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The present Church of Ireland church at Dunany (St John the Baptist) was built in 1813 and consecrated on 15 September of that year. It was remodelled in a Gothic style in the 1840s. The tower was completed in 1889. Cut stone from the dismantled tower at Clonmore was utilized (Leslie 1911, 277). St Mary's Church of Ireland at Castlebellingham was rebuilt in 1852 and the chancel extended eastward at the expense of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and private subscriptions (Leslie 1908, 81). Here we record the inscriptions in both churches. Leslie (1908, 282-5) gave the inscriptions at Castlebellingham, all the memorial inscriptions in the church are given in full here to include those added over the past 100 years. The inscriptions on the widows' houses in Castlebellingham were also provided by Leslie (1908, 319). The memorial inscriptions at St John the Baptist's are associated with the Bellingham and England families. The Bellingham family also features on memorials at St Mary's as do their related families of Stafford, Thornhill and Woolsey. The heraldry at St Mary's is also noted. The origin of O'Bryen in use by the Bellingham family as a Christian name is also explored. A branch of the Bellingham family descending from Alan Bellingham (c. 1776-1821) not included in the standard *Peerage, Baronetage and Knightage* is included in the pedigree given in Appendix 2.

Family papers at Piperstown relating to the Smith family have brought attention to the relationship between the Corker family and both the Smith and Bellingham families. The papers have also conclusively led to the identification of the Corker coat of arms in Drogheda associated with St Oliver Plunkett.

INSCRIPTIONS AT ST MARY'S, CASTLEBELLINGHAM

Barrow

+ To the dear memory of Capt Geoffrey Selwyn Barrow, O.B.E. Royal Field Artillery (S.R.) husband of Clothilde Séjalon and son of Gen Sir Edmund and Lady Barrow who died in France December 26th 1918, aged 27 years after four years active service with the 8th and 40th divisions and at General Headquarters B.E.F. 'Neuve Chapelle', Somme 'Cambrai', Bourlon Wood. (This brass also contains the insignia of the Royal Artillery along with the motto *Ubique, Quofas et Gloria Ducunt* (Everywhere, wherever chance or glory leads us)).

Barrow

In memory of Joy Barrow 1913-1992. (Brass on a crucifix)

Bellingham

Sacred to the memory of Arabella for 56 years the attached wife of Sydney Robert Bellingham; born 8th of March 1808, at Quebec, and died 5th of January 1887, at Castle-Bellingham.

"Too dearly loved; thy God has called thee, go!
Go! Thou best portion of the widowed heart.
And thou poor remnant, lingering here in woe.
So learn to follow as no more to part."

Jones & Willis.

Bellingham

To the Glory of God and as a memorial of the late William Claypon Bellingham, M.A., Rector of this Parish from 1886 to 1892, the bell of this church was given by his parishioners, relatives and friends, in the year 1893 in loving remembrance of his work and life amongst them. 'I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.' Ps cxxii 1 (on a marble tablet in the porch).

Bellingham

Underneath the chancel are deposited the remains of Alan Bellingham, Esqr of Castle Bellingham, who died 19th of Jan'y 1796 aged 87 years. Also the remains of Alice Bellingham, wife of the above & one of the daughters & co-heiresses of the Revd Hans Montgomery of Spring Vale & Grey Abbey, Co Down, who died 6th Dec'r, 1785 aged 68 years.

Bellingham

In memory of Henry Tenison Bellingham, Esq., second son of Henry Bellingham, of Castle Bellingham, Esq., and Captain in His Majesties 4th or King's Own Regt of Foot. At the storming of Badajos in Spain on the 6th April, 1812, he fell gallantly leading his men, beloved and lamented by all his brother officers. Aged 26 years.

Bellingham

In memory of Sir William Bellingham, Baronet of Castle Bellingham and Dunany House, both in this County, who departed this life on the 27th day of October, 1826, in the 71st year of his age. He was just and upright in all his ways, charitable and truly pious, humbly thankful to God for every blessing in this life, he regarded every affliction as a chastisement designed by a merciful Father to prepare him for a better world. Kind and conciliatory in his manners as well as exemplary in his conduct he lived beloved and respected, and died lamented by all who knew him. Also of Hester Frances, his relict, youngest daughter of the Honble and Revd Robert, second son of George, third Earl of Cholmondeley, B. 1763, M. 1783, D. 10th January, 1844. His epitaph inscribed by her on this tablet portrays herself. One vault in this churchyard contains their remains. 'In life and death united'. C. King, Chenies Street, Gower St, London.

Bellingham

This porch as an entrance to widow houses & to the Protestant Episcopal Church was erected in the year 1864 by Sir Alan Bellingham 3rd baronet to commemorate the marriages of his two eldest daughters, Alice Lady Brooke, July 28th, Hester Lady Butler, Sept 8th (on a marble tablet in the porch, beside the widow's house nearest the north-facing side of the church).

Bellingham

Sacred to the memory of Sir Alan Bellingham, Baronet of Castle-Bellingham, who died 26th August 1827, aged 50 at Chatillon-Sur-Loire in France & is there interred. Of his wife, Elizabeth [daughter of Revd Edward Walls of Boothby Hall, Welton-le-Marsh, Lincolnshire], who died 26th of January, 1822, aged 44, and was buried at Welton. As also of their sons,

Henry Richard Bellingham, Barrister-at-law, died 23rd of November 1836, aged 33; buried at Kensal Green, London; O'Bryen Bellingham, M.D., Fellow & Professor in the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, died 11th October 1857, aged 52, buried in the vault underneath. The surviving children erected this tablet in testimony of their veneration and regret. Jones & Willis

Bellingham

In mem Hester Francescæ Dominae Bellingham. (on stained glass in the east window)

Eagar

In loving memory of Alexander Knox Eagar died 1st June 1973 aged 64 years and Emily Eileen Eagar died 22nd August 1995 aged 87 years, beloved parents of David, Heather and Geoffrey. "The Lord is my shepherd."

Fortescue (see Reade)

Leslie

In grateful memory of Canon James B. Leslie M.A., D. Lit., M.R.I.A., Rector of this Parish 1900 - 1951, erected by his parishioners and friends. 'The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep' St John X 11. J.A.C. McGloughlin, Dublin.

Loftie

To the glory of God, the brass pulpit desk was given September 25th 1910 by Henry Paul Loftie, owing to whose initiation and exertions this pulpit was erected 1911.

Macan

Memorial to Majr Thomas Macan, died 1848 aged 79. Erectd by his widow. (on stained glass in the two-light window in the south transept)

McClintock

Erected by the Rector A.D. 1852. (on stained glass in the lancet window in the south wall of the chancel, the rector was Revd Robert Le Poer McClintock.)

McClintock

To the glory of God and to the beloved memory of the Rev Robert Le Poer McClintock for 44 years Rector of this parish who entered into rest June 30 1879. This window is erected by his wife and near relatives. "Blessed are the peace makers". Matthew V 9. (on a brass beneath the two-light window in the north transept.)

Nixon

To the Glory of God and in tender and loving memory of Harold J. Nixon 2nd Engineer H.M.S. Whitehead who lost his life on the 15th October 1917 when his ship was torpedoed and sunk by the enemy in the Mediterranean. Born at Castlebellingham 17th September 1892, the dearly loved son of J and Mrs Nixon. "Faithful unto Death." J & C McGloughlin, Dublin.

Reade

In loving memory of Frances Anne, the beloved wife of Revd G.H. Reade, Rector of Inniskeen and daughter of Adml Sir Chichester Fortescue who died 26th July 1875. 'Looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ'.

Titus II:13 'For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 1 Thess IV: 14. (This monument is now in the gallery of the church. It was moved from the Church of Ireland at Dromiskin where it was recorded by Leslie (1908, 305).

Stafford

In mem Berkeley Buckingham Stafford et uxoris ejus (In memory of Berkeley Buckingham Stafford and of his wife). (on stained glass in the east window)

Stafford

In memory of Lieutt General Hugh Stafford, late on the Staff of the Bengal army and commanding the First Division of the Field Army, who departed this life at Calcutta in Bengal the 13th day of January, 1819, aged 67. The cenotaph was erected by his affectionate wife Hariet Stafford.

Thornhill

To the beloved and cherished memory of Charles Thornhill, Colonel (ret'd) Royal Artillery, who passed to his rest at the Crescent, September 7th 1900, aged sixty one years. He entered the Royal Artillery in 1857, served many years in India, South African war 1881, Transvaal Campaign, Defence of Potchefstroom, mentioned in despatches, Brevet of Lt Colonel. 'The Lord shall be to thee an everlasting light and thy God thy glory.' This tablet is erected by his wife Anna Maria Thornhill. A & N. Aux C.S.L. London.

Thornhill

In loving memory of Peter John Thornhill, Captain Royal Navy, younger son of Lieut Colonel & Mrs Cecil Thornhill, born at the Abbey House, Drogheda on June 29th 1912, died at Bath on June 26th 1983 and of Marie Louise, his wife, daughter of The Hon. Roger & Mrs Castillo, born at Valetta, Malta on August 8th 1915, died at Bath on July 5th 1985.

Thornhill

In proud and loving memory of Humphrey O'Brien Thornhill, Sub-Lieutenant R.N., who gave his life for his King and Country on August 13th 1916 when H.M.S. "Lassoo" was sunk by the enemy off the Dutch Coast. Born at Annagassan February 18th 1895. Eldest son of Lieut. Colonel & Mrs Cecil Thornhill. The best is yet to be. A. & N. Aux C.S.L. London.

Walsh

To the memory of Richard James Chester Walsh, Lieutenant, The Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment) who died at Alderney on 3rd January 1909 aged 24 years. Erected by all ranks of the 2nd Battalion R.I.P. (This monument also bears the insignia of his regiment.)

War memorial to those who died or served in World War I

To the everlasting honour of the brave and true men connected with this parish who served in the Great War 1914-1919. Thornhill, H.O'B., R.N., Sub. Lt. H.M.S. Lassoo, killed Aug 13th 1916. Nixon, H.J., R.N.V.R., Engr H.M.S. Whitehead, killed Oct 15th 1917. Garstin, W.E.C., Major 5 Batt R.I.R. killed Aug 9th 1915. Hussey, R., Pte. R.In.F. died Aug 13th 1916. Leland, W.R.A., Corp. R.F.A. killed Aug 24th 1917. Muske, L.G., R.E. (Canada) died of wounds Sept 24th 1917.

Armstrong, S., R.N., A.B. H.M.S. Agincourt; Baile, H., R.N., A.B. H.M.S. New Zealand; Brackley, T., R.N., C.P.O. H.M.S. Cyclops; Goodlow, G.J., R.N., C.P.O. H.M.S. Astrea; Loftie, J.H., R.N., Comr H.M.S. Glory; Goucher, H.S., Lt U.S.A. Navy;

Armstrong, R.L., Dvr M.T. R.A.S.C.; Barrow, R.E., Major 38th Dogras; Boyd, A., R.I.F.; Butler, E.P., Capt 1st R. Glouc. Hus.; Collison, H.L., M.C. Capt R.F.A.; Collins, C.W., Gnr R.F.A.; Eagar, V.A., A.W.D., Brit. Ambul. Corps.; Elwin, W.R., L-Corp. R.F.; Fox, A.J., R.S.M., R.F.A.; Gethin, R.W., C.M.G., D.S.O., Cr. De. Chev. (Ledg'h) Lt Col. R.F.A.; Jameson, J.F., Capt R.E.; McAllister, J., R.F.A.; McKenna, M.J., R.E.; McKenna, W.E., R.In.F.; McSorley, T., Dvr M.T., R.A.S.C.; Muske, W.J., Gnr R.H.A.; Redding, G. Gnr R.F.A.; Redding, J. 1st Life Gds; Shaw, R.A.S.C.; Hamilton, R.C.H., Mjr late 4th Dgn Gds; Target, E.A., Sgt 51 Batt. 4th A.I.F.; Thornhill, C.J., Liet late 5th K.R.R.; Thornhill, H.E.B., Capt R.D.F.; Thornhill, J.C., Lt Col. late 6th R.I.R.; Treadwell, A.W., Gnr R.F.A.; Treadwell, R.H., R.A.S.C.; Also the following nurses, Eagar, H.E. Barbara, V.A.D., Thornhill, Kathleen, A., V.A.D. "They were a wall unto us both by night and day" 1 Sam. XXV 16. Erected by Parishioners and Friends. J. & C. McGloughlin Ltd, Dublin.

Woolsey

In memory of John Woolsey, Esqr, of Milestown, formerly Captain in H.M. 82nd Regiment, who died on the first day of August, 1853, aged 71 years. He was the eldest son of the late Reverend William Woolsey, of Priorland in the County of Louth, and of his wife, Maryanne, daughter of the late Alan Bellingham, of Castlebellingham, Esqr. and sister of the late Sir William Bellingham Baronet. The late Reverend William Woolsey, originally a Lieutenant in H.M. 61st Regiment, was Rector of this parish during many years. Also in memory of Janet, wife of the above named John Woolsey, daughter of the late John Jameson, Esq., of Alloa, N.B., who died on the tenth day of April 1861 aged 70 years. And of their third son Robert Jameson who died on the sixth day of March 1838, aged 16 years, and was buried at Rouen in France. This tablet is erected by the surviving children of John and Janet Woolsey viz. Helena Jameson Thornhill and Major General O'Brien Bellingham Woolsey. (Alloa is in the old Scottish county of Clackmannan and Scotland can be referred to as North Britain, hence the N.B. above.)

Woolsey

In memory of William Woolsey, of Milesdown (*sic*), died 11th May 1887, aged 68 years, and his brother John Woolsey, of Castle Cosey, Castlebellingham, died 23rd May 1887, aged 56 years. This tablet has been erected in loving remembrance by their employes (*sic*). "Lovely and pleasant in their lives, in their death they were not divided." Coates, Dublin.

Woolsey

To the glory of God in memory of Major-General O'Brien Bellingham Woolsey and Anna Woolsey his wife. These rails are erected by their daughter Alice Woolsey-Butler and their grand-daughter Cecilia Frances Woolsey-Butler, May 1911. J. & C. McGloughlin Ltd Dublin.

INSCRIPTIONS AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, DUNANY

Askins

This organ was presented to Dunany Church by the parishioners and friends of Rev. W.J. Askins, for 23 years Rector of this parish, as a memorial of his life and work. (Brass on the organ)

Bellingham

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Alan E. Bellingham and Elizabeth his wife, this window was erected by their children 1891.

Bellingham

In affectionate remembrance of Alan Bellingham Bart of Castle Bellingham and Dunany, born 8th October 1800; married 12th Jan'y 1841; died at Dunany House, on Good Friday 19th April 1889; two years after his beloved wife. Beneath this stone their mortal remains lie side by side. One heart in life; one hope in death; they sleep in Jesus. Hebrews XII 2. John XI 25.

In affectionate remembrance of Elizabeth wife of Sir Alan E. Bellingham Bart and only child of Henry and Elizabeth Clarke, of Boston, Lincolnshire. Born 1st of Jan'y 1810; married 12th January 1841; died, at Dunany 11th April 1887. Christ her only hope a sure and steadfast one. John III 16. XI 25-6. Father in thy gracious keeping, leave we now thy servants sleeping. (This monument in front of the altar rails is shown in Plate 1.)

Bellingham

Susan Caroline Bellingham (Lilly) died 25th Oct 1928 aged 81 years.

Bellingham

To the glory of God and in loving memory of William Claypon Bellingham, of Dunany, Rector Castle Bellingham who fell asleep in Christ at Bagnères De Bigorre, France and was laid to rest there, Oct 8th 1892. Aged 45 years. "Lord I have loved the habitation of thy house and the place where thine honour dwelleth". (Brass Lectern)

Bellingham

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Sir Alan Edward Bellingham Bart and Elizabeth his wife, this tower left unfinished when the church was built A.D. 1813, was, by their request, completed and restored A.D. 1889, by their son the Revd William Claypon Bellingham of Dunany, Rector of Castlebellingham.

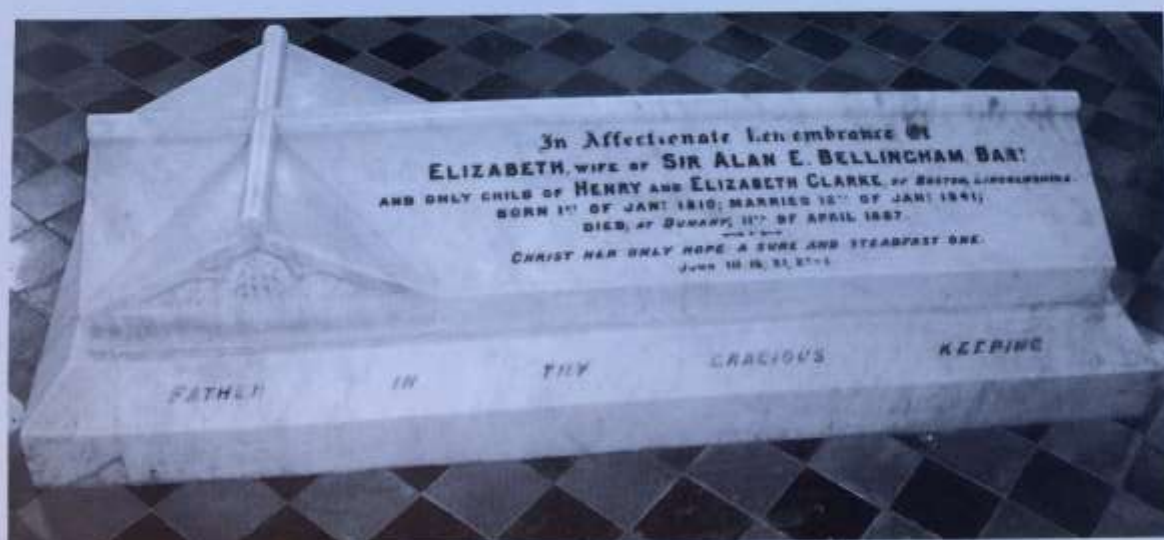


Plate 1: St John the Baptist's Church, Dunany: Bellingham monument.

Bellingham

These railings were put up in affectionate remembrance of Mrs Alan O'Bryen Bellingham by her sorrowing relatives. Died August 1st 1871. Aged 78 years.

Bellingham

John Chap XI Verse 25. In grateful remembrance of Dame Hester Frances Bellingham who departed this life at her residence, Dunany House on the 10th January 1844 in the 81st year of her age and as a token of the love and affection he bare to her for her many virtues and for her uniform kindness to him and his beloved wife, this tablet is erected by her affectionate nephew Alan O'Bryen Bellingham.

Bellingham

Job XXIX 11. In memory of Alan O'Bryen Bellingham, Esq of Dunany House whose remains are interred in the old church of Dunany, died 18th Sept 1859 aged 87 years. When the ear heard him, then it blessed him; and when the eye saw him, it give witness to him. Job XXIX. 11. The memory of the just is blessed. Prov X 7. This tablet is erected by Sophia Bellingham, his widow, as a tribute of her love and grateful affection.

Bellingham

John Chap XI Verse 25. Sacred to the memory of Christiana, wife of Alan O'Bryen Bellingham of Dunany House, Esqr who departed this life at Wildrad, South Germany on 23rd September 1844 in the 54th year of her age. Pious and charitable without ostentation in her manners gentle and kind she lived beloved and highly respected and died deeply and deservedly lamented. "Not my will but thine be done."

Bellingham

In loving memory of Susan Caroline (Lily) youngest daughter of the Ven. Ambrose Power, Archdeacon of Lismore and widow of the Revd Claypon Bellingham. I am persuaded that neither death nor life shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom VIII 38, 39.

England

In loving memory of Ian Hugh Bellingham England Sub-Lieutenant (A) H.M.S. "Ark Royal" killed in Action at Dakar 24th September 1940, aged 20 years. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me. Psalm CXXXIX.

The pedigree given in Appendix two shows how most of those listed above are related through the Bellingham family.

HERALDRY AT CASTLEBELLINGHAM

The heraldry at Castlebellingham is associated with the Bellingham, McClintock, Macan and Thornhill families. That connected with Revd Robert le Poer McClintock is noted in Bellew (2005, 138). The brass to Charles Thornhill bears the family crest (Plate 2) and the family motto is 'be fast'. The impaled coat of arms of Macan and Morris (Plate 3) is on the stained glass window for Major Thomas Macan that was erected by his wife Mary Joanna, daughter of George Morris of Spiddal, Co Galway. Mary Joanna Morris was married first to Christopher Oldfield of Lendal, York on 27 February 1796, he died on 27 December 1808 and she married secondly Major Thomas Macan of Greenmount (Burke 1897, 448). The initials T.M. also appear on the window four times to highlight to whom it is dedicated. The Macan motto *virtus sub podere crescit* (his virtue prospered under

pressure) is also beneath the coat of arms. The impaled arms of McClintock and Heyland are shown in Plate 4.

The floor in the porch has a brass containing a coat of arms, helmet and crest (Plate 5). The coat of arms bears a lion rampant regardant while the crest consists of an animal's (possibly a bear or lion) jambs (the whole foreleg of the animal) in saltire. There is no accompanying inscription but Leslie (1908, 289-90) suggests that an inscription recorded by Isaac Butler in 1744 on his journey through Co Louth was probably part of the brass plaque that still remains. The inscription in Latin was to the physician, Charles Gwither, who died on 20 April 1700 aged nearly 50 years. Leslie also notes that Gwither graduated as M.D. of Dublin in 1688 and that he brought over frogs from England in 1692. His sister Alice Clerke erected the monument at Castlebellingham, she was married to a Dublin merchant and in her will of 1732 (Leslie 1908, 327) she wished to be buried in Castlebellingham near her brother. The *General Armory* (Burke 1884) does not give arms for



Plate 2: St Mary's Church, Castlebellingham: Thornhill crest.



Plate 3: St Mary's Church, Castlebellingham: the impaled arms of Macan and Morris.

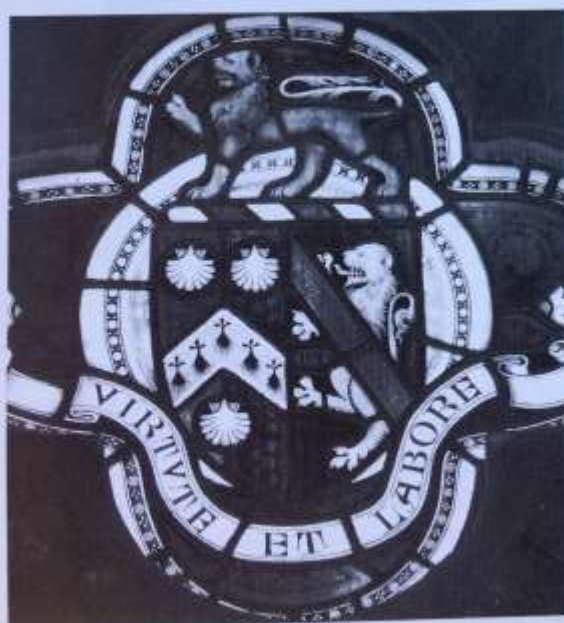


Plate 4: St Mary's Church, Castlebellingham: the impaled arms of McClintock and Heyland.



Plate 5: St Mary's Church, Castlebellingham: the coat of arms in the porch floor.



Plate 6: St Mary's Church, Castlebellingham: the quartered arms of Bellingham, Burnside, Moore and Montgomery.



Plate 7: St Mary's Church, Castlebellingham: the quartered arms of Bellingham impaled with those of Cholmondeley.



Plate 8: Dunany House: the quartered arms of Bellingham and Burnside on the portrait of James Bellingham.

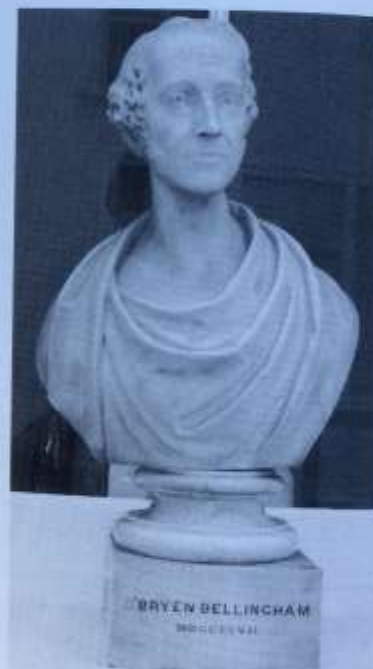


Plate 9: Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin: bust of O'Bryen Bellingham, M.D.

Gwither or Gwyther. Of the families listed in Papworth's *Ordinary of British Armorial* as bearing a lion rampant regardant on their arms, many are of Welsh origin, for example the family of Gwyn bears the arms of 'sable a lion rampant regardant or' (Papworth 1961, 95). It is then likely that Charles Gwither, son of Henry Gwither and born in Co Meath (Leslie 1908, 291) bore the lion rampant regardant on his arms.

The heraldry associated with the Bellingham family is on the monument to Sir William Bellingham (1st baronet) and on the brass in memory of Alan Bellingham (2nd baronet). One of the quarterings on both coats of arms is due to the marriage of Richard Bellingham with Christian or Margaret, daughter and heiress of Sir Gilbert de Burneshide or Burneshead, through which the

Bellinghams acquired the lordship of Burneshead Hall, near Kendal, in the county of Westmorland (now part of Cumbria), early in the fourteenth century (Hewitson 1908, v). This provides a local example of a quartering due to an heiress continuing to be part of a family coat of arms some 600 years later. The coat of arms on the brass shown in Plate 6 bears the quarterings of Bellingham (1st), Burnside (2nd), Moore (3rd) and Montgomery (4th). The coat of arms on the monument shown in Plate 7 has the quartered arms of Bellingham impaling those of Cholmondeley. The quartered arms are similar to those on the brass except that the Bellingham arms are also in the fourth quarter instead of those of Montgomery. Appendix three illustrates how the Moore, Montgomery and Cholmondeley marriages fit into the Bellingham pedigree. The quartered arms of Bellingham (Bellingham, Burnside, Moore and Montgomery) impaling those of Cholmondeley are also over the front door of Bellingham Castle that currently serves as an hotel and is owned by the Keenan family. The shield is now painted with black paint so it is difficult to make out the detail. The Bellingham coat of arms is also on both sides of the entrance porch to the hotel.

An oratory built by Sir Henry Bellingham was opened by Cardinal Logue on 3 May 1913 (*Irish Builder*). In recent years the stained glass from this oratory was transferred to the bedroom area on the first floor of the hotel (personal communication from Paschal Keenan, manager, Bellingham Castle). The arms, supporters, crest and motto for the city of Belfast on stained glass are still present inside the hotel. Along the sides of the window is a motif of the intertwined letters 'BBC' followed by a small superscripted 'o'. The Co possibly indicates the word 'company' that was linked with the brewery at Castlebellingham owned by the Bellingham family and latterly by the Woolseys.

A descendant of Richard Bellingham of Burneshead, Sir Henry Bellingham of Burneshead, took the side of Lancaster in the Wars of the Roses, and was knighted by Lord Clifford at the battle of Wakefield, 31 March 1460. This line became extinct but 'The most vigorous offshoot from the main stem was that which was planted by Alan Bellingham ... youngest brother of Sir Henry'. The more modern motto of the family, *Amicus amico* ('a friend to a friend') is taken from the distich (a unit of verse consisting of two lines, especially as used in Greek and Latin elegiac poetry) which commemorates him 'Amicus amico Alanus, Belliger belligero Bellinghamus' ('Alan, a friend to his friend, a Bellingham-born war bearer from Bellingham'). This is perhaps a word play on the literal meaning of the elements of the place-name word. He was living in the reigns of Henry VI and Henry VII, and is considered by genealogical authorities to have acquired the very extensive estates at Levens (Westmorland). Alan Bellingham of Levens (grandson of the above Alan) died on 7 May 1577 and by his second wife, Dorothy Sandford, he left a large family, two of the sons being Robert (ancestor of the Castlebellingham family) and James (ancestor of the Levens family) (Hewitson 1908, vi-vii).

Robert Bellingham was High Sheriff of Co Longford in 1611 and was appointed attorney to the second Remembrancer of the Exchequer of Ireland by Lord Chichester when Lord Treasurer in 1616-22 (Burke 1826, 200). He married Margaret White of Clongill, Co Meath, died in 1639 and was buried at Kendal (Cumbria). Margaret, his wife, was buried on 13 November 1668 at St Werburgh's, Dublin. The eldest son, Sir Daniel (who was knighted in 1662) of Dubber, Co Dublin was created baronet in 1666-7; he was Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1665-6. He died in 1672 and was succeeded by his only son, Sir Richard Bellingham of Dubber Castle, but the baronetcy became extinct on his death in June 1699 (Hewitson 1908, x-xi).

This family also provides another local item of heraldic interest. Sir Richard had six sisters all of whom were co-heiresses, one of whom Jane married Edward Swan. The Bellingham-Swan 'screen' carrying the family pedigree and coats of arms is now present at Dunany House. The pedigree covers the generations from the grandchildren of Jane and Edward back to Alan Bellingham who married a daughter of a Beauchamps gentleman in the reign of William I (William the Conqueror). The introduction to the diary (Hewitson 1908, xviii-xix) notes that there were errors in the family

pedigree compiled in 1796 by Francis Townsend, Windsor Herald. These errors were corrected in a family pedigree of the Swan family apparently compiled in the early eighteenth century which came into the possession of Sir Alan (3rd Baronet) by purchase.

Henry Bellingham, brother of Sir Daniel, was High Sheriff of Co Kildare in 1654. Hewitson (1908, xi) details how Henry purchased his lands at Gernonstown that became known as Castlebellingham, these lands were confirmed to him on 24 April 1666. He was also styled as 'Captain' in this document. He married Lucy, daughter of William Sibthorpe, of Dunany, Co Louth. She was niece of Robert Sibthorpe, bishop of Killfenora. In 1661 Capt Henry represented Co Louth in Parliament and was High Sheriff of the county in 1671 (Hewitson 1908, xi). He died in 1676 and his only son was Colonel Thomas Bellingham (Burke 1826, 200).

The Colonel was author of the diary that runs from 1 August 1688 to 12 September 1690 and his involvement in the battle of the Boyne is recorded there. He was quartered with his regiment for some time mainly at Preston (Lancashire). In August 1689 he left Preston with his regiment and joined the forces at Hoylake before sailing with them to Ireland. In November 1689 he returned to Preston, and remained there till May 1690 when he again left, embarking with soldiers at Hoylake for Ireland. He acted as a guide or A.D.C. when William's army marched from Dundalk to the Boyne, he was consulted by both William and the Duke of Schomberg before the battle of the Boyne took place. He was ranked as Colonel then or shortly afterwards, and went with the king to Duleek. Later he withdrew from military life. He died on 15 September 1721 aged 75 (Hewitson 1908, xxiii). The inscription on the monument built into the outside of the church at Castlebellingham notes that 'the vault beneath this church containing the remains of many members of this family, was built in the year 1686 by Colonel Thomas Bellingham, A.D.C. to King William III and was finally closed by Sir Henry Bellingham 4th baronet, of Castlebellingham in March 1903'.

The Colonel in 1671 married Abigail Handcock (daughter of William Handcock, of Twyford, in Co Westmeath) and their son, Henry, was born at Twyford in 1675. Henry was MP for Dundalk and in 1700 he married Mary, daughter of Thomas Moore of Drogheda (Hewitson 1908, xvii). Henry's second son, Alan Bellingham (1709-96) in 1738 married Alice, daughter and co-heiress of Revd Hans Montgomery of Grey Abbey, Co Down. They had four sons and three daughters including Sir William Bellingham who was created baronet on 19 April 1796 and the title was granted with remainder to the heirs male of his deceased father. William, on 3 December 1783, married Hester Frances, daughter of Robert, second son of George, 3rd Earl Cholmondeley. He was MP for Reigate (Surrey) 1784-9 and was secretary to William Pitt. He died on 26 October 1826 and was succeeded by his nephew, Alan Bellingham (Burke 1826, 200-1).

O'BRYEN AS A BELLINGHAM FAMILY CHRISTIAN NAME

The occurrence of O'Bryen as a Christian name in the Castlebellingham family poses a question as to its origin. The name arises from the Levens branch of the family, recall Alan Bellingham of Levens, who died in May 1577, was ancestor of the Castlebellingham family through his son Robert. His eldest son, James, was ancestor of the Levens line (see Appendix three). James Bellingham was knighted in 1603 and died in 1642. James's son, Henry Bellingham, was created a baronet in 1620 but the title became extinct when Henry's son, James, died within days of his father in 1650 (Hewitson 1908, vii-viii). There is a portrait of James at Dunany, it is dated 1588 and gives his age as 26. The quartered arms of Bellingham and Burnside are also on the painting (Plate 8). Henry's brother, Alan Bellingham, married Susan Constable and succeeded at Levens. His eldest son, James, in turn succeeded him at Levens (Hewitson 1908, viii-ix). He died in 1680 and was married twice, first to Barbara Dalston on 20 July 1646 (website: <http://bellinghamroot.tripod.com/bellingh/>) and second to Elizabeth Leke (Hewitson 1908, pedigree no. 1). James's son, Alan, was 'destined to ruin the estate and die in exile' (Hewitson 1908, xii). Alan's surviving brother was William, while one of

his sisters was Mary, wife of Alexander Johnson, of Preston, Co Lancaster (Hewitson 1908, ix). William Bellingham practised as a barrister and married Elizabeth, daughter of Dutton, third Lord Gerard, by his second wife, Lady Elizabeth O'Brien, daughter and co-heir of Henry, fifth Earl of Thomond. By her second husband, William Bellingham, Elizabeth had two daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Sir Robert Echlin, Rush, Co Dublin and Dorothy, wife of Sir Roger Bradshaigh of Haigh, in Lancashire (Hewitson 1908, xiv).

Eventually the sisters of Alan Bellingham became his co-heiresses. William died about 1725. We note at this point that Henry Bellingham, son of Colonel Thomas Bellingham (the diarist) was a third cousin to both William Bellingham and his sister, Mrs Mary Johnson, as shown in Appendix three. Henry's grandson was William Bellingham of Castlebellingham (1st baronet), while Mrs Johnson's grandson was Alan Johnson of Wakefield, Yorkshire thus leaving William and Alan as fifth cousins. Alan Johnson entered into correspondence with his cousin, William Bellingham, who had just gone into Parliament. He sent him some interesting letters which had passed between his grandfather, Alexander Johnson, of Preston, and William's great grandfather and grandfather, Colonel Thomas and Henry respectively in the years 1701, 1720, 1725, and 1726, showing that the cousinship was acknowledged many years after the Colonel's stay in Lancashire (Hewitson 1908, xiii). Henry Bellingham in a letter dated 25 March 1725 to Alexander Johnson stated:

as the Family of the Bellinghams are now contracted into a very narrow compass, and there is none to support the name that I know of but 2 sons that I have, it endears me the more to all of that Family that are surviving. I hear my Cozen Will has left 2 Daughters, and, if my Coz. his Widdow is as fond of propagating the name as I am, sure no consideration of fortune should withhold me from it. I thank God I have a competent one, and one of the sweetest seats, perhaps, in this Kingdome, so if you think proper to communicate this to Coz. Dolly Bellingham, Coz. Patten, etc. (to all whom my most hearty love and service), and let me know their sentiments upon it, it may chance to be satisfactory and fortunate to us all, which is all that is aimed at by, Dear Coz., your most affect. Kinsman and Humble Servant, HEN. BELLINGHAM. (Hewitson 1908, xv).

The following year on 15 November, Henry wrote to Alexander Johnson stating 'I wish your Nieces could see Castle Bellingham as I have improved it ... If I had any expectation of success, I would send my Son over, who is a gentle, clever Person of a Man, and has many very good qualifications, besides the superficial one of Dancing, etc.' (Hewitson 1908, xvi). The son, also called Henry, did not marry one of Mr Johnson's nieces, but chose Margaret, daughter of Hugh Henry of Straffan, Co Kildare. Henry Bellingham died in 1755 leaving no children. His brother Alan succeeded and had a large family as shown in the pedigree in Appendix two. One of Alan's sons was called O'Bryen thus bringing the surname into the Castlebellingham family as a Christian name. It is probable that the correspondence and communication between both branches of the family ensured that the O'Bryen name was not forgotten and once Alan called his son O'Bryen, the name passed through the families of Bellingham, Woolsey, Thornhill and Jameson all of whom descended from Alan Bellingham as is shown in Appendix two.

O'Bryen, son of Sir Alan E. Bellingham, was a distinguished surgeon who was born in Dublin on 12 December 1805. He received his medical education at Jervis Street hospital, and in the College of Surgeons. In 1833 he became a member of the College, and not long after examiner in pharmacy, and professor. Two years later he was appointed surgeon to St Vincent's hospital, where he assiduously laboured until his death. He was a constant contributor to the columns of the Dublin medical press, and was one of the founders of the Dublin Natural History Society. He died on 11 October 1857, aged 51, and was buried at Castlebellingham. Up to the day of his death he was engaged in revising his work on the *Diseases of the Heart*, which appeared shortly afterwards. His advocacy of the cure of aneurisms by pressure gained for him European fame (website <http://www.libraryireland.com/biography/Addenda.php>). O'Bryen Bellingham's bust is among those of

the eminent medical doctors from the nineteenth century honoured in the hallway of the Royal College of Surgeons, Stephen's Green, Dublin. The inscription beneath the bust (Plate 9) reads 'O'Bryen Bellingham MDCCCLVII'. Another example of a surname coming into the family as a Christian name was Claypon, Revd William Claypon Bellingham was given the name Claypon in recognition of his aunt (personal communication from Mrs Joy Workman).

THE CORKER COAT OF ARMS AT DROGHEDA

Attention is drawn to the relationship of the Corker family with the Bellingham and Smith families and the subsequent identification of the Corker coat of arms in Drogheda associated with St Oliver Plunkett. Jeremiah Smith of Maine, Co Louth and Beabeg, Co Meath married Jane Corker as his second wife. She was daughter of Edward Corker of Castletown, Co Meath and his wife, Hester Bellingham, daughter of Sir Daniel Bellingham. Both Colonel Thomas Bellingham and Sir Richard Bellingham (brother of Hester) were the trustees of the marriage settlement of Jeremiah Smith and Jane Corker on 1 February 1695 (family pedigree prepared by Emily Cock in 1912). The close association of Fr Maurus (James) Corker with St Oliver Plunkett was detailed in this *Journal* (Bellew 2008, 549-51). The saint entrusted the care of his body to Fr Corker. The possibility that Fr Corker may have initiated the decoration of the silver plate that adorns the reliquary now at the Siena Convent is further strengthened by the identification of the double-headed eagle as the arms of Corker. The silver plate on the reliquary as illustrated in this *Journal* (Bellew 2008, 548) depicts the arms of Plunkett along with a double-headed eagle and the impaled arms of Cotton and Sheldon. The family notes now at Piperstown written by Emily (Smith) Cock in the 1920s draw attention to the family relationship with the Corker family, specifically with that of Fr Corker. Fr Corker was uncle of Edward Corker, father of Jane who married Jeremiah Smith. Cock (pp 44-5) notes that abbot Maurus Corker, who had been brought up in the Anglican tradition, converted to Catholicism. Fr Corker said that he had been comforted when under sentence of death by the hope that his death would expiate the guilt of his ancestor in accepting part of the dissolved priory of Nostell in Yorkshire. In a letter to a relative Fr Corker stated that these lands and £1,000 were granted to his great-great-grandfather, James Corker, by Queen Elizabeth. Mrs Cock goes on to note that the queen also gave him a command in her wars against Scotland and that he

signalled himself so eminently that he took a Standard of the Emperors then in confederacy with Scotland and in consideration of this, and other services Queen Elizabeth gave him the Emperors Standard, being the Spread Eagle, for his coat of arms, which coat our family have since borne.

Edward Corker, a cousin of Fr Corker, in a letter written in 1703 stated that although the arms mentioned above appeared on the tomb of the Elizabethan Corker, it was not used by other members of the family, and he supposed that the grant had been only to him and the heirs of his body.

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APPENDIX ONE: FAMILY COATS OF ARMS

Unless stated otherwise, all the coats of arms are taken from the *General Armory* (Burke 1884). The page numbers are not given as the names are listed in alphabetic order in the *General Armory*.

Belfast	Party per fesse argent and azure, in chief a pile vair and on a canton gules a bell argent, in base a ship with sails set argent on waves of the sea proper. Crest: On a wreath of the colours, a sea-horse gorged with a mural crown proper. Supporters: dexter, a wolf proper, ducally gorged and chained or; sinister, a sea-horse gorged with a mural crown proper. Motto: <i>Pro tanto uid retribuamus</i> (What may we return for so much) (Briggs 1971, 54).
Bellingham	Argent three buglehorns sable stringed and garnished or. Crest: A buck's head or. Motto: <i>Amicus amico</i> . The ancient motto over the buck's head was <i>Ainsi il est</i> (That's how things are).
Burnshed	Argent three bendlets gules on a canton gules a lion passant (another rampant) argent.
Cholmondeley	(Earl of Leinster) Gules two helmets proper garnished or, in chief and a garb or in base.
Moore	Azure on a chief indented or, three mullets pierced gules.
Macan	Azure fretty or, on a fess argent a boar passant gules. Motto: <i>Crescit sub pondere virtus</i> .
Montgomery	(Earl of Mount Alexander, extinct 1757) Quarterly, 1st and 4th azure three fleurs-de-lis or, for Montgomery; 2nd and 3rd gules, three annulets or, gemmed azure, for Eglington, all within a bordure gold, charged with a double tressure flory counter-flory gules on a surcoat gules a sword and sceptre saltireways proper.
Morris	Or, a fesse dancettée sable, in base a lion rampant sable last armed and langued gules.
Thornhill	Crest: The bust of a woman proper vested gules fimbriated or, crined and ducally crowned also or, issuant from the crown five thorn leaves vert, charged in the breast with a cross crosslet of gold.

APPENDIX TWO: BELLINGHAM PEDIGREE

Only that portion of the Bellingham (and related families) pedigree which includes those descended from Alan Bellingham (1709-96) and Alice Montgomery who are mentioned in the inscriptions listed above is given here. Six of their children are given and successive generations are indented accordingly.

Sir William Bellingham (1756-1826) 1st Bt., m. Hester Cholmondeley (1763-1844)

Alan Bellingham (1740-1800) married twice:

First to Anne Cairnes (his first cousin, a daughter of John Cairnes & Jane Montgomery) one of their sons was Sir Alan who follows; he married secondly to Mary, daughter of Ralph Smith, Drogheda.

Sir Alan Bellingham (1776-1827) 2nd Bt., m. Elizabeth Walls

Henry Richard Bellingham (1804-36)

O'Bryen Bellingham (1805-57) M.D. m. Matilda Molloy

Sydney Robert Bellingham (1808-1900) m. Arabella Holmes, d.s.p.

Sir Alan Edward Bellingham (1800-89) 3rd Bt., m. Elizabeth Clarke

Sir (Alan) Henry Bellingham (1846-1921) 4th Bt., m. Constance Noel,

dau, 2nd Earl Gainsborough and Lady Ida Hay (granddaughter of William IV)

Sir Edward Henry Bellingham (1879-1956) 5th Bt. m. Charlotte Payne

Roger Charles Noel Bellingham (1884-1915) m. Alice Naish

Sir Roger Carroll Bellingham (1911-73) 6th Bt. m. Mary Norman

Sir Noel Peter Bellingham (1943-99) 7th Bt. m. Jane Taylor

Sir Anthony Edward Bellingham (b. 1947) 8th Bt. married first to Denise Moity, their only child

William A.N.H. Bellingham (b. 1991)

Constance Bellingham (1912-75) m. 1935 Brendan Russell

Alice Sophia Bellingham (1845-1920) m. Victor Alexander Brooke

Hester Elizabeth Bellingham (1844-1904) m. Thomas Pierce Butler

Revd William Claypon Bellingham (1847-92) m. Susan Caroline Power

Alice Marian Bellingham m. Capt Hugh Turner England

Ian Hugh Bellingham England

Joy England m. David Workman, their children;

Caroline, Rosemary, Andrew and Ian

O'Bryen Bellingham (d. 1798) m. Anne, daughter of Edward Tandy

Alan-O'Bryen Bellingham (c. 1771-1859) married three times:

First in 1799 to Elizabeth Pratt

Second in 1813 to Elizabeth Christina Nicholson

Third in 1847 to Sophia Heyland (Aunt-in-law to Revd Robert Le Poer McClintock)

Henry Bellingham (b. c. 1739, d. 1800) m. Elizabeth Tenison of Thomastown (d. 1808)

Henry Tenison Bellingham (b. c. 1782, d. 1812)

Elizabeth Bellingham (1779-1839) m. 1800 Captain William Somerville

Dorothea Bellingham (c. 1780-1848) m. 1798 William Riall of Annerville

Henrietta Bellingham (b. c. 1782) m. 1799 Andrew Riall (brother of William) d.s.p

Alan Bellingham (c. 1776 – 1821) m. 1795 Monique Baby (1777-1856); their children were

Eliza Bellingham b. 11 January 1796
 Susan Bellingham b. 9 January 1798, d. 1820
 William Henry Bellingham b. 17 January 1801, d. 1822
 Alan Bellingham b. 1 May 1803, d. 22 May 1804
 Monique Bellingham b. 18 October 1804, m. 1831 John Starkley Leane
 Dorothea Bellingham b. before 11 February 1807
 Alicia Bellingham b. 27 March 1809, m. 1849 John Carey M.D.
 Henrietta Bellingham b. 4 March 1811, m. 1830 Henry Boteler
 Tenison Bellingham b. 8 August 1814, d. 11 November 1814

Mary Anne Bellingham m. in 1777 Revd William Woolsey of Priorland
 O'Bryen Bellingham Woolsey (died 1874 aged 82) m. Emily Holt, d.s.p.
 John Woolsey (1782-1853) married Janet, daughter of John Jameson (of Clackmannan)
 William Woolsey (1818-87), d.s.p.
 John Woolsey (1830-87) of Castle Gosey, d.s.p.
 Helen Jameson Woolsey (d. 1908) m. Revd William Thornhill (1822-72)
 William Blundell Thornhill (1857-1909) m. Florence Warburton
 Henry Elliott Blundell Thornhill (1887-1931)
 (John) Cecil Thornhill (1862-1944) m. Florence Walsham
 Peter John Thornhill (1912-83) m. Maria Louisa Castillo, their children:
 Patricia (married to Patrick Barrow) and Christopher
 Humphrey O'Brien Thornhill (1895-1916)
 Kathleen Thornhill (b. 1893)

Margaret Woolsey (1816-77) m. Revd Charles Thornhill, brother of William (above)
 Charles Thornhill (1839-1900) m. Anna Moore
 Charles J. Thornhill (1868-1948) m. Helen May (widow of H.A. Eager)

O'Brien Bellingham Woolsey (1827-1910) m. Anna Walsham (1829-1905)
 Alice Woolsey (1856-1939) m. Cecil Butler
 Cecilia Woolsey Butler (1888-1961) m. Ronald Barrow (1885-1942)
 (Ronald Barrow was brother to Geoffrey Barrow (1891-1918)
 Cecil Barrow (b. 1913) m. Aline Joyce Walsham (1913-92)
 Patrick Barrow (above) m. Patricia Thornhill

Robert Jameson Woolsey (1821-38)

Elizabeth Woolsey m. (1815) James Jameson (1781-1847), brother of Janet Jameson (above)
 James Jameson (1821-1889) m. Alicia Robertson
 Charles O'Brien Jameson (b. 1866) of East Gate, Castlebellingham
 James Robert Jameson (b. 1849) m. Sophia Flörke (of Hanover)
 Maj. James F. Jameson (1881-1960) m. Emma Galbraith of Dundalk.

Mary Anne Woolsey (d. 1865) m. William Cairnes (d. 1865), nephew of Anne Cairnes above
 Thomas Plunkett Cairnes (1830-94) m. Sophia Gaussen
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Elizabeth Bellingham (d. 1779) m. William Cairnes, brother of Anne Cairnes above.

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