

## **Henry Woodburn.**

Some notes by Noel Murphy.

There were two Henry Woodburns, father and son. Henry senior from Liverpool worked as a jailor in William St. Police Barracks. He married Rebecca Vokes on the 15 Dec 1818. Henry senior had a son also called Henry but there is no evidence of the mother's name but Rebecca was evidently only his step-mother. Henry Junior married Jane Amelia Franklin, daughter of Richard Franklin, Surgeon, on the 8 Dec 1835. She was sister to Richard Franklin Jnr., who was also a Surgeon like his father. Rebecca Vokes married first in 1801 then married again in 1810 and Henry Woodburn senior was her third and last husband. When Rebecca died in 1830 she was a widow so Henry senior was therefore dead before 1830. Richard Franklin senior became Mayor of Limerick in 1839 and was knighted shortly afterwards. Henry junior was very well connected.

The P.R.O.N.I. has a copy of Henry Woodburn's (Jnr.) will that says Henry Woodburn of Limerick died on the 4 May 1862. His effects were valued at £200. He was a former Governor of the County Jail.

The Limerick Chronicle of the 6 May 1862 says he died on the 4<sup>th</sup> at his private residence, aged 68 and had been Governor of the County Jail for 30 years. He was therefore born circa 1794.

From Parliamentary Papers 1825 there is an account dated 31 Dec 1825 which lists Henry Woodburn, Chief Clerk receiving a salary of £150 per annum and a rent allowance of £25. This was signed off by T.P.Vokes, Chief Magistrate. As a comparison, Constables received £35 per annum and a lodging allowance of 6/6, i.e. six shillings and six pence per month. T.P.Vokes received a salary of £700 per annum and a rent allowance of £130.

Remember that T.P.Vokes was Henry's brother-in-law.

### Presentment Book for 1826.

Henry Woodburn, Chief Constable, ½ Yearly salary	£57/13/10
House Rent	£ 9/12/ 9.

### Presentment Book for 1827.

Henry Woodburn	½ Yearly salary	£69/ 4/ 0
	House Rent	£11/10/ 0
A police constable received, per month		£ 2/13/10
Lodging allowance		6/ 0

I would surmise that The Presentment Books refer to Henry junior who had not yet become Governor of the Co. Jail.

I would also surmise that the Parliamentary Papers refer to Henry senior who has not yet been appointed Governor of the county Jail. An appointment he didn't enjoy for very long as he died prior to 1830.

Griffith's Valuation, 1850 shows Henry Woodburn living at House 10 in Richmond Place, a Tontine building. Richmond Place is now known as "The Crescent".

Henry and his wife Jane Amelia had two sons at least. Richard Franklin Woodburn, born 26 Oct 1840 and William John, born on the 17 March 1844. These two boys immigrated to Canada. They were both baptised in Doon Parish church. William John married in Canada, a lady called Isabella and they had an only daughter Emily, born in 1873. Emily returned to Limerick but unfortunately died at Sunville House in August 1897. Emily appears in the 1891 Canadian Census, aged 17 years and living in the subdistrict of Melbourne Village, district of Richmond and Woulf, Quebec. Her father and uncle lived there too. Her uncle Richard was buried in St Andrew's Cemetery, in Melbourne, Quebec, in 1874.

Emmie Returns, by Liz Woodburn. [www.woodlandstream.com](http://www.woodlandstream.com).

William John Woodburn's wife was Isabella Journeaux, daughter of Edward Journeaux who was brother of Sophia Journeaux who married Edward E. Cleeve. Edward Cleeve and Sophia Journeaux were the parents of Thomas H. Cleeve of Sunville House on the North Circular Road.

Emily Woodburn was sent back to Ireland to get a husband for herself. She arrived at "cousin Tom's home, Sunville House where she unfortunately was struck down with Peritonitis and died in 1897, at a tender 24 years of age.

[www.limerickcity.ie/localstudies/](http://www.limerickcity.ie/localstudies/) obits.

Limerick Chronicle of the 17/8/1897,  
Died at Sunville House, residence of Thomas H. Cleeve, Emily Woodburn daughter of William Woodburn and Isabella.

Liz Woodburn's book contains many of the happy letters that Emily wrote home to her parents describing the things she saw and experienced in Limerick during her visit, including an account of a picnic in the Clare Glens.

The Website has 13 photographs of Emily's parents, siblings and her Cleeve cousins. There are also some photos of Limerick which came from Limerick Museum.

The Woodburn family continue on in Canada through Emily's younger brother Benjamin.