

## More Irish Threads – The weaving begins to take shape.

I previously wrote two articles on “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.

It seems only fitting in this year of 2009, their 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary, to mention the Palatinate threads that are also in Ireland. These families make a distinct list of surnames that are neither Irish, Scotch nor English but are based on an immigration of families from Germany. When conducting research in Ireland it helps to be able to distinguish the historical roots of the surname which may then guide you to specific repositories of information in remote locales of Ireland. Specifically it helps to know if the surname is based in Scottish or English roots which may lead to information on the Plantation period (roughly 1600 to 1800’s), German Palatinate (1709 to 1800’s), the early Plantation period in the south of Ireland or a surname native to the Irish people. Briefly compare the surnames McAfee, Willoughby, Beatty and Maguire, all of which I have in my own tree, to see the Scottish, English and Irish influences. Yet all of these surnames are recorded as “Ireland” in various Canadian Census records.

Although I can not claim Palatinate roots in my own lineage, I have been working on a number of Irish lineages that can claim descent from these families. In particular I have been following one family line that has roots in Germany, a Palatinate period in Ireland and then migrates and inter-marries with a First Nation family in Canada.

While I do not want to discuss the history of these families in Germany and Ireland (there are other endeavours underway through a special interest group (SIG) of OGS covering this information) a brief definition of the group is in order:

“Palatines, Protestant refugees from the Rhineland palatinate in Germany who arrived in England in 1709. Eight hundred and twenty one families, containing more than 3,000 persons, were sent on to Ireland. By 1720 only 162 families remained. Of these 103 were settled on the Southwell estate in Co. Limerick, and 35 on the estate of Abel Ramm in Co. Wexford, with smaller groups in Co. Cork and in Dublin... The Limerick Palatines, despite some defections to Catholicism, remained culturally and religiously distinctive, with high rates of endogamy. [Marriage within a particular group in accordance with custom.] They responded enthusiastically to early Methodist preaching, and Wesley visited them several times. In the 1820s they became the targets of sectarian hostility from local agrarian societies. This exacerbated an already high propensity to emigrate, and by the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century they had largely ceased to exist as a separate group.”<sup>1</sup>

As many of them came to Canada at the same time as other Scotch-Irish and English-Irish immigrants, it seems fitting that their surnames should also be identified as another “thread” to keep in mind when conducting your research.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.encyclopedia.com/doc/1O245-palatines.html>

So what are some of the surnames that make up this group and what are some of the characteristics that you might note in tracing through the Irish timeframe?

### *Descendants of Rynard/Reynard/Rhinehart*

1 Rynard/Reynard/Rhinehart  
 ..... 2 John Rynard 1772 -  
 ..... +Catherine Lodowick 1768 -  
 ..... 3 Philip Raynard 1801 - 1885  
 ..... +Frances (Ann) Holland 1821 - 1906  
 ..... 4 John R Raynard 1840 - 1918  
 ..... +Margaret Saunders 1849 -  
 ..... 5 William C Raynard 1869 - February  
 ..... +Ethel Kerfoot 1875 -  
 ..... 6 Harvey Raynard 1901 -  
 ..... 6 Lillian Raynard 1911 -  
 ..... 6 William Raynard 1918 -  
 ..... 5 Philip Raynard 1880 - 1909  
 ..... 5 Estelle (Stella) Raynard 1882 - 1925  
 ..... +Albert Bedford  
 ..... 5 Cassie/Cassey Vanetta/Bennetta Raynard 1888 -  
 ..... +Dr J E Kitley  
 ..... 5 George Raynard May - 1952  
 ..... +Mary Stuckey  
 ..... 5 Florence Susan Raynard 1875 - 1952  
 ..... +James A Currie  
 ..... 4 Reuben Raynard 1844 -  
 ..... 4 George Raynard 1847 - 1933  
 ..... +Margaret Hill 1857 -  
 ..... 5 Fanny Raynard 1883 -  
 ..... +Fletcher  
 ..... 5 David John Raynard 1888 -  
 ..... 5 George Holland Raynard 1892 -  
 ..... 5 Grace Ellen Raynard 1898 -  
 ..... +Cottle  
 ..... 4 Maria Raynard 1849 - 1936  
 ..... +David Brown  
 ..... 4 Henry Raynard 1851 - 1933  
 ..... +Mary Ann Campbell 1861 -  
 ..... 5 James R Raynard 1890 -  
 ..... 5 Mary Etta Raynard 1893 -  
 ..... 5 Edward H Raynard 1895 -  
 ..... 5 John Wesley Raynard 1889 -  
 ..... 5 Jennette/Janette S Raynard 1902 -  
 ..... 4 Frances Raynard 1854 - 1877  
 ..... +Robert Talbot  
 ..... 4 Philip Raynard 1856 - 1930  
 ..... 4 Wesley Holland Raynard 1858 - 1922  
 ..... +Mary Ethel Slater 1852 - October  
 ..... 5 Alice/Quinie Raynard 1880 -  
 ..... 5 Mary Ethel Raynard 1884 -  
 ..... +Duncan Graham 1876 -  
 ..... 6 Deleon Graham 1905 -  
 ..... 6 Lara Graham 1907 -  
 ..... 5 George Phillip Raynard 1886 -  
 ..... +Dorothy Grace Dibsdales  
 ..... 5 Annie Myrtle Raynard 1888 - 1959  
 ..... +John Robinson 1882 - 1959  
 ..... 6 John Wesley (Wes) Robinson 1920 - 1972  
 ..... +Myrtle Adilene Smith 1927 - 1978  
 ..... 7 living Robinson 1952 -  
 ..... +Rainer Kolbe  
 ..... 6 Marion Robinson  
 ..... +E McCabe  
 ..... 6 Helene Robinson

.....			+E Weatherall	
.....	3	William Raynard	1809 - 1881	
.....	4	Christopher Raynard	1844 -	
.....		+Elizabeth Jane Armstrong	1848 -	
.....	5	Lucy Raynard	1874 -	
.....	4	Elizabeth Raynard		
.....	4	John Raynard		
.....	4	Joseph Raynard	1851 -	
.....		+Caroline/Catherine (Kate) Jackson	1856 -	
.....	5	William *Austin Sylvester Raynard		1880 - 1964
.....	6	Hazel Raynard		
.....		+Clarence Clarke		
.....	6	Susan Raynard		
.....		+George Yeo		
.....	6	Wilfred *Sylvester Raynard		1905 -
.....	6	Joseph *John Raynard	1907 -	
.....	6	Cecil Raynard	1909 -	
.....	5	John Irwin Sparling Raynard	1887 -	
.....		+Winnifred Hazel Coates		
.....	6	Joseph Austin Raynard		1913 - 1913
.....	4	Rebecca Raynard	1853 -	
.....		+Irwin Jackson	1851 -	
.....		+Margaret Simple/Sample/Semple	1821 -	
.....	4	Mary Ann Raynard	1868 -	
.....		+Samuel Cook	1863 -	
.....	3	George Raynard	1813 -	
.....	3	John Raynard	1816 -	
.....	4	Annie Raynard	1860 -	
.....	4	Hedley Raynard	1861 -	
.....	4	John Raynard	1864 -	
.....	3	Jane Raynard		
.....		+William Raynard		

In this example a number of Palatinate surnames are in evidence: Raynard, Rhinehard, Rynard and Lodowick.

In particular to characteristics: The surname surfaces in Ireland in the mid to late 1700's; the first few generations reflect only the palatinate surnames; later generations reflect inter-marriage into other groups. In particular the families in the 1800's reflect the Canadian mosaic as many immigrated to Canada at that time – Armstrong, Clarke, Graham and Robinson. These families tend to be well documented compared to the Catholic Irish families that surrounded them in the larger population.

Many of the surnames are names that I have heard in Ontario throughout my life: BAKER, BARROWBIER/BARROW, BERGHMAN/BARKMAN/BARTMAN, BETHEL, BENNER/BINNER, BOVANIZER/BOVENIZER/BOHANIZER, BOWEN/BOWERMAN/BOWMAN, COACH, COLE, DOBE/DOUBE/DOUPE, DELMEGE/DULMAGE, EMBURY, FIZELLE/FITZELL/PHIZZLE, FYFFE, GILLARD, GLAZIER, HARTRICKS, LATCHFORD, LEGEAR/LEGIER/LIGIER, LEDWIG/LODWIG/LUDWIG/LODOWICK, LOWES, MICH, MILLAR, MODLAR, PIPER/PYER/PYPER, REYNARD/RHEINHARD/RHINEHART/RYNARD, RODENBUCHER, RUTTLE/RUCKEL/RUCKLE, SCHMIDT/SMYTHE, SCHMACHER, SHIER/SHIRE, SHOULTACE/SHOULDICE, SPARLING, STARK, SWITZER, TESKEY, ZEIGLERS

(This list is not an exhaustive list, only intended to make readers aware of another potential source of their Irish roots.)

For those wishing more information:-

[http://www.irishpalatines.org/shop/shop\\_journal.html](http://www.irishpalatines.org/shop/shop_journal.html)

Finally, one last group of surnames that you may find in your Irish Threads – English names associated with an earlier plantation/invasion period in the south of Ireland circa 1100's. These surnames are almost swallowed up in the larger Irish population. Unlike the Palatinate group above, these English families heavily integrated into the general population. By the time that the second English plantation period began in the 1600's the first group was firmly established in the Irish political and cultural landscape.

In my Willoughby database I have encountered several of these surnames – Carew, Furlong, Prendergast, Russell and Sutton.

For a more complete listing, the following website can be referenced.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlkik/ihtm/invasion.htm>

Again, Ireland has a number of obstacles in researching that make it a more frustrating but potentially rewarding country to conduct research in, knowing your surname origins can only help.