

**North of Ireland Family History Society
Coleraine Branch
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Welcome to Edition No. 24

Spring 2013, following an extended winter of freezing discontent, and Coleraine looks forward to marking the 400th anniversary of its receipt of a town charter from King James I. Not many of us can trace our ancestry back as far as the "Plantation of Ulster" but one of the articles in this edition (Clutterbuck family revisit Kilrea) gets pretty close. The other feature article (The Secrets of the Box Uncovered) introduces an element of intrigue into one family's history, starting with an heirloom which eventually reveals the fascinating career of an 18th Century military ancestor. It just goes to prove that within our membership there is a deep well of literary and historical talent just waiting to be tapped. A retrospective review of the winter meetings since the new year provides several notable highlights including Sean Traynor's quest to discover his family history when adoption is involved, Richard Doherty's talk linking military history and genealogy (see the list of sources for military antecedents), and, Roy Hamilton's absorbing talk on the hiring fairs using his extensive collection of oral history. The task ahead for the 2013/14 season will be to find speakers with topics of equal calibre together with dormant authors with as-yet unwritten stories to fill the pages of this publication.

FAMILY HISTORY ON DVD

1ST SHOWING IN COLERAINE

BRILLIANT EXAMPLE OF HOW TO HOW TO STORE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS IN AUDIO/VISUAL FORM

VENUE - GUIDE HALL, TERRACE ROW, COLERAINE

**DATE/TIME - 8.00 PM, TUES. 30 APRIL 2013
(after AGM)**

NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERS' RESEARCH INTERESTS

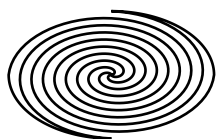
Frank Harrison - Ringoes, New Jersey, USA - researching HARRISON in Coleraine and N E Liberties, pre-1850 - McCLOY & DUNN in Ballymoney, pre-1850
Also seeking information on brothers John and Charles Harrison, b. 1804 in Coleraine; Charles' wife Jane Graham; children, John, Isabella, Margaret, Sarah, David, William and Jane; John emigrated to U S - 1833; Charles' family emigrated -1850; both settled in Thompsonville, Connecticut. E-mail:- sonofisla@gmail.com

David Doody - Dublin 18, R.O.I. - researching MAINS & MILLEN in Coleraine/Glasgow/Bushmills, 1800-1920 - CAMPBELL in Coleraine, 1800-1920. BYRNE in Coleraine/Bushmills/San Francisco, 1800-1900. CALLAGHAN in Coleraine/Bushmills, 1800-1920.
Also seeking information regarding Thomas Means/Mains, Mill Street, Coleraine, 1849-1900; John Mains Dempsey, Coleraine, 1900-1920; Mary Millen, Coleraine, c. 1813-1893; James Byrne, Bushmills & San Francisco, 1835-1900; Rachel Byrne, Bushmills, 1860-1940. E-mail:- doodyc@eircom.net

Lyndsay Trann - Donavourd, 1 Barr's Lane, PortGlasgow, Scotland. - researching POLLOCK Dunboe/ Coleraine & Inverclyde, 19th Cent. - CLEMENT/McCLEMENT in Coleraine, 1820's - 1860's - HOGSTON & MOORE in Coleraine, 19th Cent.

WEB-SITE NEWS UPDATE

The Coleraine Family History Society web-site is currently undergoing a fundamental change from its original appearance which was set up several years ago. Web designer, Mark Stuart, has been asked by the Committee to re-design the site using an up-to-date software package which should result in a more attractive-looking, user friendly facility for our membership. Like Rome, the site will not be built overnight, but a basic format should be up and running later this year with additions being made as and when they become available.



WATCH THIS SPACE



Clutterbuck family revisit Kilrea

by
Jo and Andrew Kane

Kilrea saw a family reunion with a difference in February when two branches of an old local family were reunited after around 350 years. Their most recent common ancestor, Thomas Church, died in 1656, so no clear family resemblances were expected or found. Thomas was agent of the Mercer's Company (whose plantation estates covered Kilrea) from 1621 to 1641 and his descendants have remained in the Kilrea area ever since. Jo Kane is his 9 greats granddaughter and still lives in the parish. Her distant cousin, Richard Clutterbuck is a different matter.

His ancestor Rev Lawrence Clutterbuck came to Kilrea in 1675 as Rector of the Church of Ireland in the town, having graduated from Trinity College, Cambridge with an MA three years before. Lawrence's father was another Richard Clutterbuck, a London merchant and member of the Mercers' Company with lands in Derryluskin, Co Tipperary. The family were of Dutch origin and had come to London to escape the religious upheavals in the C16th. Richard had received his Irish lands in the Cromwellian settlement and, presumably due to his Mercer connections, had presented a chalice to Kilrea parish in 1664 which is still in use.



Clutterbuck Chalice in Kilrea
Parish Church
(photo by Emma Hutchinson)

1664"inscription reads:-

"The gift of Richard Clutterbucke of London

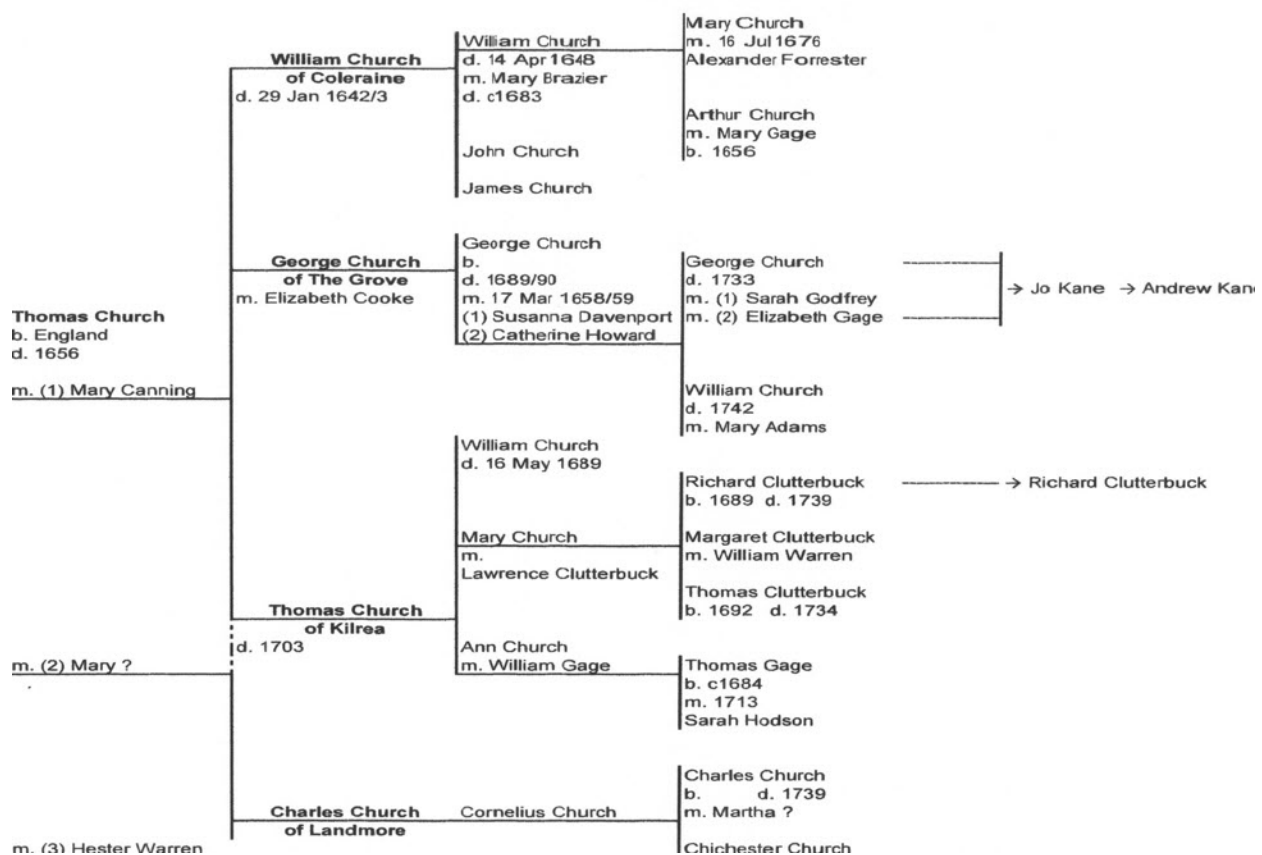
*Merchant to ye Parrish of Kilreah in
Ireland 1664"*

The Rev Lawrence Clutterbuck married Mary Church, daughter of Thomas Church junior, the third son of the Mercers' Agent, in Kilrea providing the family link between Jo and Richard. This Thomas lived in Kilrea, served as Mayor of Coleraine in the 1680s and was buried in Kilrea Old Church in 1703 "at a very advanced age". His gravestone is recorded in the journal of the 'Association for the Preservation of Memorials of the Dead, Ireland' but is currently inaccessible due to the dangerous state of the church walls. Lawrence and Mary's

two sons, Richard and Thomas, were educated at the Diocesan Free School in Londonderry (now Foyle College) and Trinity College, Dublin before returning to the family lands in Co Tipperary, the present day Richard Clutterbuck's home county. Their sister Margaret married William Warren of Claragh, Kilrea, and remained in the area. She inherited her grandfather's lands at Moyagney as his only son, Major William Church, died during the famous Siege of Derry. During the Major's funeral service on 27 May 1689 the besieging Jacobite army fired a cannonball into the city smashing windows in the Cathedral. The Rev Clutterbuck was not among the clergy recorded as present during the siege, unlike both his Church of Ireland neighbour, the Rector of Garvagh, and Presbyterian counterpart from Kilrea. He appears in fact to have been in London at this time as his eldest son was born there in 1689.

The Rev Clutterbuck died in 1725 and left his widow Mary leasehold property in Kilrea and Gortmacrane townlands in his will. He also left £10 to the poor of Kilrea parish as a parting gift - it was to be 288 years before a Clutterbuck would return and we can safely assume the money is long spent.

His wife's grandfather, Thomas Church senior was an English soldier who fought in the Netherlands before coming to Ireland.



C17th Church Family Chart showing four branches descending from Thomas senior's sons

We are indebted to the genealogical research of Rev Wilfred Abbott, Rector of Killowen 1924-47, whose mother was a member of the Grove branch of the Church family. He compiled substantial notes on the family using family bibles and wills now lost which form the basis of the above tree.

Thomas Church is thought to have come to Kilrea in 1605 when his mentor Sir Thomas Philips obtained a lease from Hugh O'Neill, Earl of Tyrone, of a two mile wide strip of land along the river Bann from Kilrea to Landmore in Aghadowey parish. He was therefore in Kilrea before the Mercers came and was living at Landmore at the outset of the London Companies' plantation, working as land agent for Sir Thomas Phillips. He married a niece of George Canning, the Ironmonger Company's agent in Garvagh, and was therefore well connected with the incoming Londoners, despite his military, rather than trade, background.

Phillips was central in drawing up the plans for the plantation by the London Companies following the flight of the Earls, including Hugh O'Neill, in 1607 and was knighted that same year. On 30 April 1610, to facilitate the plantation scheme, he formally surrendered his lands in County Coleraine to the Crown and was granted estates at Moyola and Limavady in return, although legal title to the new estates was not finally confirmed until 1612. The newly formed County Londonderry was divided into 12 proportions following subscription by the London Companies in December 1613. The Mercers' Company was subsequently granted the proportion including Kilrea and Swatragh on 16 October 1617. Since the Companies would by definition be absentee landlords, the Irish Society which administered the Plantation devised a means of providing a population of independent land-owners to act as members of the Grand Jury and organisers of local defence loyal to the Crown. Each Company was invited to nominate individuals to receive a grant of freehold land from the Irish Society. The number of freeholders was calculated to reflect the size of the Company's proportion and the Mercers' 21,600 acres merited 6 freeholders. The Mercers' estates were in two divisions, one around Kilrea and the other around Swatragh, separated by Church lands and freeholds of the native Irish gentry, mostly O'Cahans. Three 'English' freeholds were to be granted in each division. Those in Kilrea were as follows:-

- Landmore – 90 acres granted to Thomas Church on 17 October 1618
- Moyletra – 60 plantation acres granted to Charles Williams (actually 558 statute acres)
- Movanagher demesne

The demesne lands at Movanagher (i.e. those lands set aside for the support of the Agent) were "allocated" to Richard Vernon, Agent at the time, in a transaction which did not strictly meet the requirements of the Company's grant. Movanagher had previously been the site of an O'Cahan castle and was within the lands leased by Thomas Phillips in 1605. Thomas Church senior obtained a 99 year lease of the demesne lands in 1634. In the Swatragh division the freeholds were Slaghtneil, Tamnyrankin and Culnady. The lands at Landmore, Moyletra, Movanagher and Slaghtneil were all to end up in the hands of Thomas Church and his sons.

Jo is descended from the 2nd son of the Mercers' Agent, George Church, who bought the Moyletra freehold farm in the Mercers' estate at The Grove between Kilrea and Garvagh on

25 March 1629 and leased the adjoining townland of Dullaghy from August of the same year. George's descendants continued to live at The Grove and Jo's 3 gts grandfather William Church was born there in 1758, the fourth son in a family of 11. When he married, a 100 acre portion of the family lands at Dullaghy was given to him and this farm, where Jo's mother was born, still remains in the Church family after 384 years of continuous occupation.

Richard Clutterbuck is currently completing a PhD in landscape archaeology at University College, Galway. The subject of his research is the evolution of the Irish rural landscape in the period 1650-1850 and he is studying a parish from each of the four provinces of Ireland. When he came to choose his Ulster parish, the family connection drew him to Kilrea and it was on a research visit that he was able to meet up with Pearl Hutchinson, Jo Kane and her son Andrew (members of Coleraine branch, NIFHS) in Kilrea. His research includes the collation of land values on an individual farm basis over time drawn from Mercers' rentals and valuation records. He is also producing some very interesting maps to illustrate his results. When completed his thesis will be an invaluable resource for those (like us) whose families have lived in Kilrea parish over the last four centuries and we wish him well in his work. Richard hopes some of his family from Tipperary will be able to join him on his next research trip and meet more of their distant relatives in the parish where their ancestor served.



L. to R:- Andrew Kane, Pearl Hutchinson, Richard Clutterbuck, Jo Kane

MILITARY ANTECEDENTS

Sources for information

UK Forces:

Royal Navy: RN Disclosures Cell; Room 48; West Battery; Whale Island; Portsmouth PO2 8DX

Army: Army Personnel Centre; Historic Disclosures; Mailpoint 400; Kentigern House; 65 Brown Street; Glasgow G2 8EX

Royal Air Force: RAF Disclosures; Room 221B; Trenchard Hall; RAF Cranwell; Sleaford; Lincs NG34 8HB

Corps of Royal Marines: Historical Records Office; Centurion Building; Grange Road; Gosport; Hants PO13 9XA

Merchant Marine/Navy:

www.merchantnavyofficers.com

www.crewlist.org.uk (indexing project)

MoD Medal Office; Building 250; Imjin Barracks; Gloucester GL3 1HW

Medal cards for the Great War are available online at the National Archives (Kew; Richmond; Surrey TW9 4DU) www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline Second World War medals are not listed in the same fashion but gallantry decorations, awards and medals for Army personnel are also at this web address. Second World War gallantry decorations, awards and medals were announced in the *London Gazette* and may be found on its website www.London-Gazette.co.uk

US Forces:

Army:

US Navy:

US Army Air Forces (1941-47)/US Air Force (post-1947):

US Marine Corps:

US Coastguard:

Records for all services are held at the Military Personnel Records Centre ((NPRC-MPR) 9700 Page Avenue; St Louis; Missouri. Older records have been transferred to the National Archives www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/

Australian Forces:

Royal Australian Navy: National Archives of Australia www.naa.gov.au

Army: National Archives of Australia www.naa.gov.au

Royal Australian Air Force: National Archives of Australia www.naa.gov.au

Information on medal entitlement:

Defence Honours and Awards
T-1-49, Department of Defence
Canberra ACT 2600

Tel: 1800 111 321

Email: honoursandawards@defence.gov.au

Website: www.defence.gov.au/medals

Canadian Forces:

Royal Canadian Navy:
Army:
Royal Canadian Air Force:

Library and Archives Canada hold the records of all Canadian personnel and many, especially Great War, documents are available online at www.collectionscanada.gc.ca

Newfoundland was part of the Canadian federation until 1949. Records for Newfoundland personnel are also held by Library and Archives Canada.

New Zealand Forces:

Royal NZ Navy
Army:
Royal NZ Air Force:

The New Zealand Forces are today the NZ Defence Force. Records for all three services are held at Archives New Zealand www.archives.govt.nz

South African Forces:

Union Defence Force (Army):
South African Navy:
South African Air Force:

All records are held by:
SA National Defence Forces Documentation Service Directorate
(Personnel Division)
The Senior Staff Officer
Documentation Centre
Private Bag X289
Pretoria
0001
South Africa

E-mail: sandfdoc@mweb.co.za

Telephone: +27 12 339 4600

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Indian Forces:

Royal Indian Navy:

Army:

Indian Air Force:

Records of European personnel are available at: www.movinghere.org.uk/galleries/roots

Commonwealth War Graves Commission:

2 Marlow Road; Maidenhead SL6 7DX

www.cwgc.org Debt of Honour Roll

Records of all Commonwealth personnel who died while serving in the two world wars. These records may be incomplete in some respects, eg, family details are included for some but not for all.

Prisoners of War:

Archives Division; International Red Cross; 19 Avenue de la Paix; CH-1202 Geneva; Switzerland

British Red Cross Archives; 44 Moorfields; London EC2Y 9AL

Irish Defence Forces:

The Officer in Charge; Military Archives; Cathal Brugha Barracks; Rathmines; Dublin 6. Tel: 00 353 1 8046457; e-mail: military.archives@defenceforces.ie

World war 2 Northern Ireland web-site link

www.ww2ni.co.uk

Although not a specifically family history orientated site, it has been developed by Belfast man, Andrew Glenfield, to cover many aspects of how World War 2 impacted on N. Ireland. The site is organised on a county-by-county basis and contains numerous photographs of historic interest together with modern equivalents for comparison. The site is acknowledged as a work in progress but is nonetheless well worth a look.

The Secrets of the Writing Box Uncovered

By Pearl and Creighton Hutchinson



The writing box has been in the Hutchinson family for many generations. How long no one really knew. It was made of walnut and opened out to reveal green baize still in good condition and perfect for writing letters. There were a number of compartments for storing writing paper, stamps and blotting paper. Ink and a dip pen could also be stored in the box .



Writing boxes were part of 18th and 19th. Century life. They featured prominently on military expeditions, travels, libraries and in drawing rooms. Jane Austen used one for writing her great works of literature. Through it both business and personal activity could be transacted. It was also an item of style and fashion.

As travel across countries and the continents was not simple in these centuries travellers of all kinds, as well as military staff needed compact & strong writing boxes, which could stand the test of long & arduous journeys.

Over the years different members of the family had custody of our writing box. Due to the death of a cousin, it was our turn to inherit it. We were delighted. We searched for secret compartments but they revealed nothing. We felt sure that someone had been there before us!.

There was one clue to the name of the owner, however. On the top of the box was a brass plate. Engraved was the name



O. Hutchinson Esq.
60th Regiment.

We guessed that Oliver was his name as it was a family name used in other generations. We knew his father was Thomas and his mother Mary. In 1779 they had moved to Kilrea from Desertmartin. They farmed in the townland of Drumagarner where the family is still farming today.



In St. Patrick's Parish churchyard, Kilrea we checked the old family burying ground. It had not been used by the family for many years. Creighton Hutchinson's headstone was clearly visible under the large copper beech tree. He was our great grandfather and Oliver's brother. To the left of his grave was an area covered with brambles. On closer inspection we discovered a flat headstone. It had the information we were looking for - Oliver Hutchinson died in 1826 aged 42.

With the other piece of information on the plaque we were able to establish that the 60th. Regiment was based in Winchester and contact was made with their museum.

At a family history meeting in Coleraine a chance remark by the chairman led us to a military genealogist Mr. Bob O'Hara. As we were unfamiliar with military history we contracted Bob to do the research for us in the National Archives in Kew. He was well worth his fee. He uncovered a number of interesting documents and letters relating to Oliver's life in the army.

It was exciting for us to see letters written by Oliver in 1815. The copper plate writing was still legible after almost 200 years. Oliver would have been 31 years old at the time he wrote these letters.

He gives a London address - New Pye St Westminster. He was obviously staying in a boarding house as the street was filled with them at that time.

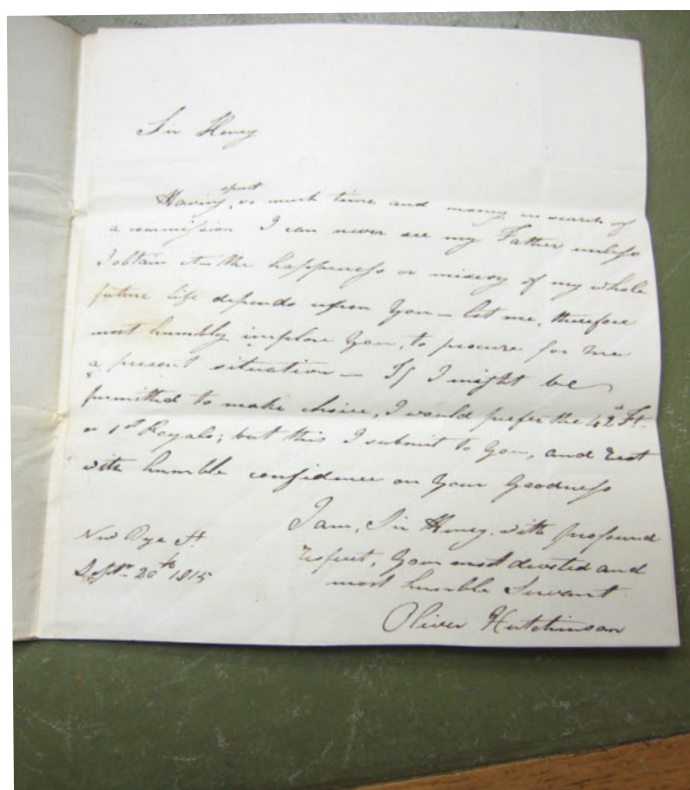
His letters are addressed to Sir Henry.

Sir Henry was Major General Sir Henry Torrence KCB.

He was a fellow Irish man having been born and raised in Derry.

The Torrence website gives an insight into the family history The family originated in Dungiven and produced many high ranking military men as well as men of the cloth.

Interestingly one of the family lived in Harvey Hill not far from the Hutchinson home.



Oliver Hutchinson's letter to Sir Henry dated Sept 20th. 1815

Trancription of the above letter follows:-

Sir Henry

Having spent so much time and money in search of a commission I can never see my Father unless I obtain it. The happiness or misery of my whole life depends upon you - let me, therefore most humbly implore you, to procure for me a present situation.

If I might be permitted to make choice, I would prefer the 42nd. Ft. or 1st. Royals; but this I submit to you, and wait with humble confidence on your goodness.

***I am, Sir Henry, with profound
respect, your most devoted and most humble servant
Oliver Hutchinson***

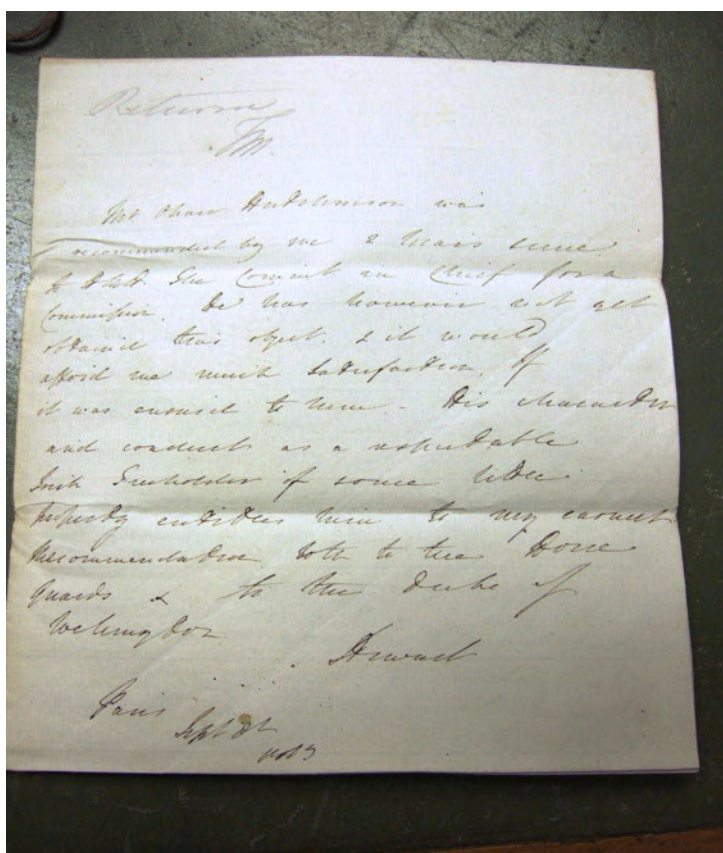
Another letter which was sent to Sir Henry survives in the archives

Sir Henry

Residing here under much anxiety and solitude for my fate. I would, Sir Henry, most humbly beg of you, as soon as you can make it convenient, to remember me.

*I am, Sir Henry, with great respect and truth
Your most devoted and humble servant
Oliver Hutchinson*

A letter of recommendation from Lord Stewart, 3rd Marquis of Londonderry and a cavalry officer who was Minister to Prussia and Ambassador to Austria makes interesting reading.



Mr Oliver Hutchinson was recommended by me 2 years ago for a commission. He has however not yet obtained this object and it would afford me much satisfaction if it was granted to him.

His character and conduct as a reputable Irish Freeholder of some considerable property is why I give my earnest recommendation both to the Horse Guards and the Duke of Wellington

Stewart

In June 1817 Oliver joined 3rd Battalion, 60th Regiment in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
His rank was ensign.

Ensign is a junior rank of commissioned officer in the armed forces normally in the infantry or navy. As the junior officer in an infantry regiment was traditionally the carrier of the ensign flag, the rank itself acquired the name.

The battalion wore scarlet until 1818, when the green, with scarlet facings, of the disbanded rifle battalion, was adopted as the uniform of the regiment.

467		515		COUNTRY.	
Capt.		Privates.			
		Ensign	Henry Matson		
			Wm Williams	at Annapolis	
			John Beason		
			Thos Buerker attach		
			Wm Donovan do	at Annapolis	
	12		Ensign Charles Katzman	do	
	"		John Day	do	
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"	"		O Hutchinson		
			J. L. Lavoine		
9	490		Wm Pollock attach		Rank.
			Jacob Jordan do		1 Lieutenancy 6
		Paymaster	Richard Sellioe		
		Assistant	J. A. Wabueg		
		Quartermaster	John Kiens		
		Surgeon	John Abell		
		Apth Surgeon	Peter Smith	at Annapolis	
			Charles Simpson		
			George Wilkinson attach	at Annapolis	

From January 1818 to July Oliver was based at An(n)apolis then he was back to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

From February 1819 he is at Fort Clarence until June. when he is listed as "under arrest".

In June 1819 3rd Battalion was re-numbered 2nd Battalion



Georges Island Halifax Nova Scotia as it looks today

The Island is the location of Fort Charlotte - named after King George's wife [Charlotte](#). The island is now a [National Historic Site of Canada](#).

In September 1819 Oliver is listed as “under sentence of a general court martial” at Fort Charlotte. We were very interested to find out what his crime could have been.

Mr Bob O’Hara conducted a further search in which he hoped to obtain some details as to the case he had to answer. Unfortunately, no further information could be found.

On the 25th. April 1820 he was placed on half pay list

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		H. Hairman	"	"	"	"	✓ 18 11 1/2
		J. Robinson	"	"	"	"	✓ 18 11 1/2
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On the 24th. April 1820 his pay was £1 5s. 5d.

There our information stops. Oliver must have returned to Kilrea sometime between 1820 and 1826. When his army career ended we do not know. His writing box also returned to Kilrea with him.

On the 10th. August 1826 Oliver was laid to rest beside his beloved father who had died only three years before him.

Oliver’s story that we have unravelled will now be placed in the writing box. When the time comes to pass the box to the next generation we hope that it will be treasured as much as it has been for the last 200 years.

A Listing of Mostly Free Irish Ancestry Genealogy Resources *LCM010313

Discover your Irish family history and start your family tree. Find resources for many Irish genealogy records including Census, Land and Cemetery records. This website is dedicated to making Irish ancestry research as free as possible. However, that is not always easy. There are a limited number of free resources available so you may have already seen some of the links below. Sometimes websites go offline and others may start charging for their resources without notice. So it is possible that some of the links in this website may not work or ask for money to view the data.

The following resources are a miscellaneous accumulation of odds and ends which may or may not be specific to a particular Irish County. There are three pages of these miscellaneous links. To access these links, log on to the web site shown immediately below.

[Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet
\(www.cyndislist.com/ireland\)](http://www.cyndislist.com/ireland)

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[The Irish Pensioners of William III's Huguenot Regiments, 1702](#)

[Nick Reddan's Newspaper Abstracts](#)

[Information Wanted : A Database of Advertisements for Irish Immigrants Published in the Boston Pilot](#)

[Ireland Genealogy Search at GeneaNet](#)

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