

# List of Freeholders and Gentlemen in Co. Limerick in 1570

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The following is a transcription from the original list of freeholders and gentlemen in the county of Limerick, compiled in 1570 by Sir Humphrey Gilbert (and others) when he was Colonel of Queen Elizabeth's Forces in Munster, now preserved in the Carew Manuscript Collection (Vol. 635, ff. 73 and 74), in the Library of Lambeth Palace, London.

In the main, the document is self-explanatory since the persons mentioned are described together with their locality and grouped together under geographical divisions of the county, some of which more or less would appear to correspond with present-day baronies.

The existence of the list has been noticed before and a reference to the Carew MSS. Volume in which it is contained is given by Maurice Lenihan in his *History of Limerick* (published by Hodges, Smith, and Co., Dublin, 1836) at pages 584 and 585.

In actual fact, however, Carew MSS. Vol. 635 (comprising some 200 folios) consists principally of "Pedigrees of Ireland" although from Lenihan's extracts it would seem to be devoted entirely to Sir Humphrey Gilbert's list.

It so happens that the present writer alighted upon the list and made preliminary extracts by mistake; at the time his interest was confined to Co. Kerry and he misread "Kenry" for "Kerry," although some of the names of the freeholders listed seemed strange for that county. During the ensuing process of checking to see if the list had been noticed before, the Lenihan reference came to light although it was at once obvious how much it had been abbreviated and modified—particularly regarding the spelling of personal and place names.

Regarding the original, the manuscript is in good condition and, in transcribing, the main difficulty lies in deciphering the handwriting of the scribe. Not that it is badly written—far from it: the writing itself is fairly regular, but of the "utility" variety devoid of flourishes, and this is where confusion comes in. For example, the scribe does not differentiate between the letters k and r, both being formed in the same way. Additionally, he employs both the long and short letter s, using them indiscriminately without regard to any convention concerning their use. Due to the absence of flourishes, a stroke / could be read as s, l, t, f, i or j with equal claim for each letter. This ambiguity, however, may be an advantage—as far as the present writer is concerned—for he, completely ignorant of Limerick place-names and personal names, has been obliged to transcribe *exactly* as he sees it. To some extent, this is helpful for it goes a long way in eliminating that bugbear of many transcriptions of "difficult" hands, that of reading into a context from one's own knowledge of what might have been intended. This is borne out by comparison of Lenihan's extracts with the following, although it is evident that Maurice Lenihan also included in his extract material obtained from elsewhere in Carew MSS., Vol. 635.

The following transcription is set out in more or less the same fashion as the original :—

The names of the freeholders and gentlemen in the Co : of Limericke when Sr Humphry Gilbert was Collonell of Her Ma<sup>ties</sup> forces in Monster.

Sr Willm Brughe of Castellconnell  
 Richard Brughe of Carrickgenlise  
 Tyballt Brughe of Carrikynnell  
 Thomas m<sup>c</sup> Clanaghie of the guennan  
 Richard oge of the Lubanaghe  
 Donell fitz Donoghe Oheyn of Kahyrellye  
 Teg oheyne [? obreyne] of Hew Cahirrllye [? Cahirkilye]  
 Richard fitz Thomas of killonan  
 Jhon fitz edmond of Ballysimond  
 Tiballt fitz davye of Carrigi parson  
 Willm fitz Thomas of Ballinecarrye  
 Wallter fitz Jhon of killcullin  
 Moriataghe m<sup>c</sup> Keoghe of Kloncleef  
 Hubbard m<sup>c</sup> Melier of knokm<sup>c</sup>souty  
 Donnell m<sup>c</sup> Kenry of Drumbany

The gent : and freeholders  
 of Owney mulkian [? mulrian]

Willm Ownlrian of Anaghe  
 Connoghoe Ownlrian his sonne of the Craghe } living 1598  
 Dermond Omnbrian } sonnes to Willm  
 Ea na Tolloghe Oran brian [? lrian] } Omnlrian of  
 Donnell Rue Omullrian } Anaghe  
 Jhon O carroll Omnlrian  
 Donnell Omn lrian of Ballighe  
 Henry m<sup>c</sup>Lisaght  
 Willm m<sup>c</sup> Donnell Onmbrian Livinge 1598

The gent: and freeholders of  
 M<sup>c</sup> Brian gonoghes Countrye

M<sup>c</sup> Brian ogonaghe of Castell Towie Ogonghe Livinge 1598  
 Moriertoghe m<sup>c</sup> Brian }  
 Connoghe m<sup>c</sup> Brian } sonnes to the aforesaid M<sup>c</sup> Brian gonoghe  
 Calloghe m<sup>c</sup> Brian }  
 Moraghe kevghe m<sup>c</sup> Teg m<sup>c</sup> Brian of Ballitasne Liv: 1598  
 Moraghe oge of quem [?] ogonaghe  
 Brian Boy m<sup>c</sup> Teg m<sup>c</sup> Brien of Castell gearl

The gent : and freeholders of the  
 quarters about Kilmallock

Jhon fitz Jhon of Desmond of Carrickrilled  
 Jhon fitzmorice of Ballinarde  
 James Roche of Rocheston  
 fox a<sup>lls</sup> Boxecaghe of Bulligidene : Liv: 1598  
 The Bryodeaghe of Bryodsowne [?Boyodsowne]

The Pascaghe of garrynacahera  
The Scullaghe of Ballinscudaghe  
Jhon Browne of the Hospitall  
Thomas Browne Constable of Aney  
Reyne [? Keyne] Ohagan Constable of Loghgir  
Thomas Hurlye of Knocklungy  
Jhon Boy Roche of Killman  
M<sup>c</sup> F Dunduna of Bally Witnerd [?]

The gent and freeholders  
of Coshemay

Willm Leashe of the Browse and his sonn younge Willm  
Gerallt fitzmaurice of Thomas towne  
David Leashe of Alleckaghe  
James fitzmorrice Leashe of the Klewhir  
Willm fitz phillippe of Balliany  
Richard fox of Ballyveneghe  
Thomas Lewes a<sup>lls</sup> Lyeght of Drukshippe  
James Lewes of Tolloghwyne  
Edmond fox of Ballygrennan  
Edmond Breckley of Ballicahan  
Richard m<sup>c</sup> Phillippe of Balline  
Thomas Grivkdan [? Grirrdan] of Tullyoirney  
Gilly duffe more of Corkyweyk  
Mahon Mckigeage of Millicke  
Wallter fitz edmond Balloghe of Ballinenal  
Gerallt Mareschall of Rehen :

The gent and freeholders of  
Connologhe :

Eddy Lacye of Browrye  
Thomas fitz Phillippe fitz Edmund of Ballywywy  
James Reoghe Leashye of the garell  
Owen m<sup>c</sup> Edmond m<sup>c</sup> Shee of the new towne  
Tirloghe m<sup>c</sup> Edmund oge of Glankwyn  
Willm fitz Edmund oge of Ballynaroghe  
Muroghe m<sup>c</sup> Edmund oge  
M<sup>c</sup> Gibbon of Mahonaghe  
Thomas m<sup>c</sup> gibbon fitz Jhon of Muhonaghe  
Nicolas fitz willm of Dromin ande  
gerallt fitz willm of Ballyee  
David oge Kuoyne of Lismuskie  
Jhon suppell of Killnmcknoghe  
Peers Purcell of the Cnoghe  
Rory m<sup>c</sup> Shee of Ballyalanan  
Edmond fitz morice oge of Mugaen  
Morice fitz Edmund of Rakelly  
Ulicke Avale of Amenyllen

Tirloghe oge of Calloghe  
 Edmond fitzgeralld of Buohull  
 fitz Thomas m<sup>c</sup> Ricard of the Pallice  
 Jhon fitz edmond of gautnatibund [? gortnatubrid]  
 Thomas fitz Jhon of Killeedie  
 Thomas M<sup>c</sup> Shane M<sup>c</sup> Tiballt of Runaseek  
 M<sup>c</sup> Kininey of the twok [? twor]  
 David oge fitz David fitzmorrice of Newcastell  
 Ohunnan of Castell Lyssin  
 Edmond Ocullen of Ballinsemterry  
 Edmond garcaghe of killfyny  
 Moroghe m<sup>c</sup> Rory of Keelscannell  
 Mahon Boy of Callaghe  
 Jhon Lacy of Ballingarry  
 Willm Lacy of Ballindroghley  
 David m<sup>c</sup> shane Load of the great wood  
 Jhon m<sup>c</sup> Kennet [? Rennet] of Castell towne  
 David m<sup>c</sup> Donoghe of Clompasty  
 Thomas m<sup>c</sup> Hughe of kidemoddye  
 Phillip m<sup>c</sup> Tey [? Teg] of Capinneagham  
 Thomas Reoghe of Lassimote  
 Edmund m<sup>c</sup> Thomas of freterstowne a<sup>lls</sup> ferriters towne  
 Edmond m<sup>c</sup> Morice of Mogan  
 Morice Donnonoghe of Castell m<sup>c</sup> Morice  
 Jhon Wuafe of Ballywillm  
 Jhon m<sup>c</sup> Collanaghy of BallyRobert  
 Thomas Dingbett [? Dinglett] of Ballydinglet  
 James Wall of Ballygreem  
 Morice Wall of Bally geney  
 Gerallt guknocke of Aungoole  
 Morrice m<sup>c</sup> Dermond of Argoole a<sup>lls</sup> m<sup>c</sup>Lea philipston  
 James Ashe of Ballinecura  
 Moriertoghe m<sup>c</sup> Shee of Condda Browne  
 Willm Tancard of Ballinnowye  
 Richard Ridall of Ballinrydall  
 Edmond Wall of Clohaeney  
 Gerallt Liston of Killscummen  
 The gent: and free holders of Kerry  
 The Knight of the Valley  
 Edmond fitz davye of Bally gill oghan  
 Thom fitzmorice of Bally agh nina  
 Morice Ike [? Ire] of the Sarrywallimore  
 The Egtonloghe of Bulline Countye  
 Edmond oge of Ballinive  
 geralt fitzmorice of Muane  
 Morrice fitz edmond of Ballmvu  
 Shane oge m<sup>c</sup> Shane m<sup>c</sup> Davie of Ballykahum  
 Dundenaght of Ballislov [? Ballislör]

Richard Whyte of Rarioghe  
 Edmond m<sup>c</sup> Davye of glaniesin  
 [sic]

Manus oge of Castell behy  
 Thomas fitzmorice of Eillconnor  
 Thomas purcell of Cailhames towne  
 Davy fitz phillippe of the Correy  
 gerald fitz gibbon of Reyntywood Court  
 Edmond oge of Reintoucke wth his 2: broth:  
   Morice and gerallt  
 Edmond fitzwillm of Beðar  
 Willm fitzgerald of the pallice, Tho: his bro:  
   and geralt fitz Tho : his unkle  
 Thomas fitzwillms of Aramhire and his cosens  
 Willm fitz John and Jhon Nobolley his brother  
 Edmond oge fitz Edmond fitz Davey and his brethren  
   morice and phillippe of BallyCnocke  
 Geralt fitz morice gerallt and his brother morice  
   of gowneleslowne  
 Thade m<sup>c</sup> Denehye of the Roche  
 Morice fitzgerallt of the olld great towne  
 Thomas fitzmorice of the myllestowne and his  
   bro: Willm  
 The Condon of Ballinsteyn and his unkle Thom oge  
 Thomas fitz Jhon fitzgeralld of Mokynoghe Edmond  
   his broth:

The gent and freeholders of  
 Pokalbrian [? Pobalbrian]

Donoghe m<sup>c</sup> Mahonoghe of Carrickgonell  
 Donaghe m<sup>c</sup> Donell of Dericknockan  
 Mahon Obrian  
 Tirloghe Obrian  
 Connogher Mele Obrian  
 Donell Obrian  
 Connogher Obrian  
 Teg m<sup>c</sup> gillyduffe of Aπiffnen  
 Connogher ne Carigi Obrian  
 Donell m<sup>c</sup> Bryan  
 Tirloghe Begg  
 Reymond m<sup>c</sup> gerallt

} Sonnes to Moriertoghe obrian  
 } Sonnes to Donnoghe m<sup>c</sup> Mahonoghe  
 } O brian: supra.

This booke was subscribed by  
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