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Eustace Families in Multyfarnham, County West *Compiled by David F. Carberry & Ronald F. Eustice*



Franciscan Friary at Multyfarnham

Multyfarnham's greatest claim to fame is the Franciscan friary, founded seven centuries ago and still providing its visitors with a peaceful retreat. The friary of Multyfarnham was founded in 1236 and became a renowned centre of learning. In the 15th century the friars rebuilt their church and its tower and some of the walls survived the removal of the walls and other damage in the 17th century. The friary survived centuries of persecution, generations of people stayed nearby until 1839 when a new church was built, centred on the ruins of the old church with its ancient tower, and the friary became fully established once more. The features in particular make Multyfarnham a very special place. The first is the secluded garden, shaded by old trees, where there are outdoor Stations of the Cross. The second is the brilliant modern statue of Richard King. Its central figures are the Virgin Mary with silver chains around their necks, which commemorates the ancient legend of the Virgin Mary's chains.

James Eustace and Bridget Evers of Multyfarnham:

James Eustace and Bridget Evers were married before 1824 and lived in Multyfarnham Parish. They were Roman Catholic and the parents of at least one child;

- Edward; baptized 23 November 1824; sponsors were Patrick Spollan and Sharky.

Edward Eustace and Bridget Allen of Multyfarnham:

Edward Eustace and Bridget Allen lived in Multyfarnham and were married before 1824. They were the parents of at least one child;

- Ellen; baptized 11 May 1824 at Multyfarnham; sponsors Elizabeth Gillis and Sharky.

James Eustace and Margaret Donoho of Multyfarnham:

James Eustace and Margaret Donoho were married on 6 February 1826 in Multyfarnham Parish. Their sponsors were Laurence Rooney and Ellen McLoughlin.

William Eustace and Elizabeth Dalton of Multyfarnham:

William Eustace and his wife Elizabeth Dalton lived in Multyfarnham Parish, near Cullenhugh, County Westmeath. They were married before 1830 (record not found) and became parents of at least eight children all baptized at Multyfarnham;

1. Ann; baptized 15 April 1830; sponsors Peter Gaynor and Mary Dalton;
2. James; baptized 1 Oct. 1831; sponsors were Michael Ferrall and Ellen Wynne;
3. Michael; baptized 18 June 1833 at Church of St. Nicolas; sponsors Richard Wallace and Anne Glenon;
4. Thomas; baptized 19 Jan. 1835; sponsors Richard Wallace and Mary Wynne;
5. Patrick; baptized 11 July 1837; sponsors John Flood and Mary Wynne;
6. Mary; baptized 3 February 1840; sponsors were James Eustace and Catherine Serteant;
7. Bridget; baptized 8 October 1842; sponsors were Edward Wynne and Bridget Dalton;
8. Elizabeth; baptized 30 September 1845; sponsors were James Eustace and Elizabeth Dalton.

Elizabeth (Dalton) Eustace, of the Townland of Cullenhugh, died 1 July 1882 at an advanced age in the presence of her son Patrick. William Eustace died 14 April 1887 at an advanced age (*the records say 101 years*) in Cullenhugh, in the presence of his son Michael. William Eustace married Catherine McKernan on 4 November 1864 per Mullingar, County Westmeath records. They had a son W. Eustace who was present when Michael died on 23 April 1887 in Cullenhugh.

Richard Griffith's Valuation (1848-1864) lists a William Eustace, Parish Leny, Townland Cullenhugh, County Westmeath as a householder. It also lists a Patrick Eustace, Parish Leny, Townland Cullenhugh, County Westmeath. There is a high probability that this may be father and son respectively. Although William Eustace and Elizabeth Dalton lived in the same townland, Michael and Catherine (Parker) Eustace listed below, a link has not been positively determined but it is likely they are of the same extended family.

2. Michael; baptized 17 Sep. 1828; at Multyfarnham; sponsors were Michael and Bridget Eustace;
3. Patrick; born 1 July 1831; baptized at Multyfarnham; sponsors were Patrick and Catherine Ferrall;
4. Edward; baptized 2 May 1834 at Multyfarnham; sponsors were William and Catherine Rooney;
5. John; born 1 September 1837). Sponsors for John Eustace are listed as John and Jane Eustace. *Note that the Dalton link may indicate a connection between the family and William and Elizabeth (Dalton) Eustace above.*

Michael Eustace and Catherine Parker of Brunbrosna, Multyfarnham Parish

Michael Eustace son of Patrick and Mary (Rooney) Eustace was baptized 17 September 1828 at Multyfarnham Parish, County Westmeath. Additional children born to Patrick and Mary (Rooney) Eustace included; William, (born 6 October 1824); Patrick, (born 1 July 1831); John, (born 1 September 1837).

Michael Eustace married Catherine Parker, daughter of Daniel Parker and Margareta (Marcella) Geraghty (also Geraty) of Corrydonnellan Townland, Rathowen Parish, County Westmeath, sometime before October 1865. Michael died 21 January 1910 in Tullyfarnham, Westmeath and Catherine (Parker) Eustace died 10 February 1907. Michael and Catherine Eustace lived in Brunbrosna, Multyfarnham, County Westmeath, Ireland. The parents ten children born between 1866 to 1882. Brunbrosna is a Townland in Multyfarnham Parish located about three kilometers south of the village of Multyfarnham. Five members of the family emigrated to the USA and settled in the New Haven, Connecticut area.

Family of Michael Eustace and Catherine Parker

