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Prerogative Court; Ireland

1679 August 28

Probate of Will dated 15 May 1679 of John Montgomery of Croghan, Co Donegal, Gent.

Body to be buried in the church of Lifford

To son John Montgomery this heirs for ever, the ~~four~~ ~~messuages~~ of lands of Carran, ~~in~~ the barony of Raphoe, Co Donegal, after the decease of his mother, she having an estate for her life in the same. Also to said son John ~~his~~ ~~messuages~~ the ~~great~~ lands of Castleogery ~~in~~ the barony of Boylagh ~~Managh~~ in said county, said John paying the chief rent & also paying unto his mother one third part of the profits thereof during her life.

Also to said John the ~~messuages~~ of lands called Carrichshandrum, ~~in~~ the barony of Raphoe ~~and~~

and ~~the~~ ~~messuages~~ of ~~lands~~ ~~called~~ ~~the~~ ~~messuages~~ of lands of Kellcadden, held by lease from the Lord Bishop of Derry & £100

- To my second son Alexander Montgomery £15.0
- " son Robert £106. 13. 0
- " daughter Katherine £70
- " " Nicholas £15.0

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To daughter Rebecca £4,0

To my four daughters viz Margaret, Mary Elizabeth & Anne £62. 10. 0 each

To wife the rents of the ~~quart~~ lands of Castleogery —
Executors my kinsman To John Leslie, Rector of Urny
his John Hamill my brother William Montgomery.
Oversees. my kinsman Rev his John Leslie of
Glasgoge & Hugh Hamill of Strabane, & Tyrone Esq

Witnesses

Hugh Hamill
Wm. Montgomery
Henry Mackenny.

~~Proved by John Leslie S.T.D.
John Hamill William
Montgomery Esq.~~

~~S. Y. D. =~~

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HISTORY & LORE

John Montgomery of Croghan and his Descendants

by Helen Montgomery Meehan

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The eldest son of Alexander Montgomery Prebend of Doe and Margaret Conyngham was John known as John of Croghan. Croghan is the name of a large hill near Lifford on the banks of the River Finn.

When the Rebellion of 1641 broke out John joined the army of his kinsman Hugh the 3rd Viscount of the Ardes where he was promoted to Major. This army was opposed by the Parliamentary army of Coote and Venables who after taking the main Ulster towns from their Royalist garrisons routed the Royalists at Lisnastrain near Lisburn, County Down.

We don't know the surname of John's wife Dorcas but we learn the names of the other family members from his will proved in August 1679. He wished to be buried at Lifford Church. To his eldest son John he gave his lands at Carran and Carrickshandrum in Raphoe Barony and the Quarter of land of Cashelogy in Banagh. Cashelogy belonged to the Murray Broughton Estate originally but when a dispute arose between claimants to the estate on the death of James Murray in 1658 much of the land had to be sold to pay for the costly lawsuits. In this way John Montgomery, the Conynghams of Mountcharles and others got land in Inver Parish in the Barony of Banagh.

To his second son Alexander he gave £140. Alexander had married Elizabeth Cole the heiress to the Cole Estate in Ballyleck, County Monaghan and lived near Monaghan Town. This Alexander was the ancestor of the Montgomerys of Ballyleck, Convoy, Beaulieu and the Montgomery-Moores.

To his third son Robert known in history as Robert of Anarea he gave £100. Robert had married Isabel daughter of James Leslie and is the ancestor of the Bessamount and Drumbortagh branches of the family.

He also left legacies to his daughters Kathleen, Nichola, Rebecca, Margaret, Mary, Elizabeth and Anne.

The Williamite Wars

John the eldest son married firstly Catherine daughter of Rev. Auchinleck of Clones. He is described in the Montgomery Manuscripts as a "tall proper person; as comely with all as one shall see in a summer's day." When the War of the Two Kings (James II and William III) began in Ireland Sir Albert Conyngham raised a regiment of dragoons who fought at the Boyne. John's father was Sir Albert's cousin. John became a Major in the dragoons. When Sir Albert was killed in a skirmish near Sligo Col. Robert Echlin became leader of the Dragoons. Both John's brothers were in the regiment as well -- Alexander of Ballyleck became a Captain and Robert of Anarea a Cornet. Shortly before his death he married Lady Moore relict of Sir William Moore of Roscarbery, County Cork who had a great fortune.

We know the names of three of John's children. Of John the eldest nothing is known. I have seen genealogies of several families who claim descent from him but there is as yet no documentary proof.

The second son Colonel Alexander inherited Croghan, Convoy (which the Montgomerys bought from the Nesbitts of Tullydonnell) and Ballyconnel County Cavan. He was married to a daughter of Henry Percy of Seeskin County Wicklow but they had no family. According to his will dated 1729 she had predeceased him and was buried in Dublin. He willed his estates in Donegal to his cousin Tom eldest son of Alexander of Ballyleck but in a codicil he passed over Tom

and left his property to Tom's eldest son Alexander John. Later Alexander John -- known as Old Sandy -- became M.P. for County Donegal and was brother of General Richard Montgomery killed at Quebec New Years Eve 1775.

Colonel Alexander also stipulated in his will that the same person couldn't inherit the Donegal and Cavan estates.

Colonel Alexander had a sister Margaret who was married to Rev. George Leslie of Clonreish. To their son George, Colonel Alexander willed his property in Cavan and Fermanagh provided he take the name Montgomery and again stressed that the Donegal and Cavan properties must be held by different persons. Margaret's son George took the Montgomery name. He built Ballyconnel House and was M.P. for Cavan County for many years. He married Hannah Clements sister of Robert Lord Leitrim. They had three daughters and one son George who was insane and thus unable to inherit.

Colonel Alexander of Convoy's will also shows that he had property in Arbor Hill and Dolphin's Barn in Dublin. He granted legacies to several relatives including £100 per year to his cousin Tom's wife -- formerly Mary Franklin.

The parents of Tom, Alexander and Elizabeth of Ballyleck and their descendants deserve an article of their own.



<i>Pre-name</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Barony</i>
John	Templemore	Tyrkeering
James	do	do
Rob't	do	do
Wm.	do	do
Rob't	Maglara	Laughinshillin
Alex	do	do
James	Tamloght	do
Robt	Tamlaghfinlagan	Kenoght
William	do	do

In the Census Returns, 1821, for Killybawn, co. Derry, we find John Montgomery, age 33, Farmer, Mary Montgomery, age 31, Flax Spinner, Andrew, 10; George, 7; Joseph, under 1; Esther, 4, and Jane, 2 (Sam Martin, 122).

DONEGAL

Pre. grant 8 June 1664 of administration of Wm. Montgomery of Monglass in Derry diocese or county, esq, deceased, intestate, made to his widow, Agnes Lane *alias* Montgomery (808).

Pre. grant 22 Jan. 1665 of administration of Wm. Montgomery of Monglass, co. Donegal, gent, deceased, intestate, made to his widow, Agnes Lane *alias* Montgomery (808).

The two foregoing items appear to refer to the same decedent. Monglass is a townland in All Saints Parish, barony of Raphoe, county of Donegal. All Saints is six miles west of Londonderry and on the road thence to Letterkenny. I do not know the reason for the two items or for the mention of Derry in the first.

Pre. will 15 May 1679, proved 20 Aug. 1679. John Montgomery of Croghan, co. Donegal, gent, to be buried in Lifford Church. The four seshiogs of Carran in Raphoe Barony, the Qr land of Castleogery in Boylagh, and Banagh Barony the two seshiogs of Carrick-shandrum in Raphoe Barony, all in co. Donegal, and the See lease of the two seshiogs Kileadden, all to son John Montgomery. £150 to second son Alexander Montgomery. £100 to son Robert, legacies to daughters, Katherine, Nichola, Rebecca, Margaret, Mary, Elizabeth, & Anne. Wife, not named, has a life estate in Carran she is to be guardian of children, all of whom, except Jn & Katherine, are under 15. Executors: kinsman Dr. John Leslie, rector of Arney, Jn Hamill, and my brother, William Montgomery. Overseers: kinsman, Dr. John Leslie of Glasslough and Hugh Hamill of Strabane, co. Tyrone. Witnesses: Hugh Hamill, Hu Montgomery, Henry Mackinny. Probate to the three executors. Montgomery arms on seal. 3 fleur de lys (808).

1. JOHN MONTGOMERY, of Croghan, co. Donegal, left a will dated 15 May 1671, proved 28 Aug. 1679. Wife, DORCAS. Brother William Montgomery of Lisduff, co. Longford. Children:

2. i. JOHN.
3. ii. ALEXANDER.
4. iii. ROBERT.
- iv. REBECCA, wife of —DANAGH.

2. JOHN MONTGOMERY, of Roscarberry, co. Cork, Esq., died intestate, adm. 7 Feb. 1698. He married CATHARINE, daughter Rev. James Auchinlech, Rector of Clones, and had MARGARET, wife of George Leslie of Clownes, who had George Leslie, Catharine Leslie, and Margaret Leslie. [Clones is a parish in Monaghan, and Clownes, I suspect, is a misspelling thereof.]

3. ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY of Ballyleck, co. Monaghan, Esq, left a will dated 29 Aug. 1721, proved 6 July 1722 "M.P. for Monaghan". He married in January 1746, CATHARINE YOUNGER, daughter and co-heir of Hugh Willoughby Montgomery, of Carrow, Esq. They had

5. i. THOMAS.
6. ii. REV. ROBERT.
7. iii. ALEXANDER.
- iv. JOHN.
- v. MATTHEW.

- 1770 **Montgomery**, Eliz., Dublin, widow
 1789 " Elizabeth, Moore-st., Dublin, widow
 1804 " Elizabeth, Dorset-st., Dublin, widow
 1761 " Geo., Drumrollogh, co. Fermanagh, esq.
 1777 " George, Shillee, co. Cork, esq.
 1787 " George, Ballyconnell House, co. Cavan, esq.
 1801 " Grizel, Dublin, esq.
 1805 " Grizelda, Dublin city, esq.
 1800 " Hannah, Edenderry
 1791 " Henry, Rushin, co. Fer., gent.
 1636 " Hugh, lord visct. of the Great Ardes
 1723 " Hugh, Derrygonnelly, co. Fermanagh, gent.
 1749 " Hugh, Willoughby, Carrow, co. Fermanagh, esq.
 1792 " Hugh Lyons, Drogheda, esq.
 1797 " Hugh, Castle Hume, co. Fermanagh, esq.
 1807 " Hugh, in the East Indies, lieutenant.
 1699 " James, Lisse, co. Tip., gent.
 1787 " James, Dublin, apothecary
 1791 " James, Carree, co. Fermanagh
 1797 " rt. rev. James, abp. of Raphoe
 1798 " James, Belfast, co. Antr., esq.
 1735 " Jane, Newry, co. Down, widow
 1743 " Jane, widow of Hercules M., of Ballylessam, esq.
 1679 " John, Croghan, co. Donegal, gent.
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 1783 " John, Lisdrumgullion, co. Armagh, merchant
 1797 " John, Ballyleck, co. Monaghan
 1803 " John, Oldtown, co. Kild., esq.
 1808 " Joseph, Ivey Lodge, co. Down
 1763 " Mary, Dublin, wife to Thomas M., Dublin, merchant
 1793 " Mathew, Dunmuckrum, co. Donegal, gent.
 1810 " Mathew, Dublin city
 1772 " Richard, Dublin, merchant
 1770 " Robert, Dublin, esq.
 1799 " Robert Alexander, major of 54th regiment
 1811 " Robt., Ballyrush, co. Down, gt.
 1786 " Salisbury Wilhelmina, *alias* **Tipping**
 1804 " Samuel, Londonderry city, merchant
 1797 " Susana, Rosemount, co. Down
 1761 " Thos., Kildare-st., Dublin, esq.
 1793 " Thomas, Donegal town
 1798 " Vaughan, Dublin, esq.
 1683 **Montgomery**, William, Bellisceogh or Barlisberry, co. Dub., gt.
 1737 " William, Dublin, merchant
 1743 " William, Templeoge, co. Dub.
 1744 " William, Dublin, esq.
 1799 " Wm., Hillsborough, co. Down, esq.
 1801 " William, Dorset-st., Dublin
 [See MONTGOMERIE, MOUNTGOMERY.]
 1709 **Monrath**, Charles, earl of (Copy)
 1715 " Charles, earl of (Copy)
 1721 " Henry, earl of (Copy)
 [See MOUNTRATH.]
 1658 **Monypenny**, Arthur
 1791 " Hyrick, Dundalk, co. Louth, gt.
 [See MONEYPENNEY.]
 1639 **Moodie**, John, Armagh, merchant
 1718 **Moody**, John, Clonmel, co. Tipperary (Copy)
 1747 " John, Lisrah, co. Armagh
 1761 " John, Newtown Limavady, co. Derry, linendraper
 1773 " Margaret, wife to William M., Lisraw, co. Armagh
 1726 " Robert, Dublin, gardener
 1715 " Thomas, Ipswich, Suffolk, gent. (Copy)
 1797 **Moonan**, Patk., Drogheda, butcher
 1781 **Moondy**, James, dissenting minister of Newry
 1638 **Moone**, Henry, Athedowy, co. Londonderry, gent.
 1769 **Mooney**, Catherine, Limerick, wid.
 1766 " Elizabeth, Dublin, widow
 1674 " James, Kildare, gent.
 1783 " James, Queen-street, Dublin, dairyman
 1809 " James, New-st., Dublin, grocer
 1756 " Jane, Dublin, widow
 1796 " Johana, Borris, co. Carlow, wid.
 1663 " John, Corracollin, King's co., gent.
 1753 " Jno., Newcrane-lane, Rainsford st., innkeeper
 1780 " John, Dublin, baker
 1779 " Jonach, Ballylee, co. Galw., esq.
 1805 " Laurence, Galway town, miller
 1801 " Margaret, Dublin, spinster
 1746 " Mary, Bow-lane, Dublin, wid.
 1802 " Mary, Athlone, co. Roscommon, widow
 1798 " Maurice, Dublin city
 1748 " Michael, Kevins-st., Dublin, blacksmith
 1775 " Miles, Dublin, gent.
 1755 " Owen, Doone, King's co., esq.
 1802 " Patrick, Waterford, merchant
 1638 " Thomas, Trim, gent.
 1796 " Thomas, Commons of Ratoath
 1753 " William, Dublin, vintner