
Andrew ALLWELL (1827-1894) is the great (x2) grandfather of Richard Michael WHITCHURCH-BENNETT

Name: Andrew ALLWELL

Individual Events and Attributes

Birth	1827	Belturbet, CAV, Ireland ¹
Death	2 Apr 1894	Christchurch, New Zealand ²
Burial	4 Apr 1894	Christchurch, New Zealand ³
Probate	20 Aug 1894	Christchurch, New Zealand ⁴

Marriage

Spouse	Bridget BOLGER (1830-1883)	
Children	James ALLWELL (1853-1928)	
	Andrew ALLWELL (1855-1880)	
	Thomas ALLWELL (1857-1886)	
	Patrick Joseph ALLWELL (1859-1929)	
	Francis ALLWELL (1862-)	
Marriage	Margaret ALLWELL (1864-1887)	
	9 May 1852	Tomacork, WIC, Ireland ⁵

Individual Note

He was born in 1827 in Belturbet, Co Cavan, Ireland.

By 1847, he may have lived close to Denn, a Parish situated on the Ballyjamesduff to Cavan road, or more likely Killashandra, a Parish situated near to Cavan. [NB Father John Brady, who recommended him for employment in the Irish Constabulary in 1847, was Curate of Killashandra Parish at that date].

He joined the Irish Constabulary on 27 May 1847 on the recommendation of a Killashandra Parish Priest, the Reverend John Brady. His police number was 10657 and he was allocated to Depot 0.4 in County Wicklow. His service record shows that he joined at the age of 19, was 5 feet 9 inches tall, a native of County Cavan, a Catholic and a labourer. It also records that he married on 2 June 1854 and that his wife was a native of County Wicklow. [NB The marriage date is erroneous as he married on 9 May 1852].

On 2 March 1865 he was imprisoned overnight at Richmond Bridewell Prison for being drunk. "The Richmond Bridewell Registry of Drunkards" entry number 93 records his name as Mr Allwell; Age as 38, Religion as C; Where Born as Belturbet; Sentence as 24 Hrs; Fine as 2/6; Divisional Office as C; Date of Committal as 1865 Mar 2; and Date of Discharge as 1865 Mar 3;

He was promoted twice, to P.A.C. on 1 December 1866 and to P.Con on 1 February 1868 after the formation in September 1867 of the Royal Irish Constabulary. His Pension Record shows that he was a police sergeant, although the date of promotion is not shown in his record of service. Having served for 30 years and 5 months, he retired on 1 November 1877.

Between 1866-1869 he was the Constable in Charge at the Police Station in Grange, Co Wicklow. [National Archives reference HO184 piece 89 "RIC Constabulary Lists Volume 9" page 111].

He is recorded in "Slater's Royal National Commercial Directory of Ireland 1870" as the Constable in Charge of The Grange Constabulary Station.

His Royal Irish Constabulary Pension started on 1 November 1877 and was initially paid to him at Tinahely in the sum of £71 per annum. The Royal Irish Constabulary Pension Register for the financial year ended 31 March 1878 records that he was paid the net sum of £11. 13s. 2d. in January 1878 covering the period November-December 1877 and £17. 11s. 5d. in April 1878 covering the period January-March 1878. This was after deduction of 3s. 7d. per quarter as a contribution to the Constabulary Force Fund, which he continued to pay until 1 July 1888. For the year ended 31 March 1879, it is recorded that he was paid net amounts of £17. 11s. 5d quarterly in Tinahely. For the year ended 31 March 1880, it is recorded that he received a net amount of £17. 11s. 5d paid to him in July 1879 in Tinahely, plus "One Year's advance of pension from 1 July 1879 granted to Andw: Allwell to enable him to Emigrate to New Zealand". The net sum paid to him by way of advance was £69 11s. 6d. on 8 July 1879. (National Archives reference PM48, piece 8).

Future net quarterly payments of £17 11s. 5d were then made to him in New Zealand through the Colonial Treasurer in Auckland, commencing 1 October 1880 until 18 October 1888. (National Archives references PMG48, piece 8, 11 and 15).

In the Pension Register covering the period 1 April 1887 to 31 March 1891, there are marginal notes recording "File 9561 54431 F. Margaret Allwell died 8 Decr: 87. Colonial Treasurer directed to make no further deductions fr: 14 Dec.87. £8. 15 paid to Mr Bolger & balance remitted to Allwell 9561 54431" and also "Ceased to subscribe to C.F.F. from 1st July 1888". [National Archives reference PMG48, piece 15]. From July 1888, the pension paid to him quarterly from Auckland was £17 15s. and this amount is recorded as having been paid from 12 January 1889 to 27 April 1894. The Pension Register covering the period 1 April 1891 to 31 March 1895 has a marginal note "Died 2 April 1894" and there is a final payment recorded of £18 2s. 9d paid on 12 January 1895. (National Archives reference PMG48, piece 20).

The Colonial Treasurer in Auckland records the pension payments made to him between 1 October 1880 and 31 March 1886 in the "British Half Pay Civil Pension List 1865-1886". On page 214, under the heading "Department" is written "Royal Irish Constabulary Andrew Allwell Pensioner 12 November 1877 @ £71. 0. 0 per Annum. No:44 Deduct 3/7 per Quarter for Reward Fund". It then records the gross amount of £17 15s. 0d pension and a deduction of 3/7 per quarter, with the net payments made to him at his Christchurch residence. Against the 2 January 1884 payment, there is a note recording "£8. 0. 0 Stopped for wife & daughter in Ireland" and from the 2 April 1884 payment there is a note recording "stoppage £5. 0. 0. ditto ditto". Then against the 1 July 1884 payment there is a note recording "Stoppage £5. 0. 0 for daughter wife dead". Thereafter from 3 October 1884 onwards, £5. 0. 0 has been stopped for his daughter. The final entry reads "To page 415 New Book". [NB The Colonial Treasurer's records from 1 April 1886 have not yet been researched].

He lived until his death, probably also with his son Patrick Joseph Allwell in the 1880's, at Burke's Family and Commercial Hotel, which was on the corner of High Street and Manchester Street in the centre of Christchurch. The proprietor was Pat Burke.

He is recorded in the City of Christchurch section of the 'New Zealand Electoral Roll 1893 - South Island Christchurch' Roll number 191 as being a resident at Burke's Hotel and a Pensioner. [Society of Genealogists reference Mfc 25 of 43].

He died on 2 April 1894 at Christchurch Hospital, New Zealand. The Death Certificate records the dated of death as 2 April 1894; the place of death as Christchurch Hospital; the cause of death as being Apoplexy Verdict of Jury; his age as 70 years; his place of birth as Ireland; the number of years living in New Zealand as 15; his usual occupation as Ex Policeman; the date of burial as 5 April 1894; and the place of burial as Public Cemetery. [NB The Warrant of Interment records the date of burial as 4 April 1894].

He was buried on 4 April 1894 at Linwood Cemetery, Christchurch, New Zealand in Lot No. 116 in Block No. 40. The Application for Warrant of Interment dated 4 April 1894 records his occupation as a Pensioner; his address as Burkes Hotel; his date of death as Monday, 2 April 1894; his place of birth as Ireland; his age as 70 years; his years in New Zealand as 15; and his date of burial as 4 April 1894.

He died intestate, but his real and personal estate was administered by the New Zealand Public Trustee on 16 August 1894 and probate was filed on 20 August 1894. The documents read as follows. '2726 In the Supreme Court of New Zealand, Canterbury District IN THE MATTER OF THE REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE OF Andrew Allwell late of Christchurch in the Provincial district of Canterbury. Pensioner deceased, intestate. ELECTION OF THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE TO ADMINISTER. New 20/8/94'. [Signed and dated 20/8/94 over a Three Shilling New Zealand Stamp Duty stamp].

'94/5351 In the Supreme Court of New Zealand, Canterbury District. In the matter of "The Public Trust Office Act, 1872," and the Acts amending the same; and In the matter of "The Administration Act, 1879," and the Acts amending the same; and In the matter of the real and personal estate of Andrew Allwell, late of Christchurch, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, Pensioner deceased, intestate. Whereas it has been reported to the Public Trustees, and is reasonable cause of belief, that Andrew Allwell late of Christchurch, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, Pensioner died on or about the 2nd day of April, 1894, intestate: And whereas as now known the real and personal estate of the said deceased is set forth in the schedule or list thereof written on the third page hereof, and the estimated value of the same does not, in the opinion of the Public Trustee at this date, exceed £250: Now this is to notify to all whom it may concern that in pursuance of the provisions of section 8 of "The Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Act, 1893," the Public Trustee doth hereby ELECT TO ADMINISTER the property of the said Andrew Allwell, deceased. As witness the hand of James Kemmix Warburton the duly appointed the Public Trustee for the time being, and the Public Trustee hath also hereunto affixed his seal of office this Sixteenth day of August, 1894. [signed] J K Warburton Public Trustee'

'SCHEDULE OR LIST OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE ESTATE OF Andrew Allwell, DECEASED. Estimated value.

Pension due £17: 15: -

Clothing £1: 7: 9.

Jewellery £1: 10: -

Freehold land Lot 15 of R.S. 71. Block 91. Sydenham. 17. perches. £25.

Total £45: 12: 9'

Note on Marriage to Bridget BOLGER

Andrew Alwell and Bridget Bolger were married on 9 May 1852 at St Bridget's RC Church, Tomacork, County Wicklow. The Marriage Register records the date of marriage as 1852 May 9th; their names as Andrew Allwell & Bridget Bulger; Patrick & Elen Simpson as witnesses of the marriage; and their residence as Tombrain.

Sources

1. "Royal Irish Constabulary Service Record". National Archives reference HO184/6.
2. "Death Certificate (NZ)". New Zealand Death Registration Number 1894003164.
3. "Cemetery Burial Register". City of Christchurch Warrant of Internment dated 4 April 1894.
4. "Supreme Court of New Zealand, Canterbury Probate Document". Archives New Zealand reference CH171 CH2726/1894.
5. "Marriage Register". St Bridget RC Church Tomacork Marriage Register 1847-1907. (National Library of Ireland reference 04256/05).