 1826, having m. (set. dat. 22 May 1784) Amy Baker (called Emma), dau. of Michael Furnell of Ballyclogh, Co. Limerick by Elizabeth Massy his wife, and had issue,

1. Michael, of Camas, b. 1787, d.s.p. at Limerick 20 Feb. 1847; m. 15 Aug. 1808 Margaret, dau. of John Cooke of Cordangan. Having no issue he ceded Camas to his brother Frederick.

2. Henry, b. 9 Sept. 1790, d. 1846; Major 27th Madras Native Infantry, author of *Thirty Years in India* (London, 1839); m. 30 Oct. 1832 (Guernsey, Channel Isles) Mary Anne, youngest dau. of James Curtis of Guernsey; she d. of cholera in India 23 July 1837.

3. William Massy, b.c. 1791, d. at Castres 17 Feb. 1854 having settled in France, bur. at Versailles; m. 1818 Rosine de Sivrac (1793-1851), and had issue,

i. Henri William Massy, engineer, b. 1825 at Cloissy-le-Roi, S. et O., France, d. 1896 in Paris, owner of Le Miroir, Haute Savoie; m. (1) Louisa Deffosse, who d.s.p. 1858; he m. (2) Anna Eugénie Mallet (1843-1912) and had issue,

a. Charlotte, b. 1868, m. Henri Chatoney, and had issue.

b. Rose Henriette, b. 1869 at Louveciennes, d. 1944; m. Ernest Vincens (1861-1919) and had issue.

c. William, b. 1872, d. 1874.

ii. Henriette Massy, m. Louis Montané de la Roque, and had issue.

4. Frederick Massy, eventually of Camas, see below.

5. Eliza, m. 18 Nov. 1815 (Bruff) Daniel Hunt of Ballinacarrow, Co. Limerick.

6. Mary Anne, d. unm. at Limerick Aug. 1829, will dat. 28 Apr. 1829.

7. Joseph, of Glen Bevan, Co. Limerick, d. 12 Nov. 1876, m. (1) 14 Oct. 1829 (St Michael’s, Limerick) Mary, dau. of William Odell by Jane Fitzgerald his wife, who d. 15 March 1834. He m. (2) 13 May 1835 (St Michael’s) Catherine Ellen Maria, 2nd dau. of Joseph Gabbett Bouchier by Margaret
Franks his wife. He had, with other issue (it has not been ascertained by which wife),

i. Joseph, of Glen Bevan, which he sold, and later of Daragh, m. Annie A.,
dau. of William Norris Lee of Killonahan (grand dau. of John Lee and
his wife Emma Bevan), who d. 1910.

ii. Margaret, m. . . . . Finch.


iv. William, vivens 1873.

8. Emma, d. 26 July 1818 at Cobh; m. 7 May 1808 (Fedamore) John Lee of
Barna, Co. Tipperary, Lieut. 3rd Dragoons, who d. 1835, and had issue.

9. Alicia Emma, m. 7 July 1828 (St Michael’s, Limerick) Henry Godfrey
James, Capt. 35th Regt.

The 4th son,

FREDERICK BEVAN, of Camas, d. 11 May 1859. In 1832 he built another
bridge at Camas. He m. 13 Dec. 1810 Mary, dau. of Godfrey Massy of Territs,
Co. Limerick, and had issue,

1. Henry, b. 6 Oct. 1811.


3. Mary, b. Dec. 1813, m. 22 Jan. 1831 (St Michael’s, Limerick) William B.
O’Connor.

4. William, of Camas, which he ceded to his brother; resided at Pau, France,
and d. 12 April 1870; m. 18 Sept. 1858 Constance Stacpoole, and had
issue,

i. Mary, m. Monsieur Geoffrey, and had issue.

ii. Pauline, b. 1863, d. unm. 22 Aug. 1878.

5. Emma, m. Nov. 1837 Dr Samuel Bennett of Rathanev, Knockaney, Co.
Limerick.

George Hewson.

7. Frederick Massy, m. Miss Bold.


10. Elizabeth Alice, “youngest dau.,” bapt. 1 Feb. 1826 (St Mary’s, Limerick);
m. Dec. 1854 William Mason of Cooleen, Bruree.

11. Elizabeth, bapt. 10 April 1827 (St Mary’s).

12. George, d. 1896.


The 5th son,

JOHN BEVAN, of Kilbarry, Co. Cork, of Elton House, Knocklong, Co.
Limerick, and also of Camas, bapt. 24 July 1824 (St Mary’s), d. 6 June 1890; m.
July 1856 Catherine Crooke (d. 1907), dau. of William Allen of Glenville, Co. Cork,
and had issue,
1. Rev. Frederick, b. June 1857, d. 1932, Incument of Curran, Co. Monaghan, succeeded to Camas, but settled in Australia; m. —— Dixon, and had issue a son, John Massy, b. 1890.
2. William, of Daragh, b. 1859, d. at Youghal 1929.
3. John Van, of Camas, see below.
4. Henry Hunt, of Elton House, Knocklong (originally an O'Grady property, which he inherited from his father and later sold), b. 17 Dec. 1865, d. 19 Nov. 1945; m. 3 June 1896 Maria (d. 4 July 1922), dau. of Robert Holmes Tevers, J.P., D.L., of Castle Tevers, Athlacca, Co. Limerick, and had issue, i. John Robert Percy, formerly of Glebe House, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow, and of 14 Royal Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, served in the Garda Siochana 1924-49; b. 8 May 1897; m. 17 Apr. 1929 Theodora Olivia, dau. of Rev. Canon Edward Adam Tichborne, of Cobh, and has issue,
   b. Hugh Palmer, b. 18 Nov. 1933.
5. Francis.
8. Herbert, b. 1861, d. 1930.
9. Mary, m. —— Hunt.
10. Cathleen.
11. Susan, m. —— Costello.

The 3rd son,

JOHN VAN BEVAN, of Camas, J.P., b. 28 Sept. 1860, d. 8 Aug. 1925; m. (1) Emily Jane Bevan, of Dublin, who d.s.p. 16 May 1904, and (2) 13 June 1905 Annie Marvella, dau. of Rev. Francis Cooper of Waterford, who d. 13 Feb. 1961, and had issue,

1. Frederick Van, see below.
2. John Francis Massy, of 122 Fenton Drive, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada, b. 3 April 1908, m. E. Sayers and had issue 2 sons and a dau.
3. Elma Marvella, b. 1 April 1909, d. unmn. 28 July 1925.
4. Catherine Mary, b. 18 Sept. 1911, m. 5 May 1941 Davis Wood Wolfe of Bridge House, Skibbereen, Co. Cork, and has issue.
5. Francis Leonard, R.N., and of 44 Longfield Road, Tring, Herts., b. 12 Sept. 1913, m. 6 April 1944 Florence Margaret, dau. of Lawrance Anthony Bradbury of Weston Turville, Bucks., and has issue,
6. Antony George, b. 9 May 1915, served in R.N. on H.M.S. Daring, and d. unm. 16 Feb. 1940.
7. Adrian Van, of 128 Heaton Road, Bradford, Yorks., b. 19 Aug. 1919, m. Betty Pemberton, and has issue.
The eldest son,
FREDERICK VAN BEVAN, of Camas, b. 20 March 1906, m. 1942 Evelyn Lillian, only dau. of Richard Vandeleur Bourke of Thornfields, Lisnagry, Co. Limerick, and has issue,
1. Frederick John Vandeleur, of Belfry Lodge, North Camas, b. 13 May 1945, m. 1965 Emma, dau. of William Ruttle of Clounreaska, Askeaton, and has issue,
   i. Linda Mary, b. 27 Nov. 1966.
   ii. Peter, b. 1 Feb. 1969.
2. David William, of 1st Flat, Camas House, b. 13 June 1949, m. 1969 Ann, dau. of Thomas Cantray, of St Francis Place, Limerick, and has issue,
   i. David Andrew, b. 6 March 1970.
The following Limerick Bevans have not been placed in the lineage:
Anne Bevan of Bruff, m. 16 July 1834 (St Michael’s, Limerick) Andrew MacLaughlin, Sergeant 5th Foot.
Elizabeth Bevan, m. 16 Aug. 1812 (St John’s, Limerick) Richard Bouchier.
John Bevan, m. 28 June 1841 (St John’s, Limerick) Honora Fitzgerald.
Margaret Bevan, m. 14 July 1832 (St Michael’s, Limerick) Miles Monckton.
Robert Bevan, attorney, died at Glentworth St., Limerick, June 1848.

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EMPLOYEES OF THE IRISH REVENUE IN 1709
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This long list of persons in the employ of the Revenue Service in Ireland in 1709 has been extracted from a pay-roll of the Irish Establishment included in a miscellaneous collection of Irish material in the Ms. department of the British Museum. The salary payable has been omitted. Most of the employees bear English surnames, but there are some native Irish names, particularly in the lower grades. In addition to Anglo-Irishmen recruited in Ireland, a number of Englishmen actually came to Ireland in the Revenue Service, settled down and left descendants.

It is often difficult to pinpoint the whereabouts of these people such as the