

Finn Family History

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Introduction

The following pages are my attempt to put together the data I have gathered over the past few years on the Finn family of Aughadown. It is my no means a finished document its format and content will no doubt change with time, so please bear with me and forgive any errors I have made.

I have included a brief history of my Finn family; apart from this my document includes some information on the general history of the Finn and lists of the descendants of my Finn ancestors. To make this section easier to follow I have indented each generation and each individual is given a unique number referencing his/her relationship to the first of the line.

I have also included records for the Finn family of Aughadown: including parish records, civil records, Tithe Applotment Book records, Griffith's Valuation and 1901 Census Records.

I hope you enjoy this document and if you have any corrections or additions please contact me.

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Finn Family Origins

The Finn family is found throughout Ireland, although appear less often in the province of Ulster than elsewhere. The meaning of Finn comes from the Gaelic "Fionn" meaning "Fair". Some sources believe that branches of the Finn family are descendant from Viking settlers as the Norsemen been Scandinavian were generally fair-haired.

Three separate origins of the name have been said to exist, and are generally believed as being correct:

- 1) O'Finn of Connaught, found in the barony of Dunkellin in Galway.
- 2) O'Finn of the southern portion of the old territory of Oriel, which comprised Louth and parts of Ulster.
- 3) O'Finn of Sligo, where the family served as chiefs of Calry near Lough Gill, in the barony of Carbury. Note the barony of Coolavin, possibly named in their honor from 'Cuil O ghFinn', said to mean 'hiding place of O'Finn'.

MacFinn is also found in ancient records and has variant spellings such as MacFhinn, MagFhinn, and Maginn.

In Keatings History, O'Finn's were given as chiefs of Calraighe (Calry), a district adjoining Dartry, in the present barony of Dromahaire, Leitrim, and which appears to have comprehended an adjoining portion of Sligo, (near the present parish of Calry in Sligo). 'This district comprised the parishes of Drumlease and Killargy in Leitrim, with part of the parish of Calry in Sligo.'

Surprisingly, Finn is most common in Co. Cork in modern times, and in Mayo, Dublin, and Roscommon. In the 17th century both O'Finn and McFinne are found as principal names in Co. Cork as well. The reason for the numerous families of the name here remains unclear. Perhaps a branch of one of the above families settled here, or an entirely independent family of the name exists here.

In modern history the best-known man of the name is Edmund Finn (1767-1810), outlawed member of the United Irishmen, who served with distinction in the French army and was killed in action at Azava. The Rev. Francis James Finn, S.J. (1859-1928), was the author of many popular books for boys.

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Finn Family Crest



The Shield is: Gules, on a chevron or, between three falcons of the second, three mascles of the first.

Translation: The falcon denotes on who is Eager in the pursuit of his objective.

The Crest is: A unicorn resting his dexter foot against a tree proper.

Translation: A unicorn is famous for its Courage and Strength

The Motto is: "Coelitus Datum", 'Given By God'.

Variant spellings for Finn are: *O' Finn, MacFinn, MacFhinn, Maginn, MagPhinn*

Gaelic spelling: "Fionn", meaning 'fair'.

The Finn's of Aughadown



David Finn of Gurteenroe and family circa 1933

The parish of Aughadown forms part of the ancient fiefdom of the O'Driscoll clan, whose headquarters was in Baltimore. The power and the riches of the O'Driscoll reached their height during the 15th and 16th centuries when they sold fishing rights to Spanish and other continental fishing boats to the rich fishing ground off the West Cork coast. They survived and prospered during the turmoil of sixteenth century Ireland by remaining on friendly terms with the English despite disputes with the rulers of Waterford City and accusations of piracy made against them by English officials. The dawn of the seventeenth century saw a dramatic change of fortunes for the O'Driscolls. They sided with the Spanish against the English during the Battle of Kinsale in 1601. The defeat of the Irish and Spanish armies broke forever the power of the Irish chieftains in West Cork. Over the following decades the ownership of the land of West Cork fell into the hands of English adventurers and planters who differed from the native Irish not only in race but also in religion. Despite the passage of centuries the gap between the new Anglo-Irish landowner and their native Irish tenants would never be bridged.

As earlier stated the name Finn is derived from the Gaelic "Fionn" meaning fair. As a surname it evolved independently in a number of places in Ireland. How or when the Finn family arrived in West Cork and Aughadown is unknown. The oldest surviving record we have is from the 1820's, at this stage though their numbers were small the Finn's appear to be well established. Since then the Great Famine and the ensuing emigration, social and political upheavals have impacted on the Finn's as they impacted on the whole Irish race. Despite these upheavals the Finns survived and continue to prosper in their old home parish of Aughadown.

The first official record of our Finns is in the Tithe Applotment Book of Aughadown parish of 1828. This shows no less than three Finns in the New Court area of Aughadown. They were James, John and Daniel Finn. There was also an Andrew Finn of Letterscanlan, Aughadown and a Peter and Edmond Finn in the townland of Thornhill in the parish of Abbeystrowry.

The next official records come from after the Great Famine in Griffith's Valuation of 1851. By then there are no Finns in New Court but a Finn family that of David Finn survives in the neighbouring townland of Gurteenroe. There is also a Finn family, that of Daniel Finn in the townland of Lissaclarig East. In the surrounding parishes there are two Finns in the parish of Abbeystrowey, and one each in the parishes of Castlehaven, Myross, Dromoleague.



1940's harvest at Finn's Knocknaraha

This ties in with the oral tradition of the Finn family that states the family locally originated at New Court, where they rented land from the local landlord named Fleming. They were evicted from New Court to make way for Protestant tenants and were moved to poorer quality land in Gurteenroe. While we will never know the truth of this story the official record backs up this account of events. Oral tradition also states that the David Finn of Gurteenroe and the Daniel Finn of Lissclarig East were brothers. Daniel married a Whooley woman of Lissclarig and moved there where he farmed and worked as a blacksmith.

Aughadown parish church records commence in 1822. The earliest record I found of a Finn in these records is from 1824, which shows the birth of a Catherine Finn to John Finn and Hanorah Casey. This is probably the same John Finn as in the Tithe Applotment Book of 1829.

From the various records I have found combined with the surviving oral tradition the following picture emerges. By the 1820's the Finn family is established in New Court. This family is headed by a James Finn. He probably has at least four sons James, John, Daniel and David. In the years immediately following the famine James Jnr and John emigrate from Ireland, probably to the United States though I have never found any records of them outside Ireland. The two remaining sons Daniel and David settle in Gurteenroe and Lissclarig East. In the following decades the Finn's of Lissclarig gradually emigrate and move to other parts of Ireland until none of this family remain in West Cork.

While the Finns of Gurteenroe are also affected by emigration they also grew and prospered at home in Ireland. David Finn Jnr son of the first David Finn of Gurteenroe was a successful farmer and purchases two farms one for each of his sons; one for his son Dan in Gurteenroe and the other for his son Jim in the neighbouring townland of Knocknaraha. Descendants of David Jnr remain in Aughadown to this day.

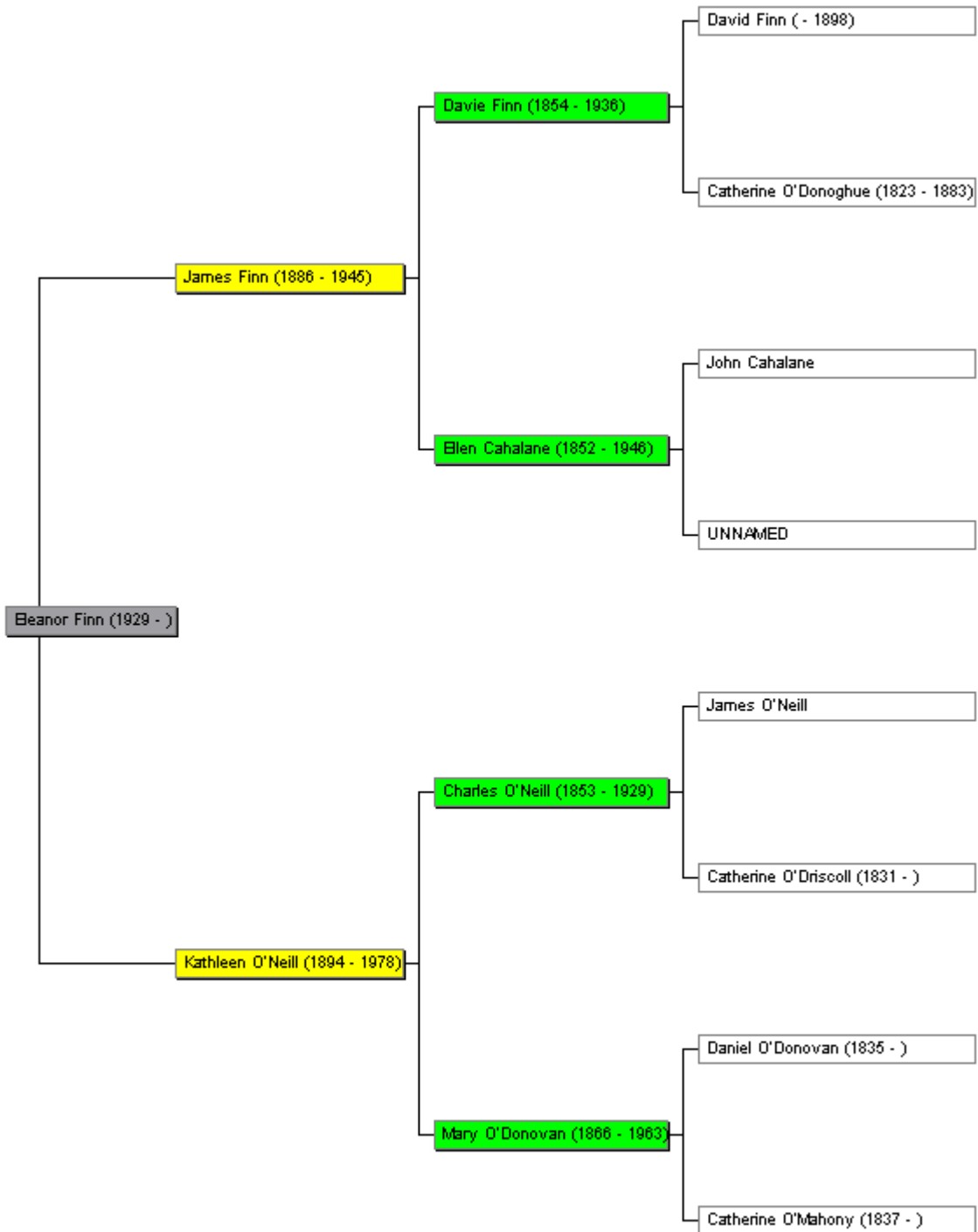
In of itself the story of the Finns is unremarkable in that it mirrors the story countless other of Irish tenant farmers and their families. However this of itself is a remarkable story, recalling the struggles of a people to overcome foreign domination, surviving famine and injustice to take possession once again of the land of their forefathers and build an independent and prosperous Irish nation.



May Sunset in West Cork

Ancestry Chart

The chart below details the ancestry of my mother Eleanor Finn Casey and it is intended to help you place the individuals listed in this document.



Descendants of James Finn of New Court, Aughadown

I'm unsure my ggg-grandfather's name was James. However going by the naming traditions I'm fairly sure it was indeed James. Also the Tithe Applotment Book of 1829 shown a James Finn living in New Court, so I am giving him the name James until this is disproved.

James had at two children, sons David and Daniel, that I can trace and probably at least two others sons James and John that I have found records of but to date have been unable to prove that they were brothers to David and Daniel. For now I am only listed David and Daniel as his sons.

A : **James Finn.**

He has two children:

B.1 : **David Finn**, born in New Court, Ardralla died in 1898, married **Catherine O'Donoghue** (born in circa 1823 in Butler's Gift, Drimoleague and died the 23 March 1883).

David Finn was evicted from New Court, Ardralla in the late 1840's and moved to the top of Gurteenroe, where he rented a 36 acre farm in partnership with a James Finn and later with a Michael Regan. I am unsure of the relationship between David and James, but it is likely they were brothers. Aughadown parish records show a James Finn married to Mary Looney and having two daughters, Hanora born 1838 and Anne born 1840. James is shown as David's partner in Griffith's Tenant book of 1849 but by 1852 in the published Griffith's Valuation he is replaced by Michael Regan. It is likely James emigrated in the years between 1849 and 1852.

Aughadown parish records also shows a John Finn married to Hanora Casey having children in the 1820's and 1830's and an Edmond Finn married to Catherine Hegarty having a child in 1850. I don't know what relation John or Edmond had to David.

He had 9 children :

C.1 : **James Finn**, born in April 1845, married **Julia Donahue.**

James emigrated from Ireland in the late 1860's and settled in the town of North Brookfield, Massachusetts, where he worked in the shoe industry. James visited Ireland in the late 1890's. He returned to the USA via Boston in 1899 on the ship the New England. Travelling with him were three of his nieces, Hannah Barry, Kate Barry and Norah Harrington. James died sometime in the 1920's

He had 5 children:

D.1 : **Mary Finn**, born 1874

D.2 : **Catherine Finn**, born 1876

D.3 : **David Finn**, born 1878

D.4 : **Anne Finn**, born 1882, married William Barnes

She had 1 child :

E.1 : **Esther Barnes.**

D.5 : **Susan Finn**, born 1884

C.2 : **Daniel Finn**, born in January 1847.

C.3 : **Julia Finn**, born the July 1849, married **Thomas Barry** the 1 February 1866 of Rathrunane, Ballydehob.

She had 4 children :

D.1 : **John Barry**, born 1871

D.2 : **Kate Barry**, born 1873

D.3 : **Hanora Barry**, born 1875

D.4 : **Johanna Barry**, born 1875

C.4 : **Mary Finn**, born in August 1851.

C.5 : **David Finn**, born in April 1854, died the 17 March 1936, married **Ellen Cahalane**, the 14 February 1885 in Leap (born in 1852 in Leap and died the 17 March 1946, daughter of John Cahalane). David moved from the top of Gurteenroe sometime in the early 1900's when he bought a farm from James O'Neill. This farm is still owned by the Finn family. In 1929 he bought a farm in

Knocknaraha for his second son James.

He had 3 children :

D.1 : **Dan Finn**, died the 25 May 1967, married **Margaret Crowley**

He had 5 children :

E.1 : **David Finn**, married **Eillie Whooley**.

F.1 : **Donal Finn**.

F.2 : **Eileen Finn**.

F.3 : **Patricia Finn**.

F.4 : **Gerldine Finn**.

F.5 : **David Finn**.

E.2 : **Eillie-May Finn**, married **Richard Fitzgerald**.

E.3 : **Peggy Finn**, married **Liam Coughlan**.

E.4 : **Paddy Finn**, married **Mary Daly**.

E.5 : **Donal Finn**, married **Rose O'Brien**.

D.2 : **James Finn**, born in 1886, died the 17 October 1945, married **Kathleen O'Neill**, the 1 March 1927.

He had 5 children :

E.1 : **David Finn**, born the 9 April 1928, died the 29 January 1982.

E.2 : **Eleanor Finn**, married **Michael Óg Casey**.

She had 5 children :

F.1 : **Michael Casey**, married **Darina Molloy**.

He had 2 children :

G.1 : **Liam Casey**

G.2 : **Niamh Casey**

F.2 : **James Casey**.

F.3 : **Elma Casey**.

F.4 : **William Casey**.

F.5 : **Dominic Casey**, married **Gemma Hurley**.

He had 2 children :

G.1 : **Conor Casey**

G.2 : **Molly Casey**

E.3 : **Marie Finn**, married **Tadhg O'Connell**.

E.4 : **Kathleen Finn**, born the 4 January 1935, married **Paschal Ryan**.

She had 5 children :

F.1 : **Aidan Ryan**, married **Muriel Curtain**.

He had 2 children :

G.1 : **Reyna Ryan**.

G.2 : **David Ryan**.

F.2 : **Dympna Ryan**, married **Tim Davern**.

She had 3 children :

G.1 : **Niamh Davern**.

G.2 : **Claire Davern**.

G.3 : **Kevin Davern**.

F.3 : **Declan Ryan**, married **Elaine Bradley**.

He had 1 child :

G.1 **Saoirse Ryan**

F.4 : **Evelyn Ryan**, married **Tom Murhpy**.

She had 2 children :

G.1 **Ellen Murphy**

G.2 **Aoife Murphy**

F.5 : **Stephen Ryan** married **Susan Ahern**.

E.5 : **Christina Finn**, married **Maurice Collins**.

She had 2 children :

F.1 : **Yvonne Collins**.

F.2 : **Lisa Collins**, married **Anthony Ruber**.

She had 2 children :

G.1 **Georgina Mae Ruber**

G.2 **Harry Ruber**

D.3 : **Mary Kate Finn**, born in 1891.

C.6 : **Nora Finn**, born in 1856, married **Batt Harrington** the 25 February 1873 (born in 1840). They lived in Mohanagh.

She had 8 children :

D.1 : **Norah Harrington**, born in 1882.

D.2 : **Annie Harrington**, born in 1883.

D.3 : **Michael Harrington**, born in 1885.

D.4 : **David Harrington**, born in 1887.

D.5 : **Batt Harrington**, born in 1889.

D.6 : **John Harrington**, born in 1892.

D.7 : **Timothy Harrington**, born in 1897.

D.8 : **James Harrington**, born in 1900.

C.7 : **John Finn**, born July 1858.

C.8 : **Catherine Finn**, born August 1860.

C.9 : **Thomas Finn**, born June 1863, died the 27 October 1942 in San Francisco, married Rose Rodgers Brennan in 1902. Thomas emigrated to Boston in the early 1880's and later moved to San Francisco. Thomas had a "Green Thumb" and worked as a gardener and later has his own market garden business in San Francisco. The great crash of 1929 has a huge blow to Thomas' business and while he rebuilt his business, he never trusted banks again.

Rose was a widow when she married Thomas. She had three children from her first marriage. They were Loretta, William and Bartnum Brennan. Rose died in 1913.

He had 1 child :

D.1 : **Catherine Finn**, born in 1904, married **Thomas Brisendine** of Georgia.

She had 1 child :

E.1 : **Garrett Brisendine** , married **Madelyn Sapp**

He had 3 children :

F.1 : **Loretta Brisendine** , married **Leonard Costin**

F.2 : **Marie Kay Bisendine**

F.3 : **Garrett Brisendine**

B.2 : **Daniel Finn**, born circa 1812, married **Mary Whooley** the 16 February 1847. They lived in Lissaclarig. Daniel died the 8 Aug 1904 in Lackenacummeen, Kinsale, where he had moved late in life with his son James and family.

He had 5 children :

C.1 : **Julia Finn**, born 1863 married **Pat McCarthy**, the 5 March 1898.

C.2 : **James Finn**, born in 1847, married **Mary Hurley** the 23 November 1889.

He had 3 children :

D.1 : **Daniel Finn**, born in 1890.

D.2 : **Jeremiah Finn**, born in 1892.

D.3 : **James Finn**, born in 1896.

C.3 : **Margaret Finn**, born 1854

C.4 : **David Finn**, born in 1859.

C.5 : **Mary Finn**, born in 1859.

C.6 : **Daniel Finn**, born in 1865, died 1921, married (1)**Mary Anne Hourihane**, (2)**Bridget Savage**.

He had 7 children :

D.1 : (1) **Mary Ellen Finn**, born in 1889.

D.2 : (1) **Margaret Finn**, born in 1890.

D.3 : (1) **Mase? Anne Finn**, born in 1891.

D.4 : (1) **John Finn**, born in 1894.

D.5 : (2) **Julia Anne Finn**, born in 1903.

D.6 : (2) **Elizabeth Finn**, born in 1905.

D.7 : (2) **Katie Finn**, born in 1909.

Aughadown Parish Records

As the anti-Catholic penal laws were gradually lifted in the late 18th and early 19th century the Catholic Church began to formally organise again in Ireland. Around this time the Catholic parish of Aughadown was formed. This covers roughly the area of the civil parishes of Aughadown and Kilcoe. Records for Aughadown began in 1822 and continue to this day.

The following tables show the Finn records I found to date in these records. My thanks to Fr. Cahill P.P. of Aughadown for allowing me access to these records for the purpose of tracing my family roots.

Marriage Records				
Groom	Bride	Date	Bestman	Bridesmaid
Daniel Finn	Mary Whooley	16-Feb-1847		
Edmond Finn	Catherine Hegarty	07-Feb-1848		
Thomas Barry	Julia Finn	01-Feb-1866	Daniel Shanahan	David Barry
Batt Harrington	Hanora Finn	25-Feb-1875	David Finn	Tim Harrington
James Finn	Mary Hurley	23-Nov-1889	William Sullivan	Kate Hurley
Pat McCarthy	Julia Finn	13-Feb-1898		
James Finn	Catherine O'Neill	01-Apr-1927	William ??	Mary O'Neill

Note: The Church rule was no marriages would take place during Lent. Because of this the tradition grew up of getting married on Shrove Tuesday hence the large number of marriages in February.

Baptism Records						
Name	Townland	Date	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Godfather	Godmother
Catherine Finn	Finn	07-Nov-1824	John Finn	Hanora Casey		
Hanora Finn	Ardraly	10-Feb-1838	James Finn	Mary Looney	Thomas Looney	Ellen Finn
James Finn		06-Jan-1839	John Finn	Cate Horgan	John Finn	Jane Finn
Julia Finn		11-Feb-1839	John Finn	Hanora Casey	Dan Finn	Mary Finn
James Finn		15 May 1839	Daniel Finn	Ellen Horgan	Jeremiah Horgan	Mary Neill
Anne Finn	Ardraly	19-Sep-1840	James Finn	Mary Looney	Tom Kearney	Ellen Neil
Cate Finn		15-Nov-1840	Richard Finn	Mary Shea	George Levis	Ellen Finn
James Finn	Ardralla	20-Apr-1845	David Finn	Catherine O'Donoghue	James Shanahan	Julia Finn
Daniel Finn	Ardralla	23-Jan-1847	David Finn	Catherine O'Donoghue	Tim Donoghue	Mary Donoghue
James Finn	Lissaclarig	17-Jul-1847	Daniel Finn	Mary Whooley	Dan ??	Julie Finn
Julia Finn		19-Jul-1849	David Finn	Catherine O'Donoghue	Jerry Shanahan	Johanna Donovan
Con Finn		10-Dec-1849	David Finn	Ellen Horgan	Mick Horgan	Johanna ??
Ellen Finn		07-Apr-1850	Edmond Finn	Catherine Hegarty	Peter Finn	Catherine Daly
David Finn		23-Apr-1854	David Finn	Catherine O'Donoghue	Thomas Donoghue	Ellen Shanahan
Margaret Finn	Lissaclarig	20-Oct-1854	Daniel Finn	Mary Whooley	James Whooley	Catherine Whooley
Nora Finn		0- Jun-1856	David Finn	Catherine O'Donoghue	Patrick McCarthy	Bridget Donoghue
John Finn		11-Jul-1858	David Finn	Catherine O'Donoghue	William Shannon	Catherine Driscoll
Mary Finn	Lissaclarig	09-Jun-1859	Daniel Finn	Mary Whooley		
David Finn	Lissaclarig	09-Jun-1859	Daniel Finn	Mary Whooley		
Catherine Finn		05-Aug-1860	David Finn	Catherine O'Donoghue	Thomas Donoghue	Johanna McDonald
Thomas Finn		21-Jun-1863	David Finn	Catherine O'Donoghue	James Sullivan	Catherine Donovan
James Finn	Gurteenroe	02-Apr-1886	David Finn	Ellen Cahalane	David Finn	Mary Coughlan
Mary Ellen Finn	Lissaclarig	03-May-1889	Daniel Finn	Mary Anne Hourihane	James Finn	Julia Hourihan
Margaret Finn	Lissaclarig	26-May-1890	Daniel Finn	Mary Anne Hourihane	David Finn	Hanna Hourihan
Daniel Finn	Lissaclarig	28-Oct-1890	James Finn	Mary Hurley		
Mary Kate Finn	Gurteenroe	19 April 1891	David Finn	Ellen Cahalane	John Shannahan	Maria Connell
Mase Anne Finn	Lissaclarig	03-Jun-1891	Daniel Finn	Mary Anne Hourihane	David Burn	Kate Barry
Jeremiah Finn	Lissaclarig	08-Aug-1892	James Finn	Mary Hurley		
John Finn	Lissaclarig	04-Feb-1894	Daniel Finn	Mary Anne Hourihane		
James Finn	Lissaclarig	06-Jan-1896	James Finn	Mary Hurley		
Julia Anne Finn	Lissaclarig	07-Jun-1903	Daniel Finn	Bridget Savage		
Elizabeth Finn	Lissaclarig	22-Jan-1905	Daniel Finn	Bridget Savage		
Katie Finn	Lissaclarig	17-Aug-1909	Daniel Finn	Bridget Savage		
David Finn	Knocknaraha	10-Apr-1928	James Finn	Kathleen Neill	Daniel Finn	Mary O'Neill
Eleanor Finn	Knocknaraha	05-May-1929	James Finn	Kathleen Neill	James O'Neill	Ellen Finn
Mary Finn	Knocknaraha	11-Oct-1932	James Finn	Kathleen Neill	Pat Neill	Mary Neill
Catherine Finn	Knocknaraha	05-Jan-1935	James Finn	Kathleen Neill	Joseph O'Neill	Mary Harnedy
Christina Finn	Knocknaraha	02-Nov-1937	James Finn	Kathleen Neill	Charles O'Neill	Ellen Mary Finn

Civil Records

Civil records of births, marriages and deaths began in Ireland in 1864. The following are the Finn records I found to date for the Skibbereen district.

Marriage Records						
Date	Groom	Townland	Father	Bride	Townland	Father
01-Feb-1866	Thomas Barry	Rathruane	John Barry	Julia Finn	Gurteenroe	David Finn
14-Feb-1875	David Finn	Gurteenore	David Finn	Ellen Cahalane	Maultrahane	John Cahalane
28-Oct-1876	Thomas Moynihane	Derryclough	Jerh. Moynihane	Minnie Finn	Minnanes	Pat Finn
05-Feb-1879	Timothy Hayes	Minnanes	James Hayes	Maggie Finn	Minnanes	Jeremiah Finn
25-Oct-1895	Daniel Finn	Drimoleague	Patrick Finn	Margaret Brien	Drimoleague	Richard Brien
09-Jun-1897	Thomas Finn	Caheragh	Patrick Finn	Bridget McCarthy	Chapel Lane	Thomas McCarthy

Death Records				
Date	Name	Age	Address	Cause
11-May-1888	Ned Finn	54 Years	Bridgetown, Skibbereen	Pneumonia

Tithe Applotment Book

The Tithe Applotment Books (T.A.B.) were compiled for the civil parishes of Aughadown in 1828 and Kilcoe in 1830. They were compiled as part of the government attempts to reform the tithe system which saw all farmers no matter their religious persuasion contributing to the established (Protestant) Church of Ireland. Not only were these charges resented by non Church of Ireland members (both Catholic and Dissenter alike), their collection had become deeply corrupt with local agents arbitrarily deciding on the value to produce at harvest time. Since these agents were paid a percentage of the monies collected they tended to overestimate the value of goods and hence inflate their own and the Church's income. To counter this the government ordered the official valuation of all farms. In future tithes would be based on this valuation.

The T.A.B. are the oldest surviving record of Irish tenant farmers, however it is limited in its scope. It only recorded those who owned or rented land, smaller land owner, labourers without land and urban dwellers were not recorded. Also unlike the later Griffith's Valuation the form and information gathered was not uniform and varied from area to area. Despite these limitations the T.A.B. provide an invaluable insight into Ireland of the late 1820's

The following are the records of the Finn names found in the T.A.B. for the civil parishes of Aughadown and Abbeystrowry.

Name	Acreage	Value	Parish	Townland
Andrew Finn	12 Acres	£ 13-0-0	Aughadown	Letterscanlin
James Finn	30 Acres	£ 32-10-0	Aughadown	New Court
John Finn	See above	See above	Aughadown	New Court
Daniel Finn	See above	See above	Aughadown	New Court
Peter Finn	25 Acres	£ 0-18-0	Abbeystrowry	Thornhill
Edmond Finn	14 Acres	£ 1-600	Abbeystrowry	Thornhill

Griffith's Valuation records

In the late 1830's the government extended the Poor Law Act to Ireland. This act split the country into a number of poor law unions. Each union was charged to provide for it's own poor out of it's own resources. To comply with the act each union had to build a workhouse where the local destitute where to be housed and fed.

While the aims of the act where wordy it was unpopular with rich and poor alike. Landowners disliked it as the money required to run the workhouses was raised locally through rates i.e. landowners had to pay a percentage of the value of their holding annually toward the running of the union. The rate or percentage paid was decided locally by the poor law guardians. The poorer the area the greater the need and hence the higher the tax.

The poor also disliked the act two main reasons

Families where split up when they entered the workhouse. Men, women, girls and boys had separate accommodation within the workhouse and where not allowed mix.

In order to enter a workhouse a family could not own or rent more than a quarter of an area of land. The poor and destitute small farmer were forced to give up possession of their already miserable holdings to receive relief.

In pre famine Ireland the poor where reluctant to enter the workhouses for the reasons stated above. The arrival of the Great Famine of 1845-49 changed that. The poor now had no choice but to enter the workhouse in order to survive. For many this was a vane hope as workhouses were the scenes of some of the most appalling episodes of the famine. But that story is told elsewhere by those far more knowledgeable than me.

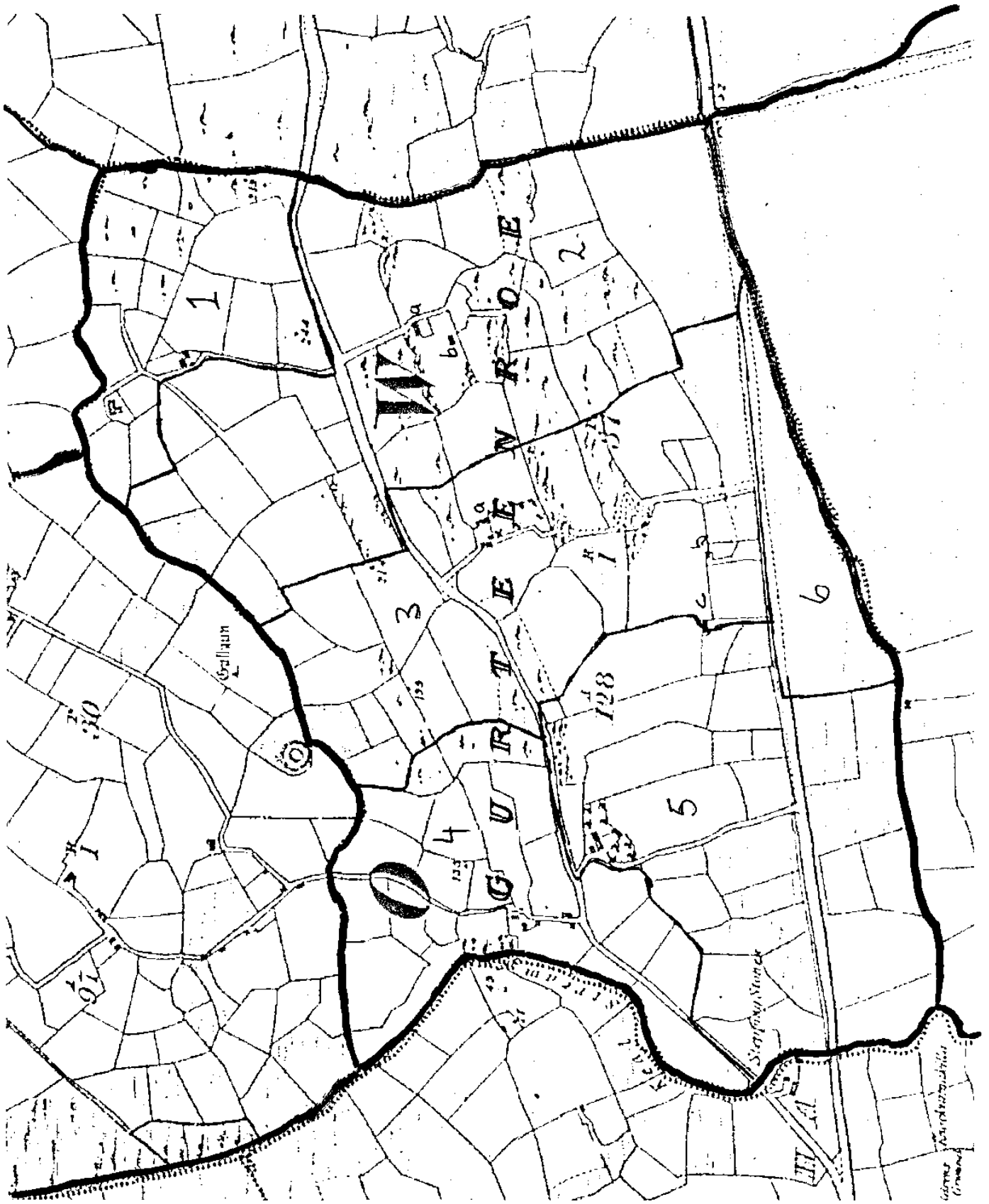
Despite the inadequacies of the Poor Law act the government persisted with it and toward the end of the famine began the mammoth task of placing a valuation on each holding in the country. This task was entrusted to the chief surveyor of Ireland Sir Richard Griffith (hence it's name) and took almost two decades to complete.

West Cork was one of the first area's to be completed with the survey been undertaken in the winter of 1849 and the results being published in 1852. Unlike the tithes the poor law rate were payable on all property so building as well as land was included. For this reason Griffith's is far more complete than the T.A.B. with both urban and rural owners and tenants been recorded. However Griffith's is still not complete as the poorest of the poor whose possessions where calculated to be worthless where not included.

Another advantage of Griffith's over the T.A.B. is that it was centrally directed, hence the information gathered was much more uniform. For each holding the acreage, value of the land and value of any buildings were recorded. This was carried out for each individual townland. Each holding was also given a plot number within the townland and this plot and the house associated where clearly marked on the ordinance survey map of the townland. Hence we are able to see exactly the plot of land our ancestor occupied at the time of the initial survey and determine the value of their holdings.

I have included the survey results for the townland of Gurteenroe and Lissaclarig and the associated survey map for Gurteenroe showing the plots occupied by David Finn.

Note: in the published results David Finn of Gurteenroe is shown as been on partnership with William Regan, however in the initial survey taken in 1849 his partner is given as James Finn. This James Finn I have taken to be a brother of David's (shown in the Aughadown parish records as been married to Mary Looney and having at least two daughters). It is probable that James like so many of his countrymen emigrated from Ireland in the immediate post famine years.



VALUATION OF TENEMENTS.

PARISH OF AGHADOWN.

No. and Letters of Reference to Map.	Names.		Description of Tenement.	Area.	Rateable Annual Valuation.		Total Annual Valuation of Rateable Property.	
	Townlands and Occupiers.	Immediate Lessors.			Land.	Buildings.		
		FASAGH—continued.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
—	b	Mathew Leary, . . .	Patrick Cadigan, . . .	House, . . .	—	0 5 0	0 5 0	
—	c	Unoccupied, . . .	Same, . . .	House and offices, . . .	—	0 15 0	0 15 0	
—	d	Timothy M'Carthy, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	0 5 0	0 5 0	
			Total, . . .	133 3 34	76 5 0	6 10 0	82 15 0	
		FOHERLAGH. (Ord. S. 141.)						
1	a	Patrick Corcoran, . . .	Reps. Lady Carbery, . . .	House, offices, & land, . . .	45 1 4	14 10 0	1 10 0	16 0 0
—	b	Mary Luny, . . .	Patrick Corcoran, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 6 0	0 6 0
—	c	James Lynch, . . .	Same, . . .	House and garden, . . .	0 0 15	0 1 0	0 5 0	0 6 0
2	a	Jeremiah Minihane, . . .	Reps. Lady Carbery, . . .	House, offices, & land, . . .	60 2 33	11 10 0	0 10 0	12 0 0
—	b	Michael Corcoran, . . .	Same, . . .	House and land, . . .	39 0 12	7 5 0	1 5 0	8 10 0
—	c	Daniel Luny, . . .	Michael Corcoran, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
4	a	Jeremiah Sexton, . . .	Reps. Lady Carbery, . . .	House, offices, & land, . . .	68 3 32	10 15 0	0 10 0	11 5 0
—	b	Catherine Keating, . . .	Jeremiah Sexton, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
			Total, . . .	214 0 16	44 1 0	4 16 0	48 17 0	
		GLEBE. (Ord. S. 141.)						
1	a	Rev. Alexndr. Stewart, . . .	Ecclesiastical Commis. . .	Glebe Ho., offs., & land, . . .	36 0 4	30 0 0	18 10 0	48 10 0
—	b	Henry Swetnam, . . .	Rev. Alexndr. Stewart, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 10 0	0 10 0
—	c	Anne Brookes, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
—	d	Job Swanton, . . .	Same, . . .	Church and Grave-yard, . . .	0 2 15	0 5 0	6 0 0	6 5 0
2	a	Job Swanton, . . .	Same, . . .	House, office, and land, . . .	7 1 14	4 0 0	0 10 0	4 10 0
			Total, . . .	43 3 33	34 5 0	25 15 0	60 0 0	
1	d		EXEMPTION: Rev. Alexndr. Stewart, . . .	Church and Grave-yard, . . .	0 2 15	0 5 0	6 0 0	6 5 0
			Total, exclusive of Exemption, . . .	43 1 18	34 0 0	19 15 0	53 15 0	
		GLEBEMARSH. (Ord. S. 141.)						
1	a	Charles Lawton, . . .	Mrs. Root, . . .	House, offices, and land, . . .	46 3 23	33 0 0	3 0 0	36 0 0
—	b	Unoccupied, . . .	Charles Lawton, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 8 0	0 8 0
—	c	Michael Sullivan, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 8 0	0 8 0
—	d	Honoria Shannahan, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 8 0	0 8 0
—	e	Unoccupied, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 8 0	0 8 0
—	f	George Webb, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 6 0	0 6 0
			Total, . . .	46 3 23	33 0 0	4 18 0	37 18 0	
		GNEEVES. (Ord. S. 141.)						
1	a	Margaret Hegarty, . . .	Rev. Mr. Brennan, . . .	Houses, offices, and land, . . .	37 3 38	19 5 0	1 5 0	20 10 0
—	b	Denis Minihane, . . .	Margaret Hegarty, . . .	House and garden, . . .	0 0 25	0 1 0	0 5 0	0 6 0
			Total, . . .	38 0 23	19 6 0	1 10 0	20 16 0	
		GOLEENMARSH. (Ord. S. 141.)						
1	a	Catherine Shannahan, . . .	Mrs. Root, . . .	Houses, offices, and land, . . .	50 0 32	11 0 0	0 10 0	11 10 0
—	b	Timothy Walsh, . . .				7 10 0	0 10 0	8 0 0
—	c	Mary Walsh, jun. . . .				7 10 0	0 5 0	7 15 0
—	d	Mary Walsh, sen. . . .				7 10 0	0 5 0	7 15 0
—	e	William Dorman, . . .	Mary Walsh, sen. . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
2	a	Daniel Driscoll, . . .	Mrs. Root, . . .	House, office, and land, . . .	19 1 20	8 5 0	0 15 0	9 0 0
			Total, . . .	69 2 12	41 15 0	2 10 0	44 5 0	
		GURTEENROE. (Ord. S. 141.)						
1	a	Timothy Burke, . . .	John Beecher, . . .	House and land, . . .	12 1 9	5 10 0	0 5 0	5 15 0
2	a	Michael Regan, . . .	Same, . . .	Houses, offices, & land, . . .	36 3 28	6 10 0	1 0 0	7 10 0
—	b	David Finn, . . .				6 10 0	0 15 0	7 5 0

VALUATION OF TENEMENTS.

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PARISH OF AGHADOWN.

No. and Letters of Reference to Map.	Names.		Description of Tenement.	Area.	Rateable Annual Valuation.		Total Annual Valuation of Rateable Property.	
	Townlands and Occupiers.	Immediate Lessors.			Land.	Buildings.		
GURTEENROE—con.								
				A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
3	a c	Charles Neale, . . .	John Beecher, . . .	House, offices, and land,	27 0 35	10 10 0	0 15 0	11 5 0
—	b	Eleanor Neale, . . .	Charles Neale, . . .	House and garden, . . .	0 0 11	0 1 0	0 5 0	0 6 0
4		Denis Neale, . . .	John Beecher, . . .	House, offices, and land,	17 3 33	7 5 0	0 10 0	7 15 0
5		James Neale, . . .	Same, . . .	House, offices, and land,	28 1 8	12 0 0	1 10 0	13 10 0
6	}	Patrick Duggan,	Same, . . .	Land (bog, commonage),	5 2 33	0 2 0	—	0 2 0
		Cornelius Duggan,						
		William Connell,						
		Jeremiah Duggan,						
		Richard Casey,						
		Matthew Trinder,						
		Daniel Shannahan,						
		Richard Casey,						
				Total, . . .	128 1 37	48 8 0	5 0 0	53 8 0
HOLLYHILL.								
<i>(Ord. S. 140 & 141.)</i>								
1	a	Johanna Sheehan, . . .	Margaret Long, . . .	House, office, & land, {	18 2 24	5 15 0	0 5 0	8 5 0
—	b	Timothy Sheehan, . . .	Same, . . .	Land, . . .	10 0 35	2 5 0	—	
2		Johanna Sheehan, . . .	Same, . . .	Land, . . .	1 2 37	0 15 0	—	0 15 0
3	a	Timothy Sheehan, . . .	Same, . . .	House, office, & land, {	21 0 11	4 15 0	1 0 0	8 5 0
—	b	Timothy Sheehan, . . .	Same, . . .	House, office, & land, {	4 1 15	2 10 0	—	
4	a	Eleanor Neale, . . .	Same, . . .	House, offices, & land, {	5 0 17	3 0 0	—	15 5 0
—	b	Denis Hurley, . . .	Margaret Long, . . .	Land, . . .	39 2 6	11 15 0	0 10 0	
5		William Sheehan, . . .	Same, . . .	House, offices, and land,	2 3 1	1 2 0	—	1 2 0
6	a	Paul Sheehan, . . .	William Sheehan . . .	House, . . .	37 3 18	12 5 0	0 10 0	12 15 0
—	b	Rev. John Coppinger, . . .	Margaret Long, . . .	House, offices, & land, {	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
7	a	Unoccupied, . . .	Rev. John Coppinger, . . .	House, . . .	41 1 21	21 5 0	13 15 0	39 10 0
—	b	John Fitzgerald, . . .	Same, . . .	House and garden, . . .	12 0 37	4 10 0	—	
8	a	James Sullivan, . . .	Margaret Long, . . .	House, office, and land,	—	—	0 6 0	0 6 0
—	b	Daniel Collins, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	0 0 35	0 3 0	0 5 0	0 8 0
9	a	Henry Baker, . . .	Same, . . .	House, office, and land,	17 0 39	7 5 0	0 10 0	7 15 0
—	b	Unoccupied, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 2 0	0 2 0
10	a	Michael Burke, . . .	Same, . . .	Land, . . .	34 3 24	15 5 0	—	15 5 0
—	b	Francis Swetnam, . . .	Same, . . .	House, office, & garden,	0 1 7	0 3 0	1 15 0	1 18 0
—	c	John Crowley, . . .	Same, . . .	House and garden, . . .	0 2 33	0 7 0	0 5 0	0 12 0
11	a	Margaret M'Carthy, . . .	Same, . . .	Land, . . .	—	—	—	7 10 0
—	b	Anne Sheehan, . . .	Same, . . .	House, office, & garden,	22 1 5	3 15 0	—	3 15 0
—	c	William Atridge, . . .	Richard Long, . . .	House, office, & garden,	0 2 24	0 8 0	0 8 0	0 16 0
12	a	Michael Horgan, . . .	William Atridge, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
—	b	Richard Helling, . . .	Richard Long, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
13		Michael Keating, . . .	William Atridge, . . .	House, offices, and land,	78 2 31	36 0 0	8 10 0	44 10 0
—				House and office, . . .	—	—	0 6 0	0 6 0
—				House, offices, and land,	5 1 39	2 10 0	0 10 0	3 0 0
—				House and land, . . .	2 1 28	1 5 0	0 10 0	1 15 0
				Total, . . .	357 3 7	144 8 0	30 2 0	174 10 0
ISLANDS.								
<i>(Ord. S. 149 & 150.)</i>								
		No. 1,		Small island, . . .	0 0 2	—	—	—
		No. 2, ILLAUNRANHEE:						
		Edward Townsend, . . .	In fee, . . .	Land, . . .	0 3 18	0 3 0	—	0 3 0
		No. 3, COOLIX:						
		Samuel Hingston, . . .	Edward Townsend, . . .	Land, . . .	2 0 16	0 15 0	—	0 15 0
		No. 4:						
		Allen Hingston,		Small island, . . .	0 0 5	—	—	—
		No. 5:						
		Allen Hingston,		Small island, . . .	0 0 11	—	—	—
		No. 6, GOOSE ISLAND:						
		Allen Hingston,						
		Corns. Desmond,		Land, . . .	0 3 14	0 4 0	—	0 4 0

VALUATION OF TENEMENTS.

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PARISH OF KILCOE.

No. and Letters of Reference to Map.	Names.		Description of Tenement.	Area.	Rateable Annual Valuation.		Total Annual Valuation of Rateable Property.		
	Townlands and Occupiers.	Immediate Lessors.			Land.	Buildings.			
KNOCKROE—con.									
				A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
12	}	Jeremiah Donovan,	James H. Swanton,	Land,	2 0 10	0 12 0	—	0 12 0	
		Michael Mahony,				0 13 0		0 13 0	
		Thade Donovan,				0 14 0		0 14 0	
13	}	Jeremiah Donovan,	Same,	Land,	2 3 5	0 14 0	—	0 14 0	
		Michael Mahony,				0 9 0		0 9 0	
14		Michael Mahony,	Same,	Land,	6 1 10	1 10 0	—	1 10 0	
15 A	}	Thade Donovan,	Same,	Land,	7 3 28	2 0 0	—	2 15 0	
B									
16	a	Thade Mahony, jun.,	Same,	House, office, and land,	7 0 27	2 0 0	0 6 0	2 6 0	
17 A	a	Johanna Sweeny,	Same,	House, offices, and land,	19 2 37	5 17 0	0 8 0	6 11 0	
									B
	b	Timothy Donovan,	Same,	House,	—	—	0 3 0	0 3 0	
18	}	Florry Mahony,	Same,	House, offices, & land,	65 3 37	14 4 0	0 8 0	14 12 0	
		John Mahony,						0 15 0	7 17 0
		Jerry Minihane,						0 2 0	0 2 0
	d	Florry Sullivan,	Same,	House,	—	—	0 2 0	0 2 0	
19		Thomas Lee,	James H. Swanton,	House, office, and land,	8 3 29	2 0 0	0 8 0	2 8 0	
20	a	William Sheehy,	Same,	House, offices, and land,	33 2 24	8 0 0	0 10 0	8 10 0	
		B							
	c	Daniel Riorlan,	William Sheehy,	House,	—	—	0 2 0	0 2 0	
	d	Daniel Donovan,	Same,	House,	—	—	0 2 0	0 2 0	
21	a	John Regan,	James H. Swanton,	House, offices, and land,	22 2 11	7 10 0	0 10 0	8 0 0	
		B							
	b	Margaret Donovan,	John & Michael Regan,	House,	—	—	0 2 0	0 2 0	
22		Rev. Richard Hayes,	James H. Swanton,	Land,	21 3 37	11 0 0	—	11 0 0	
23	a	Florence Sullivan,	Same,	House, office, and land,	11 1 5	3 0 0	0 12 0	3 12 0	
24		Hastings Moore,	Same,	Land,	6 2 6	2 15 0	—	2 15 0	
25		Samuel Madden,	Same,	Office and land,	2 1 33	0 7 0	0 8 0	0 15 0	
26 A	a	Robert C. Browne,	Same,	Land,	11 2 33	3 10 0	—	9 10 0	
									B
	b	Unoccupied,	Robert C. Browne,	House,	—	—	0 4 0	0 4 0	
	c	Eugene M.Carthy,	Same,	House,	—	—	0 3 0	0 3 0	
	d	James H. Swanton,	In fee,	Stores and boat-house,	—	—	2 15 0	2 15 0	
	B a	George Swanton,	Robert C. Browne,	House,	—	—	0 4 0	0 4 0	
	b	Bartholomew Shea,	Same,	House,	—	—	0 2 0	0 2 0	
				Total	433 3 16	141 5 0	12 8 0	153 13 0	
LISSACLARIG, EAST.									
<i>(Ord. S. 132 & 141.)</i>									
1 A	a	John Donovan,	Samuel Levis,	House, office, & land,	36 0 11	6 0 0	0 5 0	9 14 0	
									B
		Samuel Levis,	Edw. & Geo. Becher,	House,	11 3 33	3 9 0	—	0 1 0	
		Michael Whooley,	Samuel Becher,	House,	—	0 1 0	—	0 3 0	
2	}	Daniel Finn,	Samuel Levis,	Land (bog),	63 2 13	0 1 0	—	0 1 0	
		James Whooley,	Same,					0 2 0	0 2 0
		John Coghlan,	Same,					0 2 0	0 2 0
		Samuel Levis,	Edw. & Geo. Becher,					0 4 0	0 4 0
3 A	}	John Coghlan,	Samuel Levis,	House, offices, & land,	2 3 2	0 5 0	—	14 0 0	
B									
	c	Cornelius Coghlan,	John Coghlan,	House,	2 2 16	1 0 0	—	0 3 0	
	d	Norry Coghlan,	Same,	House,	—	—	0 4 0	0 4 0	
		Unoccupied,	Same,	House,	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0	
4 A	}	James Whooley,	Samuel Levis,	House, offices, & land,	7 8 20	0 15 0	—	13 3 0	
B									
	c	Unoccupied,	James Whooley,	House,	31 3 8	9 5 0	—	0 5 0	
5 A	}	Michael Whooley,	Samuel Levis,	House, offices, & land,	4 1 24	2 15 0	0 8 0	0 5 0	
B									
	c	Unoccupied,	James Whooley,	House,	8 1 0	1 13 0	—	0 5 0	
	d	Unoccupied,	James Whooley,	House,	8 1 7	2 5 0	—	0 5 0	
		Unoccupied,	James Whooley,	House,	51 1 37	21 14 0	0 12 0	33 9 0	
		Unoccupied,	James Whooley,	House,	2 2 0	1 0 0	—	0 5 0	
		Unoccupied,	James Whooley,	House,	11 2 10	6 5 0	—	0 5 0	
	c d	Samuel Levis,	Geo. & Edw. Becher,	Offices,	—	—	0 10 0	0 10 0	
	e a	Michael Harrington,	Michael Whooley,	House,	—	—	0 4 0	0 4 0	
6 A	}	Daniel Finn,	Samuel Levis,	House, office, & land,	1 3 23	0 9 0	—	4 18 0	
B									
	c	Unoccupied,	Samuel Levis,	House, office, & land,	4 0 22	2 16 0	0 8 0	4 18 0	
		Unoccupied,	Samuel Levis,	House, office, & land,	7 0 25	1 5 0	—	4 18 0	

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VALUATION OF TENEMENTS.

PARISH OF KILCOE.

No. and Letters of Reference to Map.	Names.		Description of Tenement.	Area.	Rateable Annual Valuation.		Total Annual Valuation of Rateable Property.
	Townlands and Occupiers.	Immediate Lessors.			Land.	Buildings.	
				A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
LISSACLARIG, EAST—continued.							
7		Samuel Levis, . . .	In fee, . . .	Land, . . .	4 1 32	1 12 0	1 12 0
8	a	Samuel Levis, . . .	Edw. & Geo. Becher, . . .	House, offices, and land, . . .	04 0 2	21 19 0	22 6 0
	b	Mary Collins, . . .	Samuel Levis, . . .	House, . . .	—	0 2 0	0 2 0
Total, . . .					360 0 38	97 0 0	4 8 0
LISSACLARIG, WEST.							
(Ord. S. 131, 132, 140, 141.)							
1	a	John Burke, . . .	Edwd. & Geo. Becher, . . .	House, offices, and land, . . .	105 3 17	32 5 0	2 15 0
	b	Denis Kane, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 4 0
	c	Denis Sullivan, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 8 0
2 A		Jeremiah M'Carthy, . . .	Same, . . .	House, offices, & land, . . .	100 3 16	9 5 0	—
3	a	Samuel Swanton, . . .	Same, . . .	House, offices, and land, . . .	38 2 19	21 15 0	0 16 0
	b	Jerry Dawley, . . .	Samuel Swanton, . . .	House, . . .	03 1 16	25 15 0	0 15 0
	c	Jeremiah Canty, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 10 0
	d	Mary Keane, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 8 0
4	a	Thomas Shannon, . . .	Edwd. & Geo. Becher, . . .	House, offices, and land, . . .	83 2 18	30 5 0	1 0 0
	b	Ellen Walsh, . . .	Thomas Shannon, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 3 0
	c	Daniel Carty (mountain), . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 4 0
Total, . . .					392 1 0	119 5 0	7 9 0
LISHEENACREHIG.							
(Ord. S. 140.)							
1	a	Simon Levis, . . .	Fitzgerald S. Townsend, . . .	Office and land, . . .	40 3 25	9 0 0	0 4 0
	b	John Bryan, . . .	Samuel Levis, . . .	House and garden, . . .	0 0 21	0 1 0	0 5 0
	c	Anne Levis, . . .	Same, . . .	House & small garden, . . .	—	—	0 2 0
	d	Richard Cappithorn, . . .	Same, . . .	Office, . . .	—	—	0 2 0
	e	Margaret Duggan, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 3 0
3		Simon Levis, . . .	Fitz. S. Townsend, . . .	Bog, . . .	8 0 4	0 1 0	—
		Richard Cappithorn, . . .	Simon Levis, . . .	—	—	—	0 1 0
3	a	Thomas Beamish, . . .	Fitzgerald S. Townsend, . . .	House, offices, and land, . . .	98 1 4	16 15 0	2 10 0
	b	Richard Cappithorn, . . .	Same, . . .	House, offices, & garden, . . .	0 1 11	0 4 0	2 0 0
	c	Simon Levis, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	1 0 0
	d	Jeremiah Shannahan, . . .	Thomas Beamish, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 3 0
4		Richard Cappithorn, . . .	Fitzgerald S. Townsend, . . .	Land, . . .	23 0 38	6 10 0	—
5		Richard Cappithorn, . . .	Samuel Levis, . . .	Land, . . .	25 0 34	8 15 0	—
Total, . . .					180 0 17	41 7 0	6 9 0
MURRAHIN, NORTH.							
(Ord. S. 140.)							
1 A		Henry Sweetman, . . .	Fitzgerald S. Stephens, . . .	House, offices, & land, . . .	29 2 36	7 10 0	—
1 B	a	Austin Sweetman, . . .	Same, . . .	Garden, . . .	11 0 30	6 10 0	2 15 0
2	a	Richard Sweetman, . . .	Same, . . .	House, offices, and land, . . .	0 1 3	0 4 0	—
	b	Cornelius Foley, . . .	Richard Sweetman, . . .	House, . . .	95 3 27	22 5 0	2 5 0
		Samuel Sweetman, . . .	Fitzgerald S. Stephens, . . .	Garden, . . .	—	—	0 3 0
3	a	Austin Sweetman, . . .	Same, . . .	House, offices, and land, . . .	0 0 25	0 2 0	—
4	a	Austin Sweetman, . . .	Same, . . .	Offices and land, . . .	55 1 12	19 10 0	3 5 0
	b	Patrick Nahane, . . .	Austin Sweetman, . . .	House, . . .	21 1 23	7 0 0	0 10 0
Total, . . .					214 0 2	63 1 0	9 8 0
MURRAHIN, SOUTH.							
(Ord. S. 140.)							
1		Daniel Collins, . . .	Samuel Sweetman, . . .	House, offices, and land, . . .	32 3 16	10 10 0	0 10 0
2	a	Samuel Sweetman, . . .	Edwd. & Geo. Becher, . . .	Office and land, . . .	30 3 3	16 0 0	0 15 0
	a	Daniel Neill, . . .	Samuel Sweetman, . . .	House and garden, . . .	0 0 30	0 3 0	0 5 0
3	a	Cornelius M'Carthy, . . .	Edwd. & Geo. Becher, . . .	House, offices, and land, . . .	51 2 36	20 0 0	1 5 0
	b	Jeremiah Driscoll, . . .	Cornelius M'Carthy, . . .	House & small garden, . . .	—	—	0 3 0
	c	Unoccupied, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	1 15 0
	d	Unoccupied, . . .	Same, . . .	House, . . .	—	—	0 18 0

1901 Census Returns

The first nationwide census of Ireland was the religious survey of 1766. It was designed to count the number of Catholic versus the number of non-Catholic individuals in each parish.

The first true census was attempted in 1813 but was abandoned as people were too suspicious of the reasons behind the census and in many areas refused to co-operate with it. The government tried again in 1821 and this time the census was a success. From then on at ten year intervals a nationwide census was carried out.

The first two censuses were carried out by enumerators calling to each dwelling and recording each individual there. (This is how censuses were taken in the USA.) From 1841 this policy changed from then on it was the responsibility of the head of each household to fill in the details for the individuals in the house. They then signed the census form and it was collected by an enumerator, usually the local police constable. From 1861 to 1891 the government decided to destroy the census forms once they has all the statistical information recorded. In 1901 they reversed this policy.

All of Ireland's 19th century census returns and the 1766 religious census and countless other documents were housed in the national archives in the Four Courts building in Dublin. During the Irish Civil War in 1922 Republican forces occupied the Four Courts and used the archives as a munitions stores. In July of that year Free State forces attacked the Four Courts building. During the attack the archives were hit by an artillery shell, the archives fuelled by the munitions stored there were totally destroyed. Hence Ireland lost all her 19th century census returns and with it a record of all its people including the most humble of it's inhabitants whose existence were recorded no where else.

The oldest remains census returns for Ireland date from 1901. (These were not stored in the national archives in the Four Courts building). In the 1990's the Irish government waived the normal 100 year release rule covering census returns and allowed public access to both the 1901 and 1911 census returns.

The 1901 census contains two different forms. Form A was filled in by the householder and detailed information on each individual. Form B was filled in by the census taker and detailed statistical information about the townland and information regarding the class and numbers of buildings in the townland.

I have included in this document the 1901 Form A returns of the following members of the Finn family. David Finn of Gurteenroe, Julia Finn Barry of Murrahin, Norah Finn Harrington of Mohanagh all children of David Finn and Catherine O'Donoghue of Gurteenroe. James and Daniel Finn of Lissaclarig East, both sons of Daniel Finn and Mary Whooley. I have also included the Form B returns for Gurteenroe.

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901.

Form N.—Enumerator's Abstract for a Townland or Street.

Townland *Goodmale*
 Barony *Carbury West & S.*
 Parish *St. Peter's*

District Electoral *Shillbreen North*
 Division

Poor Law Union *Shillbreen*

Parliamentary Division *West Cork*

City, Urban District, Town or Village *Shillbreen*
 Parliamentary Borough *Shillbreen*

TRACT showing the Number of Dwelling-houses, Families, and Persons in the above-named Townland or Street, also the Religious Profession (so far as ascertained), of the People enumerated by *James Ryan, Constable*.
 Note.—This Abstract should be carefully filled by the Enumerator, and attached in front of the File of the several Forms for the persons enumerated in the Townland or Street to which it relates.
 a Townland or Street is situated in two Parliamentary Divisions, or in more than one District Electoral Division or Parish, or is partly within and partly without a Parliamentary Borough, City, Urban District, Town or Village, a separate Abstract should be made for each portion.

These Spaces will be filled by the Enumerator
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Approved: **J. HARRIS,**
Dublin Castle,
 21st December, 1900.

ROBERT E. MATHESON,
Registrar-General,
T. J. BELLINGHAM BRADY,
Commissioners.
ROBERT J. BRYN,

Number on Form B	DWELLING HOUSES.		FAMILIES.		RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.																
	Uninhabited	Usable	Number in each House	Males	Females	Total Number of Persons	Roman Catholics		Protestant Episcopalians (See Note)		Presbyterians		Methodists		Independents		Baptists		Others		
							Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
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6	1	-	1	3	1	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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TOTAL	8	1	8	27	27	54	24	24	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note.—The designation "Protestant Episcopalian" includes, besides the members of the "Church of Ireland" or "Irish Church," the members of the Church of England, the Episcopal Church of Scotland, and any other Protestant Episcopal Churches.

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901.

(Two Examples of the mode of filling up this Table are given on the other side.)

FORM A.

No. on Form B. 6

RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY, the 31st of MARCH, 1901.

No.	NAME and SURNAME. <small>No. Persons present on the night of Sunday, 31st March, 1901, who may be out of Town or Travelling, &c., during that Night, and who return Home on Monday, APRIL 1st.</small>	RELATION to Head of Family. <small>State whether "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," "Other Relative," "Visitor," "Servant," &c.</small>	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION. <small>State here the Particular Religion, or Religious denomination, to which the person belongs. Members of Protestant denominations should be distinguished by the names of their respective Churches, Societies, or Societies, &c. (as in the list on the other side.)</small>	EDUCATION. <small>State here whether he or she can read and write, or can read only, or cannot read.</small>	AGE. <small>Years, Months, and Days.</small>	SEX.	RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION. <small>State the Particular Rank, Profession, Trade, or other Employment, of each person. Children or young persons attending a school should be returned as "Scholar." Before filling this column you are requested to read the instructions on the other side.</small>	MARRIAGE. <small>Whether "Married," "Widower," "Widow," or "Not Married."</small>	WHERE BORN. <small>If in Ireland, state in what County, and in what Town, Village, or Hamlet, the County.</small>	IRISH LANGUAGE. <small>Write the word "Dumb" in this column, opposite the name of the person, if he or she cannot speak Irish, and the word "Dumb" in the column opposite the name of those who can speak both languages. Write the name of the language in which the person speaks best in this column.</small>	If Deaf and Dumb; Imbecile or Idiot; or Lunatic. <small>Write the name of the infirmity opposite the name of the affected person.</small>
1	David A. Ryan	Head of Family	Roman Catholic	can read and write	46	Mr	of a brewer	Married	Co. Cork	Irish English	
2	Eileen Ryan	Wife	Roman Catholic	can read and write	48	W	at home	Married	Co. Cork	Irish English	
3	James Ryan	Son	Roman Catholic	can read and write	14	Mr	at school		Co. Cork	Irish English	
4	John Ryan	Son	Roman Catholic	can read and write	13	Mr	at school		Co. Cork	Irish English	
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I hereby certify, as required by the Act 63 Vic., cap. 6, s. 6 (1), that the foregoing Return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

James Ryan *bonafide* Signature of Enumerator.

David A. Ryan *bonafide* Signature of Head of Family.

added "Rank" in the order of their importance.

Miscellaneous Records

Ellis Island: I have only found one in the Ellis Island database relating to our Finn Family. This is for Dan Finn of Gurteenroe who entered the USA on rd May 1913. His entry record shows him going to live with his cousin Mrs Mannix in Belmont, MA.

Strangely one has any recollection of Dan Finn ever been in the USA or of a cousin in the Boston area. I have added copies of the Ellis Island records relating to Dan.

Thomas Finn's Death Cert: Thomas Finn of Gurteenroe and San Francisco died in San Francisco in 1947. I have attached a copy of his death certificate.



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First Name: *Daniel*
 Last Name: *Finn*
 Ethnicity: *British*
 Last Place of Residence: *Skibbereen, Ireland*
 Date of Arrival: *May 03, 1913*
 Age at Arrival: *23y* Gender: *M* Marital Status: *S*
 Ship of Travel: *Cedric*
 Port of Departure: *Queenstown*
 Manifest Line Number: *0014*

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LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor of the United States, under Act of Congress approved February 20, 1907, to be delivered

S. S. *Adair* sailing from *Luverston* *April 27*, 1913

No. on List	Name in Full	Age	Sex	Married	Calling or Occupation	Abse to—	Nationality	Place of Birth	Country	City or Town	*Last Permanent Residence	The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came.	State	City or Town	First Destination (Advanced form required)
38843	Keely, Corn	27	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38844	Connell, Nellie	25	F		seamstress	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38845	O'Leary, Mary	22	F		seamstress	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38846	Phelan, Patrick	25	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38847	Phelan, Andrew	20	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38848	Moore, John	21	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38849	Phelan, Andrew	20	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38850	Phelan, Andrew	20	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38851	Phelan, Andrew	20	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38852	Phelan, Andrew	20	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38853	Phelan, Andrew	20	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38854	Phelan, Andrew	20	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38855	Phelan, Andrew	20	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38856	Phelan, Andrew	20	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38857	Phelan, Andrew	20	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38858	Phelan, Andrew	20	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38859	Phelan, Andrew	20	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London
38860	Phelan, Andrew	20	M		laborer	British	British	London	England	London	London	London	England	London	London

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

CITY AND COUNTY OF
SAN FRANCISCO

Form 5

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING BLACK INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
Read Instructions on Back
VITAL STATISTICS

1. FULL NAME THOMAS FINN		DISTRICT NO. 3801	REGISTRAR'S NO.
2. PLACE OF DEATH: (A) CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO (C) NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION: Home for the Aged, 300 Lake Street (D) LENGTH OF STAY: 2 years		3. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED (A) STATE: California (B) COUNTY: San Francisco (C) CITY OR TOWN: San Francisco (D) STREET NO: 300 Lake Street	
3. (E) IF VETERAN, NAME OF WAR: None		20. DATE OF DEATH: MONTH October DAY 27 YEAR 1942 HOUR 11 MINUTE 30 A.M.	
4. SEX: MALE	5. COLOR OR RACE: WHITE	21. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM Sept 1, 1942 TO Oct 27, 1942	
6. (A) NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE: Rose Rogers Finn		22. CORONER'S CERTIFICATE I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE AND HOUR STATED ABOVE.	
7. BIRTHDATE OF DECEASED: June 12, 1862		IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH: Coronary thrombosis	
8. AGE: 80 YEARS 4 MONTHS 15 DAYS		DUE TO: arterio-sclerosis	
9. BIRTHPLACE: Ireland		DUE TO: chronic myocarditis	
10. USUAL OCCUPATION: Inmate of Home		OTHER CONDITIONS: no operation	
11. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS: Thomas Finn		MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION: no autopsy	
12. NAME: Thomas Finn		OF AUTOPSY: no autopsy	
13. BIRTHPLACE: Ireland		23. IF DEATH WAS DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSES, FILL IN THE FOLLOWING: (A) ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, OR HOMICIDE: <input type="checkbox"/>	
14. MAIDEN NAME: Catherine Donahue		(B) DATE OF INJURY: <input type="checkbox"/>	
15. BIRTHPLACE: Ireland		(C) WHERE DID INJURY OCCUR: <input type="checkbox"/>	
16. (A) INFORMANT: St. Septime		(D) DID INJURY OCCUR IN OR ABOUT HOME, ON FARM, IN INDUSTRIAL PLACE, PUBLIC PLACE, SPECIFY TYPE OF PLACE: <input type="checkbox"/>	
(B) ADDRESS: 300 Lake Street		(E) BEARS OF INJURY: <input type="checkbox"/>	
17. (A) Burial		24. PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE: Francis B. Guerin	
(B) DATE: Oct. 29, 1942		ADDRESS: 2447 Francisco St. DATE: 10/28/42	
(C) PLACE: Holy Cross Cemetery		U. S. DEPT. OF COMMERCE	
18. (A) EMBALMER'S SIGNATURE: Deady Bros.		BUREAU OF THE CENSUS	
(B) LICENSE: 1080			
(C) FURNERAL DIRECTOR: Deady Bros.			
ADDRESS: 2219 24th Street			
19. DATE FILED: OCT 28 1942			
STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	



STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
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Mitchell Katz, M.D.
Health Officer and City Registrar



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