

APPENDIX I TO CHAPTER 4. THE DUBLIN KIDDS.

1. Alice Kidd. She appears both in the Ferns M.L.B.s and the Ferns Ossory and Leighlin M.L.B.s. In the former she is spelt Kid, in the latter Kidd. Alice Kidd married John Wilson in 1785. We can reasonably give her a birthdate between William 1753 and George 1760. There is also the statement of one of Joseph's descendants that he had three brothers and two sisters (Intestacy papers of Ann Loughnan). On balance I am inclined to include her among the children of George and Judith Dockerell.

2. A Thomas Kidd, an all too common name with the Kidds, with his wife Bridget has a son James baptised in 1804, Tullow Parish register. Tullow on the main road north is near enough to Cranemore and Kildavin, about seven miles, and we could have a birthday for Thomas again between 1753-1760.*

A second Thomas Kidd appears in Carlow marrying there a Jane Thorpe in 1817 (Ferns Ossory and Leighlin M.L.B.s). They had daughter Marie Amelia, Carlow Register in 1820. This second Thomas seems therefore to have a birth date 1785 - 1790, that is ten or more years before the James above, which would make it all the more likely that the elder Thomas, if he was father of both, was born between 1753 and 1760 and could thus qualify as one of Judith Dockerell's sons 5th generation. And so I thought for a long time.

We can however follow this trail a little further. The name James is unusual among the Kidds and it is therefore probable that it is the same James, son of Thomas and Bridget who turns up in Griffith's Valuations 1850c. as holding five acres in the Parish of Tully, Townland of Rathbride near the town of Kildare. The jump to Kildare needs some explaining. It is 26 miles north from Tullow and 20 miles from Carlow and not along a main route. Moreover James is not alone near Kildare in 1850. There is also a William Kidd with one acre, Parish of Dunfieth, Townland Kilshanchoe, and a John Kidd with 119 acres in Parish of Ballybracken, Townland of Larch Hill, (who lets off the house to John Loughnan) On dates only, these two, William and John, could also have been sons of Thomas and Bridget, born say in the ten years or so interval between the other two sons, Thomas and James.

At this point my reasoning was thrown into confusion and completely off track by this odd fact recorded in Griffiths Valuations that John "let off the house to John Loughnan". I began going into the Intestacy Case of Louisa Loughnan already referred to in more detail.

* This marriage does not occur in the Ferns Ossory or Leighlin M.L.B.s and from what emerges later, I think took place in Dublin.

The Intestacy of Louisa Loughnan The Dublin branch

On the 3rd of February, 1947, an advertisement appeared in the Irish Independent asking for information about any children of brothers or sisters of an Annie Kidd believed formerly of Carlow, who died 9th May, 1865, aged 34, born 25.1.1831, wife of John Loughnan and who had brothers, George, John and Thomas. Several Kidds of the Cranemore branch and others sent in information about their descent and it was from some who did that I first heard about the case. One was able to give me the name of the solicitors, Hoey and Denning. On following this up, I found that Hoey and Dennings affairs had been taken over by Milward Jones, Mayne and Knapp, who were kind enough to let me see their files on this case. The information received from various Kidds was interesting and has been referred to earlier. Here I will now give ancestors and relatives of and other details relating to Ann Loughnan, nee Kidd, as established by these papers and their documentation as they afford grounds for thinking that the Thomas Kidd who with his wife Bridget baptised son James in 1804 was not a brother of Joseph of Cranemore as we have been thinking, but came from Dublin and was a grandson of James Kidd, "The Silk Weaver of Dublin".

First in the intestacy papers comes a George Kidd of Russel Place, Dublin, born 1750-1, died 1.1.1826, aged 75. Certified extract from burial registers of St. George's Parish by R. T. Kerr. From the same register Mrs Ellen Kidd, widow of George Kidd, buried 19.4.1827, aged 68. Clearly a Dublin Kidd of the 5th generation and so very possibly a son of the Thomas Kidd who married Ann Hopkins in Dublin in 1740 and a possible grandson of James, the Silk Weaver of the 3rd generation (see Chapter 1).*

At this stage it is necessary in order to follow the argument to look at the pedigree chart. The solid lines indicating descent and relationship are those established by documentation in the intestacy papers, the dotted lines are my additions. The connexion between the George Kidd family

* I can add some further information about this George 1750 - 1826. He appears in a Dublin directory of 1790 as printer of 18 Fownes Street (Note William Kidd, son of Sackville Kidd of Athlone had set up as printer in Skinners Row in about 1775). In 1799 George Kidd appears in two deeds (513, 568, 339433 and 522, 227, 432212) as trustee and executor of Gilmore Davies late of Fownes Street, pawnbroker, but George is now clearly well off, described as of Glasnevin, 'gent'.

in Dublin and the Kidd family of Tullow, Carlow and Kildare dealt with above (i.e. Thomas Kidd of Tullow, who with his wife Bridget baptised a child James in 1804 (Tullow Parish Register) and who also from indirect evidence we thought might also be father of (2) A Thomas Kidd of Carlow who married Jane Thorpe in 1817 (Ferns Ossory and Leighlin M.L.B.s) and baptised a daughter Marie Amelia in 1820 (Carlow Parish Register) (3) A William Kidd who held one acre, Parish of Dunfurth, near Kildare in 1850, who could have been the William Kidd who married Alice Redmond in 1820 (Ferns Ossory and Leighlin M.L.B.s) and lastly, (4) A John Kidd also near Kildare who held 119 acres in 1850 (and let the house to John Loughnan) is somewhat tenuous from the intestacy papers above, but less so in the light of what follows.

It seems that a deed was found by the Valuation Office and Registry of Deeds (date not given) showing a George Kidd assigned portions of certain houses Great Charles Street, Rutland Street and Summer Street, Dublin, to one John Kidd of Melbourne, Australia. The information about this man was received from Australian official documents and a note among the papers says "The said John was probably a cousin Anne Kidd and George Kidd both of 18 Great Charles Street, Dublin". As will be seen from the pedigree chart, I make him out to have been a 2nd cousin of Anne, and first cousin of Anne's father, the George Kidd who married Louisa Forster in 1826, who died 10 years later in 1836, at the Great Charles Street house.

However, it is the father of the John Kidd of Melbourne (1821-1888 emigrated to Australia aged 17 in 1838,) who interests us most in the present connexion and I have the following additional information from Dublin Directories and the Custom House Register of Deaths. - In the first place a John Kidd of Rutland Square, widower, public accountant, died 30.1.1871, aged 73 (born 1798). We can trace his career as follows: Of Carlow when his son John was born 1821; a customs house officer in 1838 when his son aged 17 recorded his father's occupation on his immigration to Australia, and his mother's name as Jane Anne nee Thorpe: then the following entries from a series of Dublin Directories note that in the last two he is in a house in Rutland Square 1860 and 1870. I give a guess that this was the house assigned to his son in Melbourne by George and so would date the deed quoted above, as between 1856 and 1860 and the George in question to have been Anne Loughnan's brother.

From Dublin registers:

John Kidd, agent and accountant of 19 Marlborough Street, Dublin, Director[y] 1840;
Secretary to Dublin and Drogheda Railway Co., 92 Talbot Street, Slaters Trade Directory 1846;
Also in 1846 a John Kidd appears among the nobility, clergy and gentry in Slaters Directory and the Dublin Almanac, described as

'of Killester';

In 1850, Dublin Directory has him as a Railway Auditor and general accountant, Chamber 27 Dame Street;

In 1856, Slaters Directory has him as Estate and Assurance agent, of 57 Granby Row.

In 1860 he is auditor to Dublin Savings Bank, and of 57 Rutland Square,

and in 1870 auditor of Estates and Accountant of Savings Banks again of 57 Rutland Square.

I can add here that over these years the directories show the Georges and the Richard, the brother, father and uncle and grandfather of Anne of the intestacy case, and only one other - a William Kidd in the Pelligrew and Oulton Dublin directory 1838, of Prospect Cottage, Kingston Hill, who could have been the William shown as John's brother in the chart. Richard appears in two deeds of 1829. In the first of which he sells No. 17 Great Charles Street and also No. 35 Upper Rutland Street and in the second No. 19 Great Charles Street.

In the light of the above one thing is curious in that the search at the time of the intestacy 1943 does not seem to have identified this John Kidd accountant etc, who was so obviously around Dublin as being the father of the John who emigrated. He seems well accounted for, a professional man - probably well off, which would account for the possibility of his owning the 100 acre holding (probably grassland, just east of the Curragh) but not occupying the house which was let to John Loughnan.

There is an interesting fact in that we have now documented a John Kidd born in Carlow, marrying Jane Anne Thorpe, who has a son John born 1821; and a Thomas Kidd of Carlow marrying a Jane Thorpe 1817 and baptising a child Marie Amelia (Carlow Register) in 1820. We could conceivably have two brothers, marrying two sisters, one named Jane and the other Jane Anne; or perhaps not quite so easily a man named Thomas John Kidd, who was generally known as Thomas up to sometime after 1820 and then for a reason, possibly to avoid being confused with the other Thomas Kidd in Dublin, his second cousin the Wine Merchant, he started to be known as John Kidd.*

A question for further search is whether this line from James the Silk Weaver dies out in the male line here. John may have other sons besides the John who went to Australia who had no male issue. His presumed brothers Thomas James and William may have had sons and I have not searched the registers in their neighbourhood around Kildare.

I can record here the following who may or may not be of this line, from Dublin Directories:

* Thomas of Carlow could be.

1870 Robert Kidd, 10 The Crescent, Monkstown (South side of Dublin Bay)
1880 James B. Kidd, Seedsman, 23 Upper Sackville Street,
1880 John Kidd of 21 Frankfort Avenue, Rothgal, Dublin.

It is of some interest to conclude this appendix with what emerges from the search papers about Anne Loughnan and her husband. Anne was only four years old when her mother died and she was 26 when she married John Loughnan. It seems likely that she had lived at the Great Charles Street house first with her father George until he died in 1851 and then with her bachelor brother George, the solicitor's clerk. The marriage with Loughnan 18 June 1857 was clearly a disaster. He was a catholic but they were married in the Protestant Church of St. Georges (see register). The first child Mary Francis was born on 9th of May 1858 and had an R.C. baptism on the 18th May in the R.C. Pro Cathedral Marlborough Street, the parents being at 18 Great Charles Street, the mothers home before marriage. The second child Louisa Mary was born 10 October 1863; the mother Anne died two years later in May 1865. This child was not baptised into the Roman Catholic Church until 7 days after her mother's death. The parents were still at 18 Great George Street or so the record has it. In fact John Loughnan had left his wife and gone to New York before the second child was born. He was picked up dead in the street there on 7 July 1872. The Bureau of Records and Statistics, Department of Health, New York City, records that there was an inquest; that death was due to "sunstroke", that he was a labourer and had resided in New York for ten years. This ties in with the fact that his second child was born 10 October 1863, probably after the father had abandoned his wife and gone to U.S.A. I should not be surprised if the house he rented from John Kidd in the country before his marriage was used for weekend bachelor parties of doubtful character, and he may well have been an alcoholic.