

More Irish Threads – The weaving begins - a continued look at the tapestry of life.

I previously wrote an article entitled “Threads” about a theory that my ancestors were part of a Protestant Irish emigration group that left Ireland in the early 1800’s after having been abandoned in Ireland for 175 years. Since writing this article I have been contacted by several individuals and have had additional dialogue regarding this topic. I have had additional material sent to me and will be incorporating that information into my database. In addition a list of individuals was provided on a County Kilkenny Ireland genealogy site and included the following paragraphs:

“Just prior to 1641, the majority of landed proprietors in County Kilkenny were Catholics of Anglo-Norman descent. ... By the end of the seventeenth century this class had largely been replaced by New English Protestant landlords, many of whom were Cromwellian officers, soldiers and supporters whose pay had been satisfied by land grants. Still a large part of Kilkenny was controlled by the Duke of Ormond and other Butler lands. Among the more prominent New English landed gentry were Colonel John Ponsonby, Colonel William Warden, Captain James Stopford, Lord Arthur Ranelagh, Sir Algernon May, John Peck, Thomas Hewetson, Captain Joseph Cuffe, the Countess of Mountrath, Colonel Daniel Redmond, Thomas Lestrangle, Sir Charles Meredith, Lt. Arthur St. George, Sir Christopher Wandesforde, Lord Vaux, Captain William Halsey, and the Duke of York.

Other Cromwellian landholders included Captain Charles Gore, Lt. Christopher Mathews, Sir George Askew, Sir Henry Pierce, Captain Thomas Tomlins, Theophilus Eaton, Colonel Oliver Wheeler, Sir Charles Wheeler, Sir John Temple, Captain John Jones, Charles Hewetson, Sir Francis Gore, Captain Isaac Jackson, Oliver Tallent, Captain Anthony Stampe, Allen Trench, John Jessop, COLONEL FRANCIS WILLOUGHBY, Captain Thomas Evans, Captain Henry Webb, Major Joseph Deane, Captain Bryan Mansergh, John Hurd, Maudlin Fisher, Major Thomas Adams, Captain George Bishop, Robert Mihill, Nathaniel Cooper, Christopher Render, Sir George Hamilton, Christopher Lovett, John Ashburnham, Sir William Petty, Captain William Shore, among others.”¹

I thought it would be an interesting exercise to take the WILLOUGHBY database and see if the other surnames listed above are indeed listed in the file. Understand that the database was developed by adding any and all WILLOUGHBY information throughout time and throughout the world. It was not developed to take into account any of the other surnames other than where they intermarried with the main family line and information was passively provided. i.e. a spouse of a WILLOUGHBY would be added and if parents or grandparents information was provided they were added but not researched.

So if my theory is to be strengthened that a group of individuals were abandoned in Ireland and overtime inter-married due to language, religion and cultural isolation, then I should see some of these surnames within the database.

¹ <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlkik/kfamily2.htm>

So, selecting each name above, a search was conducted in the database, first on Group 1 and then on Group 2. The database is approximately 20,000 individuals gleaned from a variety of sources as part of a one-name study on the Willoughby surname and reflects about 200 family lines or fragments spanning 1000 years of history. It has mainly focused on England-Ireland-Canada and Australia connections.²

Group1

Ponsonby

There is a large group of Ponsonby individuals but not directly marrying into the Willoughby line.

Warden - none

Stopford

1	James Stopford, Captain		
..	+Eleanor Morewood	- 1660	
....	2	Frances Stopford	
.....	+Charles	Willoughby	1635 - 1695
.....	3	Nicholas Willoughby	1670 -
.....		+Sarah Hattan	1670 -
.....	4	Niches Willoughby	1712 -
.....	5	Adam Willoughby (Family 01)	1742 - 1812
.....		+Clarinda	
.....	3	Adam Willaby/Willoughby (Family 121/44)	1675 -
.....	4	Elizabeth Willoughby	1697 -
.....	4	Ellen Willoughby	1697 -
....	2	William Stopford, Esq	1648 - 1683
.....		+Katherine Willoughby	1625 -
.....	3	James Stopford	- 1721
.....		+Frances Jones	
.....	4	William Stopford, Captain	- 1760
.....	4	Joseph Stopford, Captain	
.....		+Anne Chetwode	
.....	4	Anne Stopford	
.....	4	James Stopford, 1st Earl of Courtown	1700 - 1770
.....		+Elizabeth Smith/Smyth	1710 -
.....	5	Lady Anne Stopford	- 1808
.....	5	(Sir)James Stopford, 2nd Earl of Courtown	1730 - 1810
.....		+Mary Powys	1735 - 1810
.....	6	James George Stopford, 3rd Earl Stopford	1765 - 1835
.....		+Mary Scott	1769 - 1823
.....	7	James Thomas Stopford, 4th Earl of Courtown	1794 - 1858
.....		+Charlotte Albinia Montagu Douglas Scott	1799 - 1828
.....		*2nd Wife of James Thomas Stopford, 4th Earl of Courtown:	
.....		+Dorothea Pennefather	1808 - 1859
.....	7	(Sir)Montagu Stopford	1798 - 1864
.....	5	(Lt.-Gen. Hon.)Edward Stopford	
.....	6	William Henry Stopford-Blair	
.....	6	Elizabeth Katherine Stopford	
.....		+James Blair, Esq	- 1841
.....	5	Thomas Stopford, Hon and Right Rev	
.....	4	Thomas Stopford	1704 - 1771
.....	5	Mary Stopford	
....	2	James Stopford	
.....	3	James Stopford, Right Rev, Bishop of Cloyne	
.....	4	Edward Stopford, Right Hon and Most Rev	

² All examples are directly from the Willoughby one-name database as of November 2008

..... 4 Joseph Stopford

Ranelagh

1 Richard Jones, 1st Earl Ranelagh 1641 - 1710/11
.. +Elizabeth **Willoughby** 1646 - 1695
.... 2 Elizabeth Jones 1663 - 1664
.... 2 Elizabeth Jones 1665 - 1758
..... +John Kildare 1653 - 1684
.... 2 C/Katherine Jones 1668 - 1740
.... 2 Frances Jones 1671 - 1714/15
..... +Thomas Coningsby 1656 - 1729
..... 3 Frances Coningsby 1709 - 1787
..... +Charles Hanbury-Williams 1709 -
..... 4 Frances Williams 1733 - 1759
..... +William Holles Capel 1733 - 1799
..... 5 Elizabeth Capel 1760 -
..... +John Monson
..... 5 George Capel 1768 - 1839
..... 4 Charlotte Williams 1735 -
..... +Robert Boyle WALSINGHAM
..... 5 Richard Boyle WALSINGHAM 1762 -
..... 5 Charlotte Boyle Walsingham 1770 -
..... +Henry Fitzgerald
..... 6 Emily Fitzgerald
..... 6 Olivia Cecilia Fitzgerald
..... 6 Henry William Fitzgerald
..... 6 Charlotte Georgiana Elizabeth Fitzgerald
..... 6 Henrietta Mabel Fitzgerald
..... 6 John Frederick Fitzgerald
..... 6 Edward Emilius (Edwrd) Boyle Fitzgerald
..... 6 William Lennox Lascelles Fitzgerald Ros
..... +Georgiana Lennox
..... 7 Dudley Charles Fitzgerald Ros
..... 6 Augustus Frederick Fitzgerald
..... 6 Arthur John Hill Fitzgerald
..... 3 Margaret Coningsby 1711 -
..... +Michael Newton 1707 -
..... 4 John Newton 1732 - 1732/33

May

There are a couple of marriages of the surname MAY but it is too prolific to be able to tell.

Peck

The only PECK's appear in the 1400's, too early to be part of this Irish group.

Hewetson

1 Anne Hewetson 1756 -
.. +Goddard Richards 1715 -
.... 2 Solomon Richards 1758 -
..... +Elizabeth Groome 1792 -
..... 3 Edward Richards 1795 -
..... +Emily Saurin 1824 -
..... 4 Edward Richards
..... +Francis Elizabeth **Willoughby** 1829 -
..... 5 Edward **Willoughby** Richards 1865 -
..... 5 James Saurin Richards 1866 - 1905
..... 5 Amy Frances Richards 1868 -

Cuffe

1	Hugh Cuffe	1568 -	
....	2	Dorothea Cuffe	1588 -
.....		+Charles Coote, Sir, 1st Baron	1586 - 1642
.....	3	Sir Charles Coote, 1st Earl of Mountrath	1605 - 1661
.....		4	Sir Algernon Coote, sixth Earl of Mountrath
.....		4	Chidley Coote - 1697
.....	3	Colonel Childley/Chidley Coote	1605 - 1668
.....		+Miss Willoughby	1608 - [believed to be a daughter of Sir Francis Willoughby]
.....		4	Alice Coote 1631 - 1671
.....			+Michael Cole 1651 - 1709/10
.....		4	Lieut.-Col. Chidley Coote 1644 - 1702
.....			+Catherine Sandys
.....		5	Reverend Chidley Coote 1678 - 1730
.....			+Jane Evans
.....		6	Robert Coote - 1745
.....			+Anne Purden/Purdon
.....		7	Chidley Coote - 1830
.....			+Elizabeth Coote
.....			*2nd Wife of Chidley Coote:
.....			+Elizabeth Ann Carr
.....		6	Charles Coote 1689/90 - 1689/90
.....	3	Richard Coote, 1st Lord Coote, Baron of Coloony	1620 - 1683
.....	3	Thomas Coote	
.....	3	Letitia (Nicola) Coote	1625 -
.....		+(Sir)Francis Hamilton	1606 - 1673
.....		4	Hamilton 1641 -
.....			+Hugh Willoughby 1636 -

Mountrath - none

Redmond – none

Lestrangle – The Lestrangle surname marries into the Willoughby family in the 1300's.

Meredith - a couple of miscellaneous marriages

St. George – none

Wandesforde – several marriages, but in England

Vaux - Earlier marriages in England and a few descendants in Ireland

Halsey – one marriage in England

Group 2

Gore (see COOTE)

1	Ralph Gore, Sir, 4th Bart	1693 -	
..		+Elizabeth Ashe	1697 - 1740/41
....	2	Jane Gore	1718/19 -
.....		+Chidley Coote, Esq of Mount Coote	1714 - 1764
.....		3	Charles Coote, Esq of Mount Coote 1750 - 1792
.....			+Elizabeth Oliver
.....		4	Chidley Coote, Esq of Mount Coote 1776 - 1843
.....			+Anne Hewett - 1843
.....		5	Charles Chidley Coote, Esq of Mount Coote

Mathews - none

Askew – two marriages in England

Pierce – a number of marriages later in the 1800's in Canada

Tomlins – none

Eaton – several marriages later in Canada

Wheeler

1 (Bishop)Jonas Wheeler, Lord Bishop of Ossory
 2 Elizabeth Wheeler
 +(Rev)Randall Barlow, Lord Bishop of Tuam
 3 Elizabeth Barlow 1615 - 1664
 +Francis **Willoughby** Sir Knight (Family 44) 1571 - 1658/59
 4 Charles **Willoughby** 1635 - 1695
 +Frances Stopford
 5 Nicholas **Willoughby** 1670 -
 +Sarah Hattan 1670 -
 6 Niches **Willoughby** 1712 -
 7 Adam **Willoughby** (Family 01) 1742 - 1812
 +Clarinda
 7 Nicholas **Willoughby** 1750 - 1820
 7 Elizth **Willoughby** 1755 -
 5 Adam **Willaby/Willoughby** (Family 121/44) 1675 -
 6 Elizabeth **Willoughby** 1697 -
 6 Ellen **Willoughby** 1697 -
 *2nd Husband of Elizabeth Barlow:
 +William Hay 1620 - 1634/35
 *3rd Husband of Elizabeth Barlow:
 +(Sir)Francis Hamilton 1606 - 1673

Temple - none

Jones – (see RANELAGH)

Hewetson

1 Anne Hewetson 1756 -
 .. +Goddard Richards 1715 -
 2 Solomon Richards 1758 -
 +Elizabeth Groome 1792 -
 3 Edward Richards 1795 -
 +Emily Saurin 1824 -
 4 Edward Richards
 +Francis Elizabeth **Willoughby** 1829 -
 5 Edward **Willoughby** Richards 1865 -
 5 James Saurin Richards 1866 - 1905
 5 Amy Frances Richards 1868 -

Jackson - a number of Jackson's appeared in the database, but one of interest showed that there had been some Willoughby connection in the past - Harker Willoughby

Jackson

Tallent – none

Stampe – none

Jessop – a couple of marriages later in Canada

Evans – a number of individuals, nothing to distinguish a line

Webb – two individuals

Deane – a number of marriages later in Canada under surname Dean

Mansergh - none

Hurd – none

Fisher – married into Willoughby line in England circa 1700's

Adams – a number of marriages later in Canada

Bishop – one marriage later in Canada

Mihill – none

Cooper

1 Thomas Cooper 1534 -
 2 Anne Cooper 1570 -
 +Nicholas Coote, Sir, Knight 1570 -
 3 Charles Coote, Sir, 1st Baron 1586 - 1642
 +Dorothea Cuffe 1588 -
 4 Sir Charles Coote, 1st Earl of Mountrath 1605 - 1661
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 7 Robert Coote - 1745
 +Anne Purden/Purdon
 7 Charles Coote 1689/90 - 1689/90
 4 Richard Coote, 1st Lord Coote, Baron of Coloony 1620 - 1683
 4 Thomas Coote
 4 Letitia (Nicola) Coote 1625 -
 +(Sir)Francis Hamilton 1606 - 1673
 5 Hamilton 1641 -
 +Hugh **Willoughby** 1636 -

Render - none Hamilton

1 (Sir)Alexander Hamilton, Knight
 2 Claud Hamilton - 1618/19
 +Jane Lauder - 1642
 3 (Sir)Francis Hamilton 1606 - 1673
 +Letitia (Nicola) Coote 1625 -
 4 Hamilton 1641 -
 +Hugh **Willoughby** 1636 -
 *2nd Wife of (Sir)Francis Hamilton:
 +Elizabeth Barlow 1615 - 1664

Lovett – a few marriages Ashburnham – one marriage Petty – none although Pettit occurs Shore – later in Canada

1 Shore - 1819
 .. +Ann Willoughby (Family 41) 1796 - 1889
 2 John Willoughby Shore 1818 - 1908
 +Frances Acres 1821 - 1908
 3 Ann Shore 1847 -
 3 Thomas Acres Shore 1847 - 1914
 +Mary Ann(e) Conn 1855 - 1889
 4 Emma Shore 1879 -
 4 Francis Shore 1880 -
 3 William H Shore 1849 -
 3 Frances Shore 1851 -
 3 Susannah Shore 1853 - 1933
 3 Jane Shore - 1874
 3 John Willoughby Shore 1859 -
 +unknown - 1903
 *2nd Wife of John Willoughby Shore:
 +Jean Victoria Lovick 1875 -
 3 Maud E Shore 1861 -
 3 Alice Olivia Shore 1863 -
 +J C Andrew

..... 3 Evangeline Shore 1865 - 1949
..... 3 Mary Muriel Shore

Some of the surnames I already recognise from earlier marriages in England between family members of the Willoughby family such as **Lestrange, Wandesforde and Vaux.**

So it appears that at least initially following the conflict in Ireland in the mid-1600's that several of the families inter-married with the Willoughby lineage. As time passed what surfaces in Canada in the early 1800's are remnants of these surnames in name places and as given names to individuals.

For example, John Willoughby SHORE is an example of how two surnames from this early time period reflect the continued inter-marriage of family members almost two centuries later.

It is also interesting to note that Group 1 were the majority of names already connected with Willoughby, while Group 2 are names I recognise amongst the descendants in Canada. This may be an indication of prior relationships amongst the command force that was sent to Ireland and then new relationships forged amongst the rank and file from their isolation in Ireland.

So, to the original group of surnames of interest - **Lambert, Monck, Hastings, Walton, Howard, Baillie, Morgan, Baynes, Standish, Gerard, Greer, Markham, Kellie, Lindsay/Lindsey, Furlong, Kidd, Willoughby, Hamilton, Beatty, Russell, Thompson, Robinson, Walker** – can be added - **Ponsonby, Warden, Stopford, Ranelagh, May, Peck, Hewetson, Cuffe, Redmond, Lestrange, Meredith, St. George, Wandesforde, Vaux, Halsey, Gore, Mathews, Askew, Pierce, Tomlins, Eaton, Wheeler, Temple, Jones, , Sir, Jackson, Tallent, Stampe, Trench, Jessop, Evans, Webb, Deane, Mansergh, Hurd, Fisher, Adams, Bishop, Mihill, Cooper, Render, Lovett, Ashburnham, Petty and Shore.** A few additional names have been supplied by members including **Rudd and Tottenham.**

It will be interesting to now widen the search and include the surnames that are NOT currently directly tied into the Willoughby database but investigate if there are additional cross-marriages amongst these surnames. It is the hope of the author that this will then reflect more information back on the Willoughby connections.

If you have a story in your family about “being part of Cromwell’s forces” or descend from the above lines and can provide a “Thread” thru Ireland please contact me at jamaldridge@rogers.com.