

MONCKTON OF CO. LIMERICK

By BRIAN DE BREFFNY

The first of the family to settle in Limerick was Nicholas Monckton, who was appointed Clerk of the Market of Limerick by patent dated 21 May 1618. Little else is known about this Nicholas who would have been born about 1580-1590. His exact English origin has not been established, but his son, the second Nicholas in Co. Limerick, used an armorial seal on his will in 1674 with the arms of the Moncktons of Cavil, Yorkshire, undifferenced, viz., Sable, on a chevron between three martlets or, as many mullets of the field. I have not been able to identify Nicholas the settler in any of the printed pedigrees of Monckton of Cavil. In the 16th century the name Monckton is found in Yorkshire and Somerset, the Kent Moncktons descending from one of the Yorkshire family who settled in Kent during the 17th century. Comprehensive searches in Yorkshire probate records might reveal the origin and parentage of the Irish settler.

NICHOLAS MONCKTON, Clerk of Limerick Market in 1618, had issue,

I. Nicholas, see below.

II. Thomas, of Ballynafranky, Co. Limerick, will dat. 24 Oct. 1687, proved Limerick 1687; m. Joan . . . and had issue,

(1) Nicholas, who appears to have d. young.

(2) George, who inherited Liskennet from his cousin, Major Nicholas Monckton in 1725, but d. unm., and was bur. 20 May 1730 (Ballin-garry), will dat. 13 Aug. 1730, proved Limerick 20 Aug. 1730 (*sic*).

(3) Susanna, m. Michael Dalton and had issue.

(4) Mary, m. Richard Summers of Ballymorogh, Co. Limerick.

III. Anna, living 1674.

IV. Constance, living 1674.

V. Martha, living 1674.

The elder son,

NICHOLAS MONCKTON, of Knockany, Co. Limerick, is listed as titulado of Knightstreet and other townlands in Ballingarry in the "Census" of 1659. He was Tax Commissioner for Co. Kerry in 1659, and for Co. Limerick in 1660, High Sheriff of Co. Limerick 1674-5. His will (in which he requested to be buried in Knockany church), is dat. 15 Dec. 1674, with a codicil of 17 June 1675, proved *Prerog.* 30 Sept. 1675. He m. Elizabeth . . . (possibly née Meade, as in his will he mentions his "brother Thomas Meade"), and by her (who was bur. 28 July 1700 at Ballingarry as "The Lady Ingoldsby," having m. 2ndly as his second wife, *Cashel*

MLB 1676, Sir George Ingoldsby, Bart.) had issue,

- I. Nicholas, eldest son, see below.
- II. Thomas, b. 1652, entered T.C.D. 1670 aged 18.
- III. John, of Derryallen, Co. Limerick, aged under 15 in 1674.
- IV. Elizabeth, m. before 1674 . . . Powell, and had issue.
- V. Constance, m. after 1674, as his 2nd wife, David Wilson of Boher, Co. Limerick (son of Sir Ralph Wilson) and had issue.
- VI. Catherine, aged under 15 in 1674, m. Standish O'Grady of Elton, Co. Limerick, and had issue.
- VII. Barbara, aged under 15 in 1674, m. as his 1st wife John Langton of Kilbeg, Co. Limerick, and was bur. 9 June 1705 at Ballingarry, having had issue.

The eldest son,

MAJOR NICHOLAS MONCKTON, of Kilmore and Liskennet, Co. Limerick, probably b. c. 1651, but his age is given as 17 when he entered T.C.D. in 1670. He was attainted by King James II's Parliament in 1689. His will, dat. 27 Feb. 1721, was proved 7 April 1725 at Limerick (see abstract in *The Irish Ancestor*, 1971, p. 95). He m. Jane, dau. of Major John Odell of Ballingarry (see *The Irish Ancestor*, 1969, p. 117) who was bur. 8 June 1702 at Ballingarry. Major Nicholas and his wife had no male issue, and the Monckton descent continues through his natural son, George Monckton of Kilmore (see below), but they had five daus.,

- I. Elizabeth, eldest dau., m. Lieut. Tristram Cary of Ballingarry, whose will, dat. 13 Oct. 1723, was proved 1 Feb. 1724. One of their sons, Edward, who d. at Kells, Co. Limerick in Dec. 1762, adopted the surname Monckton in accordance with his grandfather's will. The family of Monckton-Cary-Creagh descends from Anne, dau. of Tristram Cary and Elizabeth Monckton, who m. John Creagh.
- II. Mary, m. James Langford, of Kilcosgriff, Co. Limerick, and had issue.
- III. Catherine, m. 5 June 1709 (Ballingarry) Lieut. Joseph Standish of Ballynfranky, Co. Limerick, and had issue.
- IV. Grisel, m. 2 Nov. 1719 (St John's, Limerick) Christopher Carr, junr., of Kilrush, Co. Limerick.
- V. Judith, m. Brown.

The lineage of the Moncktons of Co. Limerick continues with the natural son of Major Nicholas Monckton, whose mother is not known:

GEORGE MONCKTON, of Kilmore, Co. Limerick, mentioned in his father's will in 1721 as still a minor. He inherited his father's property at Kilmore, whilst Liskennet went to his cousin George. He served as Churchwarden at Ballingarry 1746-50. I have not found documentary evidence as to the name of his wife, but family tradition has it that she was Fanny, dau. of Miles Jackson the elder of Lisduane, and sister of Miles Jackson junr. and Clifford Walker Jackson. It is likely this tradition is correct, for not only were the names Miles, Walker and Clifford Jackson used among the descendants but Miles was the name of George's second son.



Major Nicholas Monckton of Kilmore and Lishennet.
On the back of the canvas was the inscription: "*Nic.
Monckton, Kilmore, aet. suae 56.*"

Portrait formerly in possession of Mrs. Braddell of Mallow
(née Margaret Monckton), but its present whereabouts is not
known.

He is dressed in a white wig and olive green coat.



Kilmore, parish of Ballingarry, Co. Limerick, photographed in 1971. (Top) The front of the house, built by the Tuthills. (Below) The rear of the house from the cobbled stable yard. This back portion is the 17th century house of the Moncktons and was originally three stories high. The top storey was removed a few years ago and the hipped roof and chimneys seen in the photograph belong to the front portion, the old house being now roofed with corrugated iron. The walls of the old house are immensely thick, and the 17th century farm buildings are intact. The front section of the house was added much later.

Christopher Tuthill leased Kilmore from Nicholas Monckton on 15 January 1693 and George Tuthill purchased it from Edward Monckton in 1737. It was retained by the Tuthills until the mid-19th century.

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Tony O'Riordan on two very different family histories

O'BRIEN IS the first surname to have been used by a family and dates from the time of Brian Boru; the family have lived in Clare since time immemorial and in a house called "Dromoland" specifically since the 15th century. The present Dromoland Castle, a hotel since the 1960s, is a 19th-century structure which replaced an 18th-century house which, in turn, had replaced a 15th-century tower.

Grania O'Brien, daughter of Dromoland Castle, as it were, has in *THESE ARE MY FRIENDS AND FOREBEARS: The O'Briens of Dromoland* (Ballinakella Press, £21), written an engaging account of her family, tracing her ancestors back to the 17th century; indeed, her family tree at the beginning of the book traces it right back to Brian Boru.

There are bizarre vignettes in the history of the family. One of the O'Briens died in Paris attended by Dr Hickie — the Hickies were hereditary doctors to the O'Briens. He was buried in a garden of the Swedish Embassy at midnight, being carried there in a dung-cart; as a Protestant he was not allowed to be buried in a Catholic graveyard. There were many MPs amongst the Dromoland O'Briens — one of them, Sir Lucius, earned from Bodkin the unkindest cut that he was "a man who disagrees with the rest of mankind in thinking well of himself".

There were, of course, the usual collection of horsemen, gamblers and eccentrics found in any wealthy family with roots in the land. Sir Edward O'Brien wrote in the 18th century: "Every man in the British dominions that knows me knows that my sole amusement is in horses, that I neither play cards or dice, keep neither whores nor hounds." Amongst those the family intermarried with was a niece of Joshua Reynolds, and Marconi, the inventor; he proposed to Beatrice O'Brien in the Albert Hall, married her and spent his honeymoon at Dromoland (his mother too was Irish, being an Annie Jameson of the brewing family).

The most notable of the 19th-century O'Briens was William Smith O'Brien, the Young

Irelander; the author wisely devotes a good deal of space to his trial. The family rallied around splendidly as he was tried for high treason. Later, when he was eventually pardoned and allowed to return to Ireland, they treated him with scant courtesy. James Stephens, the Fenian, visited him at Dromoland and relates how insufferable his own family were to him (Grania O'Brien's account bears this out). His brother Robert, however, attended the trial at Clonmel and reported on those on trial to his wife: "William looked pale and gentlemanlike, Mr MacManus farmer-like and the three others are peasants."

Grania O'Brien writes lovingly of her home and her family. As one of her ancestors wrote of Lord Thomond, "I believe he is subject to the same complaint as I am, a great love of his own home." She shares that love.

James Kennedy too loves his native place, but there is a difference; he was born into a 10-acre farm of modest quality in Co Limerick; slightly to misquote Byron: "Fond of a land that gave him nought but life," he gives in *THE PEOPLE WHO DRANK FROM THE RIVER* (Poolbeg, £4.99) a bitter-sweet account of childhood on a small farm. Even the title is ironic: "years later in the tropics I had reason to be thankful that the river water had immunised me in my youth. I could drink the tropical water without getting amoebic dysentery."

The same wry note pervades the book whether the author is writing about death or harvesting or hurling — his father played for Co Limerick yet the book can be much more moving than the usual book of nostalgic memories about the brave, good and pollution-free days of old. Kennedy falters somewhat when he writes of religion in his youth and is coy about the fact that he once was a missionary priest. However, I recommend this book to all who want to get an idea of an Ireland that is gone forever.

There is a danger that *IRELAND THROUGH THE AGES*, by Michael Jenner (Michael Joseph, £17.99 in UK), could be dismissed as yet another coffee-table book about Ireland; this would be a shame. The writing bears the hallmark of scholarship absorbed and distilled. The accompanying photographs are of exceptional quality.

Moreover, his grandson, George Monckton, was seized of a moiety of the townland of Lisavane and 188 acres "part of the Castle Jackson estate." George had issue.

I. Nicholas, b. 1751, a vestryman at Ballingarry in 1793 and 1797, bur. there 6 Jan. 1822 aged 70.

II. Miles, of Kilmihil, see below.

III. John, of Ballingarry, who m. . . ., and had issue,

(1) Walker, chr. 29 Jan. 1785 (Ballingarry).

(2) George, of Ballingarry, butcher, chr. 12 March 1788 (Ballingarry). He is shown in the Valuation of 1849 as holding a house and yard in Cloontemple, townland of Garrett Carmody, and d. at Ballingarry 2 April 1865 aged 84 *apic.*, having m. Ellen McCarthy and had (possibly with others) a son,

William, of Ballingarry, cattle-dealer, b. 1834, m. (1) 26 Feb. 1862 (Ballingarry R.C.) Mary Hurley, who d. of puerperal fever at Ballingarry 12 July 1878 aged 39, and had issue,

i. Ellen, chr. 11 July 1863 (Ballingarry R.C.).

ii. Mary, b. 11 Nov. 1864 at Ballingarry, and d. there 24 June 1872.

iii. Eliza, b. 13 Dec. 1866 at Ballingarry and chr. there (as Elizabeth) 15 Jan. 1867.

iv. Bridget, b. 21 June 1869 at Ballingarry.

v. John, b. 25 April 1871 at Ballingarry.

vi. Mary Anne, b. 30 Sept. 1873 at Ballingarry and d. there 21 March 1876.

vii. Margaret, b. 22 Feb. 1876 at Ballingarry.

viii. Mary, b. and d. at Ballingarry 2 July 1878.

The surviving children emigrated to the U.S.A. before 1900.

He m. 2ndly 22 Jan. 1825 (Ballingarry R.C.) Ellen, dau. of Thomas Clancy, labourer, b.c. 1820, but had no further issue.

(3) John, chr. 27 May 1790 (Ballingarry). He may be the John Monckton who m. Margaret Kelly and had a son James chr. 13 Jan. 1825 (Ballingarry R.C.) and possibly others. In the Valuation of 1849 a James, John, and Patrick Monckton jointly held 37 acres from John Hederman in the townland of Ballygrennan, and a Margaret Monckton (perhaps the widow of John) held a house and garden at Kilmore. (See also the appendix to this lineage.)

(4) Frances, chr. 14 July 1793 (Ballingarry).

The second son,

MILES MONCKTON, of Kilmihil, Co. Limerick, was Churchwarden of Ballingarry in 1793, and was bur. there 18 July 1800, will proved 1802 Prerog. He m. (set. dat. 1777) Margaret, dau. of Thomas Odell of Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick (see *The Irish Ancestor*, 1969, p. 132, and 1971, p. 43), who was b. 1754 and bur. at Ballingarry 23 March 1838 aged 84, having had issue.

- I. Sarah Elizabeth, m. 22 Nov. 1799 at Ballingarry (set. dat. 19 Nov. Dobbin Casey, of Ashborough and Bridge Villa, Co. Limerick, b. 1776, bur. 24 Nov. 1843 at Ballingarry aged 67, and had issue. She was living in Cecil St., Limerick in 1856.
- II. Mary Anne, chr. 4 April 1785 (Ballingarry); m. 22 Feb. 1811 (St Michael's, Limerick) Thomas Fitzgerald Butler.
- III. Constance, youngest dau., m. 20 Jan. 1805 (Ballingarry) John Hunt Newingham, of Co. Tipperary, and was bur. 14 Feb. 1838 at Ballingarry.
- IV. William Butler Odell, of Rathkeale and Ballingarry, attorney. His usual signature was William B. O. Monckton but he was also known as "Miles". He m. 29 Jan. 1820 (Rathkeale) Marianne Margaret Mary, only child of Rev. John Vause, of Christ Church, Liverpool, Lancs., by his wife Ann, dau. of Ralph Fisher of Ditton Lodge, Lancs. She d. 22 Oct. 1831 aged 31 (M.I. at Ballingarry), and was bur. 2 Nov. aged 28 (*sic*), having had issue,
 - (1) John Vause, b. 19 March 1820, chr. 23rd at Rathkeale, m. Elise . . . , b. 1823(d. a widow 19 Jan. 1918 aged 94, at Gerrald's Cross, Bucks., will proved 26 Feb. 1918, leaving a son.
Richard Vause, vivens 1918, m. Ellen . . .
 - (2) Margaret Ann Elizabeth, b. 1821, m. 26 Feb. 1857 (St. Thomas, Dublin), set. dat. same day, John Waller Braddell, of Mallow, solicitor, chr. there 21 April 1820, and bur. there 2 Aug. 1862. She was bur. there 23 Dec. 1903 aged 82, having had issue.
 - (3) Miles Fisher, Capt. in the Army, b. 1822, d.s.p. 3 Jan. 1861 aged 68, at Kensington, Middlesex; m. Emma . . . , b. 1837, d. 18 Jan. 1929 aged 91 at Batford, Harpenden, Herts.
 - (4) Mary Margaret Ann, b. 1824, d. 14 Nov. 1843; m. 20 July 1842 (Drehidarsna) John Hurley of Granagh and had issue, one dau.
 - (5) Sophia, b. 1828, bur. 6 Feb. 1830 aged 18 months at Ballingarry.
 - (6) Frederick Odell, chr. 15 Mar. 1831 (St. Michael, Limerick).
- V. Clifford Jackson, chr. 17 Feb. 1789 at Ballingarry, bur. there 23 May 1824.
- VI. George, of Ashborough, Co. Limerick, and late of Limerick city. He was arrested and imprisoned for debt at Limerick 5 Nov. 1821, and was bur. (St. John's, Limerick) 30 April 1841 aged 50, having m. *Killaloe MLB* 1805) Mary Ann Cornwall, bur. 28 Sept. 1827 at Ballingarry (will proved 1825) and had issue.
 - (1) Mary Ann, chr. 28 July 1807 (Ballingarry), bur. there 3 Aug. 1828 aged 18 (*sic*).
 - (2) Margaret, chr. 30 July 1809 (Ballingarry); m. 16 May 1829 (St. John's, Limerick) George Scanlan.
 - (3) John Cornwall, chr. 31 Oct. 1810 (Ballingarry).
 - (4) Miles, a twin. chr. 31 Oct. 1810 (Ballingarry), lived at Thomas St.,

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Limerick, and m. 14 July 1832 (St John's) Margaret Bevan, and had issue,

- a. Anna, chr. 7 Dec. 1833 (St John's).
 - b. George, chr. 27 Dec. 1834 (St John's).
 - c. Julia, b. 29 April, and chr. 9 May 1836 (St John's).
 - d. Emma, chr. 26 Oct. 1837 (St Michael's).
 - e. Sarah, chr. 18 Sept. 1839 (St Michael's).
 - f. Robert Bevan, chr. 26 Jan. 1841 (St. John's).
 - g. Eliza, chr. 23 Dec. 1843 (St John's).
 - h. Margaret, chr. 23 April 1845 (St John's).
- (5) Sarah Eliza, chr. 19 June 1813 (Ballingarry), and d. before 1821.

APPENDIX

There were some other branches of this family in Co. Limerick, but I have not been able to connect them to the foregoing lineage, due to lack of early Catholic registers for the area. These families are undoubtedly descended from the Moncktons of Kilmore, and most probably more immediately descended of George Monckton of Kilmore.

JOHN MONCKTON, of Ballingarry, held 37 acres of Ballygrennan in Ballingarry parish, jointly with a James and a Patrick Monckton in 1849. He was probably a son of John Monckton, chr. at Ballingarry in 1790, and Margaret Kelly, and if so James would have been his brother. He had issue,

- I. John, of Killatal, Ballingarry, farmer, b. 1848, d. 7 May 1908 aged 60 in Limerick Hospital, m. Ellen
- II. James, policeman, b. 1853, m. 4 Aug. 1883 (St Michael's, Limerick, R.C.) Catherine, dau. of Thomas Bourke of Granagh, Co. Limerick.
- III. Margaret, m. 1 April 1883 (Granagh R.C.) Denis Ahern.

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. MONCKTON, farmer, m. Mary, b. 1788, d. a widow at Amogan, Croagh, Co. Limerick, 8 Feb. 1868 aged 80, and had issue,

- I. Jane, m. David Clifford, and had issue.
- II. Margaret, m. 26 Aug. 1844 (Croagh R.C.) Michael Enraght.
- III. possibly Catherine, a sponsor at Croagh, 1850.
- IV. possibly Nicholas, a sponsor at Croagh 1853 (but this sponsor could have been the father of this family).
- V. William, of Amogan, farmer, b. 1824, m. Margaret Walsh, b. 1829, d. 1907, and had issue,
 - (1) Mary, b.c. 1849, m. Michael Quinlivan, of Amogan, farmer, and had issue.
 - (2) Thomas, chr. 12 Nov. 1850 (Croagh R.C.).

- (3) John, chr. 8 April 1853 (Croagh R.C.).
- (4) Patrick, chr. 28 May 1855 (Croagh R.C.).
- (5) Nicholas, m. 14 Feb. 1888 (St. Augustine, Limerick, R.C.) Anne, dau. of James Madigan, of Kilbreedy, Co. Limerick, farmer.
- (6) William, b. 19 and chr. 24 Jan. 1865 (Croagh R.C.), d. at Amogan 25 Jan. 1872.

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MICHAEL MONCKTON, National School Teacher, b. 1784, is shown in the Valuation of 1849 as holding the National School House and also a house and garden at Kilmore. He d. at Granagh 6 April 1877 aged 93 and was a witness at the weddings of Eliza Monckton to John Cooney 18 Feb. 1855 (Ballingarry R.C.), and of Mary Monckton to John Long 8 Jan. 1858 (Ballingarry R.C.). It seems probable that Eliza and Mary were his daughters. It is known he had a son.

EDMOND MONCKTON, National School Teacher, of Castletown Conyers, Co. Limerick, b. 1826, d. 1899; m. Bridget Byrnes, who was b. 1833 and d. 1906, and had issue,

- I. Edmond, b. 19 Sept. 1864, Castletown Conyers, d. 12 Sept. 1895 at Limerick.
- II. Johanna, b. 2 Nov. 1868 at Castletown Conyers.
- III. Anne, b. 11 Dec. 1870 at Castletown Conyers (shown as Hannah in 1901 Census).
- IV. Patrick, creamery manager, b. 3 Oct. 1872, Castletown Conyers, m. 28 Jan. 1899 (Fedamore R.C.) Mary Ann, dau. of Patrick Hartigan, of Castlequarter, Co. Limerick, farmer, and had issue,
 - (1) Margaret Mary, b. 18 Dec. 1900.
 - (2) Patrick, b. 1902, d. 1906.
 - (3) Robert, b. and d. 1904.

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Several persons named Monckton at Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary in the 19th century may also have descended of the Limerick family. A John Monckton, b. 1799, was m. (as a widower) 26 June 1847 at Borrisokane, to Mary, dau. of Tom Richardson, mason, and widow of Mason, b. 1801. This John Monckton was son of George Monckton, weaver, and is possibly identifiable with the John Monckton who m. Elizabeth Haskett (*Killaloe MLB* 1820) and Jane Haskett (*Killaloe MLB* 1825). A Richard Monckton, cordwainer, resided at Borrisokane in 1839, and was then married to Mary Anne, dau. of Godfrey Hodges by Mary Ann Bell of Bellgrove, his wife: this Mary Anne had previously been married to a Mr Nivell.

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GEORGE MONCKTON, police constable, was father of,

1. John, b. 1821, m. 1846 (Inchigeela, Co. Cork) Phoebe, dau. of John Lovell, sexton.
2. Eliza, m. 19 Aug. 1845 (Inchigeela) Florence Harrington.
3. Richard, chr. and bur. 26 March 1835 (Macroon).

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Finally we find a George Monckton, contemporary with the above George, and with George Monckton of Ballingarry, butcher, chr. 1788 (see previously). This George was b. 1792, and d. a bachelor in Newcastle Workhouse, Co. Limerick 29 June 1878.

JOHN GALVIN'S COPYBOOK

contributed by LIAM COX

The following is a copy of entries written by John Galvin of Boggagh, near Moate, Co. Westmeath, into a small copybook which was made available to me in 1966 by its present owner, Mr James Galvin of Boggagh, grandson of the compiler.

(page 1) March 13th 1872.

The Moate Mission May 1872.

Father Devlin left this Parish 8th August 1872.

Births 1872:

Young John Harrington Saturday Dec. 3rd 1871.

Joseph Warburton at the Christmas 1870.

Norah Mack Nov. 1870.

Kate Feely January 1872.

Patt Lally Feb. 3rd 1873.

Young Miss Murphy June 17 '73.

Young Pat Martin Castledaly born March 25 1874 — Lady day sometime.

Kate Agnes Warburton Octr. '75.

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(page 7) Deaths 1872:

Charley Guinan Monday 28th March '72.

Mary Gilligan January 1872.

James Fitzgerald Feb. 29th 1872.

Patt McLaughlin Friday 28 of June 1872.

Mrs Robins 26 July 1872.

Kieran Molloy July 1872.

Billy Bradley August 4th 1872.

Larry Gavin Octr. 1872.

Old Mrs Murphy Nov. 1872.

Peter Warburton May 1871.

Biddie Warbt. Harvest 1871.

Mary Farrel Good Friday 1872.

(page 8) Old Tom Warburton 28 April '73.

John Harrington 11 June 1873.

Martin Sweeney 22 June 1873.

James Sweeney March 1873.

Mrs M. Xavier 4 December '73.

Mat Mahon died 1875.

Joseph Gavin May 14th 1878.

John Gaivin May 14th 1878.

Denis Downey July 17th 1878.