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CONTEXT

Name of Creator: The Barry family of Springvale, Ballyneety, County Limerick, and of Leamlara, County Cork.

Biographical History: The Sandville branch of the Barry family is descended from David Barry, who received a grant of land in county Limerick having saved the life of an Englishman during the 1641-42 war. Originally called Fryarstown, the name of the estate had been changed to Sandville by the time of the marriage of John Barry in 1804 to Mary O'Shaughnessy. Their eldest son, James, established himself at Bellevue, Croom, county Limerick, while the Sandville property passed to the third son, John. Following the latter's death without issue in 1860, both properties passed to James Grene Barry (1841-1929), James's eldest son.

The Leamlara branch of the family is often referred to as Standish Barry to distinguish it from the other Barry families in the area. The Leamlara estate near Carrigtwohill, county Cork, was granted to the Barrys at the time of the Anglo-Norman invasion. A castle built on the property in the fourteenth century was utilised in the mid eighteenth century for the construction of Leamlara House. It remained the family seat until the death of Henry Standish Barry in 1945, when his two surviving daughters sold the property to the Irish Land Commission. Leamlara was the birthplace of Garrett Standish Barry, the first Catholic Member of the Parliament to be elected after the 1829 Emancipation Act.

Archival History: Unknown.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Purchased by the University of Limerick from De Búrca Rare Books on 12 October 2005.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content: The papers in the collection relate mainly to the Sandville branch of the family and mostly to the activities of James Grene Barry.

Appraisal, Destruction and Scheduling Information: All records have been retained.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

System of Arrangement: The documents have been divided thematically into four series. Series A comprises early twentieth-century notes on family history, possibly compiled by James Grene Barry, known for his antiquarian interests. The notes trace the history of the Sandville and other branches of the family to Elizabethan times and

include much interesting material, such as handwritten copies of leases, mortgages and other documents, and pedigrees of the Barry and other families.

Series B contains press cuttings, printed circulars and correspondence relating to James Grene Barry's activities in objection to Gladstone's Home Rule Bill of 1893. Of particular interest is a letter from J. A. Rentoul, MP for East Down, outlining his plans to canvass Grand Jury members across the country against the Bill.

Series C relates to estate matters and is divided into two parts. The first contains documents relating to the Barry estates and the financial affairs of the family. Some of the material contained in this part provides an interesting insight into Land League activities in county Limerick at the turn of the twentieth century. One of the few items relating to the Standish Barry branch of Leamlara can also be found in this part in the form of a ledger of farm accounts kept by Henry Standish Barry.

The second part of Series C reflects the professional activities as estate agents of James Grene Barry and his son James Thomas Barry, and the effects on local landowning families of the various Land Acts passed in the early twentieth century. Of particular interest are items relating to the purchase of land from Henry Lyons of Croom Castle, and the sale of part of the Islandmore estate by Major Roche Kelly.

Series D contains five documents relating to the Shine family of Coolyhenan, county Limerick, many of whom served as Justices of the Peace for county Limerick in the late nineteenth century. The reason for their presence among the Barry papers has not been ascertained.

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Conditions Governing Access: Unrestricted access to all items.

Conditions Governing Reproduction: Standard copyright regulations apply to all items. For photocopying or reproducing material, please consult with the staff.

Language/ Scripts of Material: English.

Physical characteristics: Paper documents, mainly in good condition. Some fragile items require conservation treatment and may not be available for consultation. These items have been identified in the descriptive catalogue.

Finding Aids: A hard copy of the descriptive catalogue is available at the University of Limerick Special Collections.

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related Units of Description: Some items relating to the Sandville branch of the family, including a rental book of the Bellview estate kept by James Grene Barry, are held by the Limerick City Museum (<http://museum.limerick.ie/>). Papers of the Standish Barry family of Leamlara (incorporating estate maps, photographs and press cuttings relating to the sale of the property) are held by Cork County Library.

DESCRIPTION CONTROL

Archivist's Note: Papers arranged and described by Anna-Maria Hajba.

Rules or Conventions: This description follows guidelines based on *ISAD(G)* 2nd edition, 2000.

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A. FAMILY HISTORY (1910-1931)

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| 1 | [c. 1910-1930] | Manuscript notes and pedigrees, originally held in a binder, comprising extracts from various books, journals and registers relating to the Barry, Roche and Nagle families. In four folders. | 85 items |
| 2 | 17 April 1931 | Letter from Eaton W. Waters, Brideweir, Conna, county Cork, to 'Mr Barry', relating to a marriage connection between the Roche and Waters families. Includes a short pedigree. | 2 pp |
| 3 | Undated | Early 20th-century manuscript notes and pedigrees relating to the Barry family extracted from Colonel James Grove White's <i>Historical and Topographical Notes</i> . | 5 pp |
| 4 | Undated | Typescript document, with handwritten insertions, tracing the history of the Barry family and their estates back to Elizabethan times in considerable detail. | 15 pp |
| 5 | Undated | Short manuscript pedigree showing direct male descent of the Barry family of Leamlara from Garrett Barry (d. 1390) to Charles Barry (1900-1918). | 1 p |
| 6 | Undated | Unspecified list of names and dates of birth and death. | 1 p |
| 7 | Undated | Outline sketch of a coat of arms. | 1 p |

- 8 Undated Note relating to the marriage of Theobald [Butler, 14th Baron] Lord Dunboyne to Julia, daughter of William Brander. 1 p
- 9 Undated Manuscript extracts from the letters of T. Butler of Ballycarron [probably Thomas Butler who died without issue in 1917]. The extracts appear to relate to intended changes to Mr Butler's will owing to a family dispute arising out of an inappropriate engagement. [The Barry and Butler families were related through the marriage of Thomas Butler of Ballycarron to Margaret, daughter of Standish Barry of Leamlara, in 1813.] 3 items
Extracts from letters dated 1910-1915
- 10 Undated Large notebook containing extensive manuscript notes on Barry family history, including copies of leases, deeds of mortgage and other documents; a list of documents in the Public Record Office, Dublin, relating to the Barry family; and extracts from the Windele Mss. in Queen's College Library, Cork, relating to the Roche family. Also pedigrees and pedigree notes relating to the families of Roche, O'Cahill, Haly, Brander of Pitgaveny, Southwell of Callow and Castlemattress, Hamilton of Kealagh, and Spenser of Kilcolman Castle. Reverse pages contain notes on the family finances, including the sale of the Leamlara estate in 1903; particulars of advances from trust funds to H. S. Barry; and accounts of estimated income. Also extensive accounts recording names of tenants and the size and value of their holdings, mainly in county Leitrim, and plans of and calculations relating to holdings mainly in counties Clare, Tipperary and Limerick. The latter material is probably related to James T. Barry, Solicitor, and the sale of his clients' holdings under the Land Acts. *Fragile.* 174 pp
- 11 Undated List of parishes in the barony of Clanwilliam, county Limerick, as its boundaries were defined at the time of the 1659 Census. Each page relates to a single parish and records in a tabular form the spelling of specific townland names as they appear on the Civil Survey, Down Survey, 1659 Census and the Ordnance Survey. 30 pp

**B. JAMES GRENE BARRY AND THE HOME RULE BILL
(1893)**

- 12** [1893] Exercise book entitled ‘The Home Rule Bill of Mr Glandstone 1893’, containing press cuttings of mostly letters and reports of speeches by James Grene Barry, JP, occasionally writing under the pseudonym ‘A Liberal Unionist’, opposing Gladstone’s Home Rule Bill. The book also contains a six-page manuscript entitled *Suggestions in Connection with the Proposed Local Government Bill (1891) Laid Before a Meeting of Liberal Unionists at 90 George St. by J. G. Barry Sept 23, 1891.*
- 78 pp
- 13** 1893 Loose press cuttings, originally inserted between the pages of **12**.
- 4 items
- 14** [1893] Accounts on a card embossed ‘The Country Club, Limerick’, recording the total revenue, local expenses and balance available for imperial expenses in Great Britain and Ireland.
- 1 p
- 15** [1893] Sheet entitled ‘Local Government (Ireland) Bill County Councils’, with related notes and queries.
- 3 pp
- 16** 22 March 1893 Two copies of a printed speech entitled *Speech of the Lord Emly at the Unionist Meeting in Limerick, on Wednesday, 22nd of March, 1893.* Published by the Catholic Unionists’ Association and printed by Guy and Co. Limited of Limerick.
- 2 items
- 17** 28 March 1893 Printed speech entitled *The Home Rule Bill. Controversy between a Catholic Unionist [James Grene Barry] and Protestant Home Ruler [R. Gibson],* published by the Catholic Unionists’ Association and printed by Guy and Co. Limited of Limerick.
- 4 pp

- 18** 12 September [1893?] Letter from J. A. Rentoul [Q.C.; M.P. for East Down], Kilkenny, concerning plans to canvass Grand Jury members against the Home Rule Bill.
Fragile. Outsize.
- 4 pp

C. ESTATE MATTERS (1855-1931)

I Relating to Family Estates (1860-1931)

1. Accounts and other Financial Matters (1860-1931)

- 19** 17 December 1860 Accounts relating to an auction at Sandville for the representatives of the late John Barry Esq, recording lot numbers, descriptions of each lot and amount of money realised.
- 2 items
- 20** 6 July 1913 Letter from George Hartigan, Ballinscoola, Kilmallock, to James T. Barry, Sandville, Ballyneety [county Limerick], relating to an unspecified mortgage.
- 2 pp
- 21** 13 July 1914 Letter from William Roche and Son, Solicitors, 20 Stephen's Green North, Dublin, providing instructions for the completion of deeds appointing a new Trustee and vesting for James Grene Barry's Trusts.
- 2 pp
- 22** [c. 1914] Typescript copy opinion of Mr Kennedy, B.L., prepared by A. O'Hagan & Son, 9 Harcourt Street, Dublin, concerning the irregular management of the Barry Trust Funds. For additional information on the Barry Trust Fund, see **10**.
- 3pp
- 23** 1917 Accounts entitled 'Estimated Statement of Yearly Income & Charges 1917', mainly outlining income from stocks and shares.
- 4 pp

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- 24** 1920-1931 Softback ledger entitled *Abstracts of Farm Accounts, Henry Standish Barry, Leamlara, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork, Commencing 25th March 1920*. The ledger comprises annual farm accounts, detailing farm spending and receipts, with additional lists of areas of tillage, valuations, insurance policies, loans, rent charges etc. 96 pp
- 25** [c. 1920-1930] Sheet of unspecified accounts inserted between the pages of **24**. Outsize. 2 pp
- 26** Undated Unspecified calculations on loose sheets of paper. 3 items

2. The Case of Barry v O'Shea (1880-1881)

- 27** 1881 Sheet of paper marked 'Case re trial of O'Shea v Barry 1881'. 1 p
- 28** Undated Sheet of paper marked 'Case of James Grene Barry v Niclas O'Shea, with some details relating to the case. 1 p
- 29** 21 June 1880 Letter from William O'Shea, Milestown Mills, Fethard, county Tipperary, to James G. Barry, Sandville Grange, Kilmallock, county Limerick, relating to the refusal of Barry's tenants to pay rent, and to Land League activities in the Slievenamona area. This item was originally attached to **30**. 4 pp
- 30** 26 November 1880 Resolution by tenants on Lady Louisa Fitzgibbon's property in the parish of Cloneen, county Tipperary, to refuse to pay a higher rent than Griffith's valuation pending a permanent government settlement for the land question. This item was originally attached to **29**. *Fragile*. Outsize. 4 pp

- 37** 29 September 1908 As **36**; the individual and combined values of the holdings have been added in the margin in blue ink. *Fragile*. Outsize. 1 p
- 38** 28 October 1908 Typescript copy objection of Captain James Denis Lyons of Croom House, Croom, county Limerick, prepared by William Roche & Sons Solicitors, 20 Stephen's Green North, Dublin, to the lands of Cappanahane [Cappanihane] and Cappananty being taken under the Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Act 1907. This item was originally attached to **39**. *Fragile*. Outsize. 3 pp
- 39** 27 February 1909 Typescript copy Inspector's report in cases under the Evicted Tenants Act relating to the townlands of Cappanihane and Cappananty. This item was originally attached to **38**. *Fragile*. Outsize. 3 pp
- 40** 17 May 1909 Letter from William Roche & Sons Solicitors, 20 Stephen's Green North, Dublin, to James T. Barry, Sandville, Ballyneety, county Limerick, relating to the conveyance of Cappanahane [Cappanihane] and Cappananty. 3 pp
- 41** 24 June 1912 Letter from J. D. Lyons, Cavalry Club, 127 Piccadilly, London W, to [J. T. Barry?] concerning unspecified estate matters, probably the conveyance of Cappanihane and Cappananty. 2 pp
- 42** 13 August 1912 Letter from James T. Barry, Sandville, Ballyneety, county Limerick, to J. D. Lyons, advising him not to accept the purchase terms offered for Cappananty. 2 pp
- 43** Undated Hand-drawn coloured plan of farm buildings at Cappananty to the scale of 100 feet to 1 inch. 1 p

2. The Roche Kelly Estate (Islandmore) (1907-1914)

- 44 7 May 1907 Letter from Vincent Nash, District Receiver, House & Land Agency Offices, 85 George Street, Limerick, to J. T. Barry, Sandville, Ballyneety, relating to the mapping of Major Roche Kelly's estate. 1 p
- 45 1914 Letters from William Roche & Sons Solicitors, 20 Stephen's Green North, Dublin, to James G. Barry, Sandville, Ballyneety, county Limerick, with some copy attachments of correspondence with Richard A. MacNamara, Solicitor, Westmoreland House, 35 & 36 Westmoreland Street, Dublin, concerning the apportionment of the head rents of the Islandmore estate, part of which was being sold by Colonel Roche Kelly. In two folders. *Fragile.* 26 items

3. The Russell Estates (Cloughaderreen and Ballyneety) (1906-1908)

- 46 29 June 1906 Letter from John Ryan, Solicitor, 100 George Street, Limerick, to J. T. Barry, Sandville, Ballyneety, county Limerick, relating to a discrepancy in the boundaries of Quirke's holding at Cloughaderreen [Cloughaderreen]. 1 p
- 47 1 October 1906 Letter from G[eorge] Farmer, Limerick Estates Office, Barrington Street, Limerick, to James [T.] Barry, Sandville, requesting a survey for the sale of Mrs Russell's property at Cloughaderreen [Cloughaderreen], near Pallas, and enclosing particulars of rental (for which see 48). 1 p
- 48 Undated Rental of the estate of Mrs Elizabeth Russell, Glenview, for the townland of Cloughaderreen [Cloughaderreen], listing tenants' names and the size and rental of their holdings. Also see 47. 1 p

- 49 5 October 1906 List entitled 'Russell Estate Cloghaderreen', recording names of tenants and the size and value of their holdings.
1 p
- 50 10 October 1908 Letter from G[eorge] Farmer, North British & Mercantile Insurance Company, Barrington Street, Limerick, to J. T. Barry, requesting a survey of Mrs Russell's Ballyneety estate and including a list of tenants and the value of their holdings.
2 pp

4. The Sullivan Estate (Ballyfoleen) (1906)

- 51 2 October 1906 Letter from Vincent Nash, District Receiver, House & Land Agency Offices, 85 George Street, Limerick, to James T. Barry, Sandville, Ballyneety, county Limerick, enclosing an Ordnance Survey map and valuation of Sullivan's estate of Ballyfolin [Ballyfoleen].
1 p
- 52 Undated Section of the second edition Ordnance Survey map pasted on a piece of cardboard, showing the townlands of Ballyfoleen North and Ballyfoleen South. The townland boundaries have been highlighted in red ink.
1 p
- 53 Undated List of tenants on the townland of Ballyfoleen North written on a compliment slip bearing Vincent Nash's address.
2 pp

5. The Synan Estates (Carnane and Rathjordan) (1906-1907)

- 54 1906-1907 Letters from P. Fitzgerald, Royal Exchange Assurance, Estate Office, Adare, county Limerick, to J. T. Barry, Sandville, Ballyneety, county Limerick, relating to the survey of the Carnane and Rathjordan portions of the Synan estate at Fedamore for lodgement with the Estates Commissioners.
4 items

- 55 28 January 1907 Letter from T. H. Kenny, Solicitor, 55 George Street, Limerick, to James T. Barry, Sandville, Ballyneety, relating to a discrepancy in the size of Malachy Fogarty's farm on the Synan estate. 3 pp
- 56 3 December 1906 Rental of the townland of Carnane on the Synan estate, recording the names of tenants and the size of their holdings. 1 p
- 57 Undated Rental of the townland of Carnane on the Synan estate, recording the names of tenants, yearly rent and terms of tenure. 2 pp
- 58 20 December 1906 Rental of the townland of Rathjordan on the Synan estate, recording the names of tenants and the size and value of their holdings. 4 pp
- 59 29 December 1906 Rental of the townland of Rathjordan on the Synan estate, recording the names of tenants and the size of their holdings. 2 pp
- 60 Undated Rental of the townland of Rathjordan on the Synan estate, recording tenants' names, tenure, area, rent, and poor law valuation. 3 pp

6. Other Estates (1905-1911)

- 61 13 July 1905 Notes and observations by T. H. Kenny relating to various holdings on Lord Emly's estate and to quit rent, lay tithe rent and various other dues and purchase sums. 4 pp
- 62 16 March 1906 Letter from Vincent Nash, District Receiver, House & Land Agency Offices, 85 George Street, Limerick, relating to the sale of two holdings at Garrane, Dundrum, county Tipperary. 2 pp

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| 63 | 26 March 1906 | Handwritten calculations relating to James Cleary's and Mrs Ward's holdings at Garrane. | 1 p |
| 64 | 14 May 1906 | Letter from John Ryan, Solicitor, 100 George Street, Limerick, to J. T. Barry, Sandville, Ballyneety, county Limerick, enclosing payment for unspecified work in relation to the Richardson estate. | 1 p |
| 65 | 1908 | List entitled 'Kelly Meadows', recording names/descriptions and sizes of fields. | 1 p |
| 66 | 12 September 1911 | Letter from John Condron, Kilmihill, Ballingarry, county Limerick, to J. T. Barry, relating to the rent and arrears for Donoman. | 1 p |
| 67 | 2 November 1911 | Letter from Francis Kearney & Son Solicitors, 92 George Street, Limerick, to J. T. Barry, Sandville, Ballyneety relating to holdings in dispute on the Reynolds estate. | 1 p |
| 68 | Undated | Note from John Ryan Solicitor, 100 George Street, Limerick, relating to the lands of Cooneen. | 1 p |
| 69 | Undated | Map on tracing paper of David Kelly's holding on Ballybricken South[, county Limerick]. | 1 p |
| 70 | Undated | Calculations relating to Patrick Kelly's holding at Friarstown[, county Limerick]. | 1 p |

D. ITEMS RELATING TO THE SHINE FAMILY (1821-1838)

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Assignment of Lands

Parties: Michael Shine, Ballymacreese, county Limerick, of the first part
Jeremiah Shine, Ballymacreese, county Limerick, of the second part

Property: The lands of Carrickparson situate in the liberties of the City of Limerick with all the estate right title and interest to indemnify and save harmless Jeremiah Shine and his heirs from payment of an annuity of £200 to Roger Shine their father

Term: During the lives of Roger Shine and Ellen his wife

Condition: The sum of £451 to be paid by Michael Shine by two equal instalments on 1 May and 1 November

Date: 11 June 1821

Size: 4 pp (outside)

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Assignment of Lease

Parties: William Frahill, Coolehenane [Coolyhenan], in the liberties of the City of Limerick, of the first part
Jeremiah Shine, Coolehenane [Coolyhenan], in the liberties of the City of Limerick, of the second part

Property: That part of the lands of Coolehenane [Coolyhenan] bounded on the west with the Cork road and containing according to James Cahill's survey 4 acres 2 roods and 5 perches.

Term: For the remainder of the original lease.

Condition: Forty-two pounds to be paid in hand by Shine. Yearly rent of £2 16 shillings and 3 pence to be paid by two equal instalments on 25 March and 25 September. The crop of potatoes now tilling to be dug up and taken away on or before 1 December.

Date: [17] May 1838

Size: 3 pp (outside)

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- 73 15 February 1869 Appointment on vellum by Queen Victoria of Michael Shine as Justice of the Peace for county Limerick. 2 pp
- 74 26 January 1872 Appointment on vellum by Queen Victoria of James Shine as Justice of the Peace for county Limerick. 2 pp
- 75 Undated Draft will of Michael Shine of Cooleyhenan [Coolyhenan], county Limerick, leaving the farm part of his residuary estate to his brother James, and the interest in his farm at Carrigbreilly [Carrigarreely?] to his brother Matthew. His Great Southern and Western Railway annuities to be divided equally between his sisters Mary and Kate. The insurance policy he holds on Mrs Hemsworth's life to his sister Ellen Murphy. Five hundred pounds to be held in trust for the advancement in life of his nephew and godson Jeremiah Edmund, son of his brother Matthew. His horse, 'Photograph', with his bridle, saddle and clothes to his brother Rody. The rest of his property to his brother Matthew. He appoints Matthew Shine, James Shine and Edward Beauchamp as executors. 2 pp