

Vokes

Source : - St Mary's Cathedral Records, Limerick.

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St. Munchin's Parish, Limerick City, Ireland.

Name	Born	Baptised	Parents	Address	Occupation
1 Robert 2 Margaret 3 Abigail 4 Mary		24/6/1744 23/1/1746 31/3/1747 2/6/1749	William and Elizabeth		(William, son of Edward, the 1714 sheriff) William died in 1750.
1 Joseph 2 Thomas 3 Philip		14/1/1750 16/2/1752 11/2/1753	Stephan and Margaret		(Was Stephan the son of Joseph of 1715)
Edward		17/7/1757	Joseph and Elinor		(Was Joseph the son of Joseph of 1715)
Samuel		30/10/1811	Andrew Jnr. and Elizabeth		Elizabeth Young First wife.
George Thomas	9/7/1845	3/8/1845	Richard and Eliza[beth]	St. Munchins	White Smith. (M. 1844 Eliza[beth] Vokes)
Diana Mary	14/7/1871	4/8/1871	Henry and Eliza	Ashbourne Road	(Boot and Shoe Manufacturer)
Name	Parent	Marriage	Partner	Address	Occupation
Mary		23/2/1736	Henry Long		(Sheriff, 1736)
Jane		9/4/1843	Thomas Rooney	St. Munchin's	Col. Sergt. 36 th Regt.
Name	Born	Burial	Details	Address	Comments
Edward		16/8/1739	Son of Simon and Angel		(see Simon and Angel who died in 1741)
Simon		29/7/1741			
Angel		5/9/1741	Widow		
Mary		5/6/1749	Dau. William and Elizabeth		See Baptism above

Name	Born	Burial	Details	Address	Comments
Edward		20/12/1749			
William		5/6/1750			<i>Sheriff, 1741.</i>
Edward		19/8/1759	Son of Joseph and Catherine		<i>(Is this the son of Joseph by Elinor, his first wife)</i>
William		7/5/1775			
N.R.		2/11/1800	Child of Thomas		
N.R.	Miss Wood	9/5/1805	Widow of Simon		(Simon the Bankrupt) ?
Joseph	(1722)	21/7/1813	(Aged 91)	(Thomond Gate)	(Clothier) from Newspaper.
Thomas		4/1/1831	(Lt. 34 th Regt.)	(William St.)	From Limerick Chronicle
Thomas		5/9/1834			
Eliza		22/10/1835			A child
Judith	1756	7/11/1840	Aged 84	St. Mary's Parish	A Roman Catholic
Henrietta	1824	21/6/1849	Aged 25	St. Mary's Parish	Nicholas St.
Margaret	1794	12/12/1887	Aged 93	St. Mary's Parish	
Margaret <i>See Baptism</i>	1829 <i>St. Mary's</i>	12/5/1908	Aged 79	Hall's Alms House	<i>Dau. of Lt. Thomas Vokes above. See 1901 census.</i>

The first recorded baptisms in St Munchin's church for the Vokes family start from 1744. Edward Vokes, the Sheriff of 1714 was living in this Parish since at least 1703. Joseph Vokes, an adult was there in 1715. As an adult he can not be a son of Edward. The first Vokes settled in St Munchin's Parish. The move to St. Michael's parish could not begin until Newtown Pery was built. From the Baptismal records, starting in 1749, it would appear that St John's parish in Irish town was their next move. The first marriage was in 1730. Edward had a son Thomas B. 1710 but his birth is not in the records

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St. John's Parish

Name	Born	Baptised	Parents	Address	Occupation
1 John 2 Andrew		14/8/1749 4/3/1752	Thomas Elizabeth Barker		Attorney, Born in London
Mary		28/12/1779	John		
1 Jane. 2 Thomas 3 Richard 4 Noble	4/6/1806 19/4/1811 4/3/1813	10/7/1806 21/4/1811 23/3/1813 30/6/1813	Richard and Mary (Christy) Richard only.	NOTE <i>Richard was born 1780 in St. Michael's Parish</i>	
1 James		7/2/1836	James and Martha		Tailor, Martha was 1 st Wife
1 Amelia Ann Mary	8/12/1844	25/1/1845	Thomas W. and Amelia (Rich)	Georges St.	Gentleman (W=Walsh)
1 Susanna Mary. 2 Caroline.	27/6/1862 9/2/1866	20/7/1862 2/3/1866	William W. and Hannah	Georges St.	Bootmaker (W=Wilson)
1 William Wilson. 2 Maude	27/11/1880 16/10/1882	8/2/1881 29/11/1882	George and Charlotte	Glencore (Laurelhill)	<i>Lived in Waterford for awhile.</i>
Name	Parent	Marriage	Partner	Address	Occupation
Richard		30/7/1730	Mary Shaw		
Catherine		5/11/1750	Francis Russell		Son of Thomas Russell
Anne		25/10/1795	Timothy Riordan		
Elenor		13/11/1802	Vokes Boland (a cousin)		Could be Thomas Boland and Elenor Vokes
Ephrain		17/8/1806	Margaret Husband		
Elizabeth		30/4/1809	Maurice Connell		

Name	Parent	Marriage	Partner	Address	Occupation
Mary		9/2/1812	Edward Mackey		Sister of T.P. Vokes
Trophina		17/4/1819	John Ryan		
Anne ” Reidy	Simon ”	25/9/1843 4/1/1877 in St. Mary's	Patrick Reidy Thomas Sheridan	St. John's. Halls Alms House	(1 st Husband) (2 nd Husband) Pensioner
William Wilson (2 nd Marriage)	Thomas a labourer Thomas Parker	4/7/1861	Hannah Parker.	Georges St. Mungret St.	
Simon	Richard (Gent) Francis Simpson	11/5/1876	Jane Simpson	Doonass. Wickham St.	To Adelaide, South Australia, see File. A Farmer
Name	Born	Burial	Details	Address	Comments
Mary		24/12/1743	Dau. of Thomas		
Margaret		4/10/1765			
Edmond		30/1/1779			
N.R.		20/9/1779	Widow		
Jane		26/7/1780	Dau. of John		
Mary		7/7/1785			
John		10/1/1794			
Mr. (George.)	1742	6/3/1820		(Prospect Row)	In Gen. Advertiser. In Clare J. aged 78.
George		9/7/1821			

Name	Born	Burial	Details	Address	Comments
Mrs.		28/8/1822			
Richard		9/6/1829			
Andrew Jnr.		8/10/1832			E.S.O. late Richard
George		17/5/1835			
Andrew	1752	24/10/1837	St. Michael's	Ballinacurra	Gent. Aged 85. Uncle of T.P. Vokes
Richard	1831	18/9/1853	Aged 22		

From the 1769 Trade Directory we know that three of the Vokes were running their businesses from Irish Town in St. John's Parish.

They were: - **Thomas Vokes Snr.**; Merchant, Back-lane, John's St.

* **Thomas Vokes Jnr.**; Merchant, Russell's Quay. (Now Charlotte's Quay)

* **Simon Vokes**, Merchant, Quay Lane. St. Mary's Parish, Englishtown.

John Vokes, Tanner, Back-lane, John's St.

- A **Simon and a Thomas Vokes**, Limerick Merchants, went bankrupt in 1773 according to the Hibernian Journal of Feb. 24th 1773.

The Vokes Tombstone in Mungret cemetery has another pair of Thomas's also called Snr. and Jnr. But they are from a later generation, Jnr. dying in 1859 and Snr. dying in 1861.

Jane Vokes, B. 1822, Dau of **Richard**, a Shoemaker. Married 1st a Mr. Murphy. She remarried, aged 38, on the 15th May 1860 to Robert Teskey, who was born in Adare in 1814. He Died 20 June 1893. She died 31 Dec. 1899. Another source says Teskey was born in Bristol.

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Name	Born	Baptised	Parents	Address	Occupation
Susanna		8/4/1810	Thomas and Anne (Walsh)		Police Magistrate
Rosina		11/2/1813	Andrew Elizabeth (Young)	(Ballinacurra)	
Margaret Elizabeth		19/1/1829	Thomas and Margaret	(William St.)	(Lt. 34 th Regt)
Name	Parent	Marriage	Partner	Address	Occupation
N.R. (Margaret)	(William)	20/5/1761	Francis Sargent		
Susanna	(Thomas)	4/11/1791	Henry Ware		
Thomas		18/8/1793	Abigail Langwith		
John		6/5/1816	Catherine Flinn		
William		15/4/1841	Maria Hill		
Anne (nee Reidy)	Simon	4/1/1877		Hall's Alm's H.	
			<u>Thomas Sheridan</u>	<u>Nicholas St.</u>	<u>Pensioner</u>
Name	Born	Burial	Details	Address	Comments
N. R.		17/10/1745	Child of William		

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St. Michaels Parish. Limerick City

Name	Born	Baptised	Parents	Address	Occupation
1 Mary 2 Anne	6/4/1811	16/4/1811 20/7/1813	Thomas P. and Anne Walsh		
Raymond		31/1/1817	Andrew (Jnr.)		
George		4/11/1820	James and Anne		
Agnes Maryanne	12/6/1846	14/10/1846	Thomas W. and Amelia	Catherine Place	Gentleman
Mary Elizabeth	13/3/1852	27/3/1852	Henry Thomas and Caroline	Roches St	Bootmaker
1 John Taylor 2 Maryanne 3 Eliza 4 Catherine 5 Eliza	28/11/1852 25/3/1856 5/9/1864 28/7/1865 31/12/1866	30/11/1852 15/5/1856 12/9/1864 13/9/1865 20/1/1867	James and Catherine Taylor 2 nd Wife	Phayers Lane Roches St. Wickham St. “	Tailor Tailor Tailor “
Nannie Elizabeth	10/12/1863	1/1/1864	William Wilson and Hannah	Georges St.	Shoemaker
Alice Harriet	8/1/1870	21/1/1870	William W. and Nannie	“	“
Andrew Thomas Harriett Rosina Henrietta Maria	25/8/1868 26/1/1870 11/12/1872	30/9/1868 2/3/1870 12/1/1873	Henry and Eliza. Henry and Eliza. Thomas and Eliza	Ballinacurra “ “	Gentleman “ Farmer
Charlotte Elizabeth	28/12/1874	29/1/1875	Henry and Elizabeth	“	“
Emma	18/4/1876	26/5/1876	Henry Thomas and Elizabeth	“	“
William Henry	2/12/1877	31/1/1878	Henry and Eliza Henry Thomas	Ballinacurra	Farmer
Henry	1/6/1880	22/7/1880	and Eliza Henry Thomas	Henry St.	Shoemaker
Mary	22/12/1882	9/2/1883	and Eliza Henry and Eliza	“	Bootmaker
Caroline	31/3/1885	14/8/1885	Henry and Elizabeth Jane	“	Shoemaker
Elizabeth Jane and Charles	Twins	22/2/1887 22/2/1887	Henry and Elizabeth	“	“
Elizabeth	8/12/1889	23/1/1890	Henry/Elizabeth	“	“

Elizabeth	30/9/1877	1/10/1877	George and Charlotte	Victoria Cottage	Bootmaker
Charles Bartlett	7/10/1885	14/11/1885	George Thomas and Charlotte	Colooney St.	Shoemaker See St. John's
Name	Parent	Marriage	Partner	Address	Occupation
Richard		28/8/1803	Mary Christy		
Mary	<i>Andrew and Elizabeth</i>	3/5/1808	William Childerhouse	<i>Ballynoe</i>	<i>Farmer</i>
Anne		20/11/1811	William Dudgeon		Galway Militia
Trephina	(Andrew and Elizabeth Barker)	19/7/1821	Joseph Clarke	<i>Ballinacurra</i>	
Mary	<i>Thomas P.</i>	10/12/1828	Robert Addison	<i>Rathbane</i>	Cornet Queen's Bay's
Mary Anne	<i>Thomas</i>	24/3/1845	Christopher Corneal	<i>Ballinacurra</i> <i>Rathkeale</i>	
Harriet	Thomas John Heaphy	8/1/1848	Eyre Heaphy	Roches St. Clarina	Ld. Steward
Rosina	Andrew (Jnr.) Timothy	30/8/1848	John Shehan	Ballinacurra Mungret St	Pensioner
Henry Thomas	Thomas Henry	20/10/1850	Caroline Sterling	Roches St. Cecil St.	
Henry	<i>Thomas</i>	24/10/1866	Eliza Jane Moone	Ballinacurra Boherbuoy	

Caroline	Henry Wilson	3/7/1908		5 Shannon Terrace	
	Charles. Clarke		Ernest Clarke		Science Teacher
Charlotte Elizabeth	Henry Wilson	26/12/1908		5 Shannon Terrace	
	Christopher Switzer		Windham Switzer	139 Georges St.	
Name	Born	Burial	Details	Address	Comments
William Wilson	1821	1/7/1879		Ballinacurra	Buried Mungret

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Adare Parish, County Limerick.

Name	Born	Baptised	Parents	Address	Occupation
Thomas	8/7/1832	22/7/1832	Thomas and Mary		<i>Is this Mary Delmege.</i>
Mary		22/5/1842	John and Henrietta		
Harriet	20/8/1852	29/8/1852	John and Harriet	Tough. Kenry Barony	Caretaker
Margaret	18/1/1863	19/1/1863	Simon and Letitia White	Barnalick, Adare	Steward
Dora	13/5/1864	14/5/1864			
William	26/9/1865	22/10/1865			
Mary Jane	30/4/1867	1/5/1867			
George Jn.		23/1/1869			
John	12/9/1870	14/9/1870			
Richard J.	3/2/1872	5/2/1872			
Letitia	20/10/1873	27/10/1873			
Benjamin G.	15/7/1875	22/7/1875			
Sarah	4/1/1877	26/1/1877			
Joseph	9/5/1886	9/5/1886	N.R. and Margaret	Barnalick Adare	Steward
William John Richard H.	27/4/1891 8/6/1896	12/5/1891 28/6/1896	Simon and Anne Nash	Barnalick Adare	Steward

Christopher	22/11/1899	30/11/1899	Simon and	Barnalick, Adare	Steward
Richard F.	10/10/1900	18/11/1900	Annie		
Alfred Henry	25/6/1902	20/7/1902	Sparling		
Susan Flor.	3/10/1903	15/11/1903			
Kathleen	7/12/1906	17/12/1906			
Ethal Dora	1/4/1908	28/6/1908			
Honor	19/9/1915	24/10/1915			Farmer
Name	Parent	Marriage	Partner	Address	Occupation
Simon	Simon	13/5/1856	Dianna Stark	Barnalick	Farmer
Simon	Simon	6/2/1862	Letitia White	Adare	Land Steward
Simon	Simon and Dianna	4/2/1899	Annie Sparling	Barnalick, Adare	Steward
Kathleen	Simon/Annie	17/10/1945	James Smyth	Main St. Adare	
Honor	Simon/Annie	28/10/1953	Bill Clarke	Barnalick	
Name	Born	Burial	Details	Address	Comments
Mary	1776	14/4/1849	Age 73	Croom Parish	Buried in Adare Parish
John	1803	30/3/1873	Aged 70	Adare	
Simon	1816	30/3/1880	Aged 64	Barnalick, at time of death	
Amelia	1869	22/6/1884	Aged 15. daughter of Simon/Letitia	Barnalick	Died in Orphanage in Limerick
Richard	1896	31/5/1897	Baby son of Simon and Anne Nash	Barnalick	
Simon	1857	1/5/1934	Aged 77	Barnalick	
Anne (Sparling)	1872	11/3/1957	Aged 85	Barnalick	
Henry	1983	21/9/1983	Baby	Main St. Adare	

Some other burials taken from Tombstone in Adare: -

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>			
Dianna	1826	12/12/1860	Aged 34	Barnalick.	Husband, Simon 2 Son, Simon 3. See Baptism.
Christopher	1899	19/01/1986	Aged 87.	Barnalick.	
Honor	1906	04/04/1961	Aged 45	Barnalick.	
Henry	1902	19/09/1983	Aged 81	Barnalick.	

James Nihill, who built Barnalick in 1775 was living there in 1827 and was recently dead in 1840. Nihill's grand-daughter's husband is given as the next owner by O'Donavan in 1840.

The 1901 Census gives more background information about the Vokes of Barnalick.

(There was a Simon 1, a Simon 2, 1816 to 1880 and a Simon 3, 1853 to 1934.)

Simon (3)	Age 44	Land Steward
Ann	Age 28	Wife
Simon	Age 12	Son, Scholar.
Ann	Age 11	Daughter, Scholar. Catholic
William	Age 10	Son, Scholar.
Diana	Age 8	Daughter, Scholar. Catholic.
Eliza	Age 6	Daughter, Scholar. Catholic.
Christopher	Age 1	Son
Richard	Age 5 months old	baby boy.

Simon and Ann Nash had daughters who were brought up as Catholics. This means that Ann Nash was a Catholic herself and her birth, marriage and death will be found in the Catholic Parish records along with the baptisms of her daughters, Josephine, Elizabeth and Margaret Ellen. Elizabeth may be the Eliza in the Census.

Margaret Ellen was born in 1898. She was with the Sparlings in Rower Beg in the 1901 Census. They were the family of Simon's 3rd wife. Margaret was 13 and still with the Sparlings in the 1911 Census. Josephine is also not recorded. This was because her full name was Ann Josephine, given as just Ann in the 1901 Census and she had departed for America before the 1911 Census. Simon married Ann Nash in 1887 and she died in 1898. In those 11 years she had at least 6 children.

In the 1911 Census we find: -

Simon Vokes	aged 54	12 years married	6 children from this marriage
Ann Vokes, Wife	aged 40	nee Sparling	
Diana Vokes	aged 19	by Ann Nash	
Eliza Vokes	aged 17	by Ann Nash	
Christopher Vokes	aged 11	1 by Anne Sparling	
Richard Vokes	aged 10	2 "	
Harry Vokes	aged 8	3 "	
Susan Vokes	aged 7	4 "	
Catherine Vokes	aged 4	5 "	
Ethel Vokes	aged 3	6 "	
Elizabeth Sparling	aged 70	Ann's mother, a Widow before Ann married. Her Husband was Christopher Sparling of Rower Beg. When did he die?	

Simon also had a lodger and a farm servant living under his roof in 1911. His accommodation was now 10 rooms instead of six so the R.I.C. Barracks was gone. We now know that Margaret Ellen, the youngest

child of Simon and Ann Nash was living with Christopher Sparling of Rower Beg above. Ann Nash died in 1898 and Simon's new bride, in February 1899, was Christopher Sparling's sister, Anne. Thomas, who was baptised in 1832 in Adare by Thomas and Mary Vokes, could be the son of Thomas Vokes and Mary Delmege who was also recorded as born in 1832. Why did they take him to Adare for Baptism.? The Vokes did not live at Barnalick in 1832. But we must keep in mind that the Vokes were moving towards Adare in those years. Barnalick was the home of one Edward Davinport in 1840 according to O'Donovan. (Field Book appendices). Simon's first wife, was Diana Stark whom he married in 1856 giving his address on the Marriage Cert. as Barnalick House.

Rathkeale Parish					
Name	Born	Baptised	Parents	Address	Occupation
Elizabeth		17/02/1761	John and Ann	Rathkeale	
Kilkeedy Parish					
Name	Born	Baptised	Parents	Address	Occupation
Eliza		06/04/1812	Thomas and Anne Walsh	Kilcolman	Esquire
1 Thomas 2 Harriot		13/01/1773 26/12/1774	Thomas and Margaret	(Cragbeg)	
Ardcanny and Chapelrussell Parish					
Name	Parent	Marriage	Partner	Address	Occupation
Andrew	Richard James Walsh	19/05/1830		Limerick City	
			Ellen Walsh	Ardcanny	
Mungret Parish					
Name	Parent	Marriage	Partner	Address	Occupation
Diana	Andrew	02/08/1849		Ballinacurra	
	John		William Moore	Mungret	R.I.C. Pensioner

The Tithe Applotment book, 1827, records a Simon Vokes living close to Adare but in Croom Parish. The Townland was Ballycurrane. Could this be Simon 1.

Mary Vokes from Croom Parish, the lady who was buried in Adare on the 14th April 1849, aged 73, might have been Simon's wife? Donavan doesn't mention any Vokes here in 1840 and Griffith's Valuation in 1850 has no mention of Vokes in Ballycurrane Townland either. Ballycurrane was part of the Barker Estate. This suggests that Simon of Ballycurrane was connected to the "Legal" Vokes and if Simon of Ballycurrane was the father of Simon of Adare then the Adare Vokes are linked to the Cragbeg Vokes and not to the Ballinacurra Vokes as I originally thought. It would now seem as if the Ballinacurra, Ballycurrane and Adare Vokes all came from the Cragbeg Vokes.

William Vokes and his wife Martha had a son Thomas, born in London in 1707. Thomas became an Attorney but moved to Limerick where he was Sheriff of the City in 1760. He died in 1765 and his widow Elizabeth (Barker) collected her Burgess's pension until she died on the 24th March 1780. This Thomas was the grandfather of Thomas Phillips Vokes, therefore he is the father of Thomas Vokes, "the younger"

who married Susanna Phillips. Thomas, the Sheriff was also the father of Andrew who married Elizabeth Wilson and founded the Ballinacurra Dynasty.