

Repository: Wicklow County Archives
Creator: Barton Family
Title: Barton Papers
Reference code: WWCA/PP1

Level of description: Fonds
Extent: 2 Boxes and 3 outsize items
Dates: 1835-1943

Archival history: The collection was created over several generations of the Barton Family. It was maintained firstly by the Barton Family and by the Childers Family up to its transfer to the Wicklow County Archives in the 1990s.

Biographical history: The Barton family descend from Thomas Barton, a Protestant soldier from Lancashire who came to Ireland with the Earl of Essex's army in 1599. Ten years later, Thomas was awarded an estate of 1000 acres in County Fermanagh for his services to the Crown. His son Anthony was one of untold thousands of Protestant settlers murdered during a savage uprising by Ulster Catholics in October 1641. During the reign of Charles II, her son William recouped the family fortunes and became a substantial landowner in Fermanagh and Donegal. In 1725, William's grandson Tom Barton settled in Bordeaux and established himself as a wine merchant. The business boomed over the ensuing decades. Tom's only son married Grace Massy, a daughter of the Dean of Limerick, and sister of Sir Hugh Dillon Massy of Doonas, Co. Clare. William and Grace's fourth son, Hugh succeeded to the family's wine estates on the death of his grandfather in 1780. In 1794, during the reign of terror at Bordeaux, a large number of the leading merchants were thrown into prison and their offices closed. Among those arrested was Hugh Barton, who was confined in the prison of the Fort du Ha, from which, through the connivance of his wife Anne (naturalized daughter of Nathaniel Weld Johnson, himself a naturalized French subject of Scotch origin), he made his escape to Ireland. A very interesting story is told of the way in which his French property was preserved. Not being allowed as an alien to hold property in Bordeaux, he arranged with one Daniel Guestier to take over and manage the business there, while Hugh Barton would manage it in Great Britain. This was done without any act of partnership.

Bartons of Straffan

In 1831 Hugh Barton purchased the estate of Straffan in county Kildare. His son, Thomas Johnston Barton settled in Glendalough, County Wicklow. The Straffan estate remained with the Barton family until 1949 when Derick Barton sold the house to John Ellis of Yorkshire.

Thomas Johnston Barton

Hugh and Anna's third son, Thomas Johnston Barton, was born in September 1802. On 25th March 1830 Thomas married Frances, a

granddaughter of Thomas, 1st Lord Erskine, the eloquent Scots barrister who famously defended Thomas Paine's 'Rights of Man' in 1792 (his great-great-grandson was Erskine Childers).

The Hugo family and Glendalough Estate

In the late 1830s, Thomas and Frances Barton purchased the Glendalough (or Drummin, Dromeen) estate at Annamoe, County Wicklow. Situated between Djouce Mountain and close to the waters of Lough Dan, the estate previously belonged to the Hugos, an English Protestant family from the mid-1700s. Thomas and Frances raised four sons and four daughters in Glendalough. Thomas served as Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant for County Wicklow. He died on 4th September 1864.

Charles Barton & Charles Parnell

Thomas Barton's second son, Charles William Barton, was born on 13th July 1836. As a young man he was friendly with his neighbour, Charles Stewart Parnell, sharing a passion for cricket and sawmills! However Charles became a committed Unionist and fell out with Parnell. Charles succeeded to Glendalough in 1874. He married Agnes Alexandra Childers. Charles' sister, Anna - Erskine's mother- married Professor Robert Caesar Childers. This is how the destiny of the Barton and Childers families became entwined. Anna and Professor Childers died of tuberculosis. Erskine Childers and his orphaned siblings were sent to Glendalough to live with their aunt and uncle in 1883.

Robert Barton - An Anglo-Irish Rebel

The eldest of the Barton boys, Robert, was educated in Christchurch College, Oxford and at the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester. By the time of his road trip with Erskine in 1908, he was seen as a progressive landlord. He was elected Sinn Fein MP for West Wicklow in 1918. He was simultaneously appointed Chairman of Wicklow County Council. In February 1919 he was arrested for making seditious speeches and imprisoned at Mountjoy Prison. Collins helped him escape on 16th March (Robert left a note to the Governor explaining that he could no longer stay as the service was dissatisfactory. Moreover, he wondered, would they mind looking after his luggage until he sent for it?). He was re-arrested in 1920 and sentenced to three years in England's Portland Gaol. Barton was released on the signing of the Truce in 1921.

After Erskine's execution in 1922, Robert Barton continued to support Eamon de Valera. He was elected to the Dáil in June 1922 but did not take his seat or seek re-election later. Robert Barton was also Chairman of the Agricultural Credit Corporation from 1934 to 1954 and Director and Chairman of Bord na Mona for many years. In the Summer of 1950, the 69 year-old finally took wife - Rachel Lothrop Warren, the daughter of Fiske Warren. Robert Barton died peacefully in Glendalough on 8 August 1975, aged 95. Shortly before the end of his life, Robert Barton told Roy Foster about an early memory of his nurse lifting him up to a window to see the enigmatic red-bearded patriot arriving at Glendalough House on his horse to inspect a fallen

tree in the wake of the great storm in 1888: 'The inspiration of that glimpse from the window remained. It is in its way a Carlylean moment: a sudden conjunction of the personal and the 'world-historical'. But it also puts back in focus the world of Parnell and his neighbours, the symbiotic way in which his life reacted upon theirs and theirs upon his'.

Notes: Original descriptive list by former Regional Archivist Cecile Chemin. See also

<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/building-of-the-month/glendalough-house-drummin-td-annamoe-county-wicklow/>

Michael Fewer, "R.C. Barton and Glendalough House" in Roundwood & District Historical & Folklore Journal No.19 (2008).

Content and Structure:

The collection has been catalogued chronologically and divided into three parts. The first contains legal papers relating to the ownership and running of the Barton estate, including original deeds, leases and wills. There are valuation records and maps, and details of tenants and workers on the estate, including a Workmen's Account Book dated 1876. The second part relates to personal and general correspondence and the third part to Robert Childers Barton specifically. The latter includes documents relating to Barton's education and army career, as well as his role during the Civil War and in Dáil Eireann. Of note is a letter from the West Wicklow Comhairle Ceanntair expressing regrets regarding Mr Barton's intention to retire from public life referring to the signing of the Treaty in 1920.

Townlands and places covered in the estate collection include Drummin, Annamoe, Glendalough, Laragh, Brockagh and Castlekevin.

System of Arrangement: Documents are arranged from fonds to item level description. Collection description adheres to ISAD(G).

Title: Deed of annuity

Date: 1835

Ref. code: PP1/1/1

Description: (1) Hugh Barton of Straffan, county of Kildare (2) Thomas Johnston Barton, of Merrion Square in the city of Dublin, esquire, son of the said Hugh Barton. Towns and lands of Cloonkeen, Gloria, Gloriamore, Glonabeg, Foxhill, Derrinaseer, Cootehall, Drumboyland, Drumbrie, Drumcunna, Druminubra, Lusta, Mogh, Loughhill and Clooncoose, all situated in the Barony of Boyle, in the county of Roscommon. To have and to hold, receive, take and enjoy the said annuity or yearly rent charge of £1000 to the use of the said Thomas Johnston Barton and his assigns. To be payable every first day of May and every first day of November following the date of the indenture. If the rent is left unpaid for a period of twenty days, it shall be lawful for T. J. Barton to enter the property and recover the rent. If the rent is left unpaid for a period of thirty days to enter the property and take some possessions and rents issues and profits to his own use and benefits until the arrears are paid.

Title: Copy deed farm lease of Thomas Hugo to Thomas Johnson Barton

Date: 1838

Ref. code: PP1/1/2

Description: Parties: Thomas Hugo esquire, of Dromeen, county Wicklow; Thomas Johnston Barton of Merrion Square in the city of Dublin, esquire. The Mansion House and parts of the lands of Dromeen situated in the barony of Ballycor (Ballinacor), in the county of Wicklow, containing 1388 acres and 32 perches, English Statute measure being equivalent to 857 acres of the late Irish Plantation measure. The towns, lands and mountains of Glendalough and Shangan containing 3239 acres English Statute measure (2000 acres Irish Plantation measure). For the duration of Thomas Johnston Barton's natural life, and for and during the life and lives of his son, or sons. Annual rent Thomas Johnston Barton would yield and pay the yearly rent of £316 Sterling, payable in two even and equal yearly payments on every 25 March and 29 September. The first payment shall be made on 29 September 1838. Terms and conditions: Thomas Hugo keeps all rights over all ores, mines, minerals which may be found under the soil of these lands. Clause of distress and re-entry for non-payment of rent: if the rent falls overdue by 21 days, it will be lawful for Thomas Hugo to enter the premises and seize goods to the value of the outstanding rent. If no such goods are available, Thomas Hugo may re-possess the estate. Also map by surveyor Edward Johnson. It is also detailed that the lands of Glendalough were previously conveyed to the late Thomas Hugo (brother of the lessor) by indenture bearing date the 27 May 1837 and made between The Most Reverend Father in God Rich(mon)de Lord Archbishop of Dublin Private and Metropolitan of Ireland and Bishop of Glendalough of the 1st part, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for Ireland of the 2nd part and Thomas Hugo of the 3rd part for the yearly rent of £237.9.3. The deed

refers to the will and testament of Thomas Hugo (father) (II June 1809). Also, George Armstrong and J. Fox, Attorneys-at- Law. A memorial of the deed was entered in the Registrar's Office in the City of Dublin on 4 June 1838 in 1311 No 96. (Walter Glascock). Robert Lyle, Westland Row, Solicitor.

Title: Commission of the Peace deed

Date: 1838

Ref. code: PP1/1/3

Description: Commission of the Peace deed for Thomas Johnston Barton. Partly printed and partly hand written.

Title: Copy of valuation of Thomas Johnston Barton's House and Demesne of Glendalough

Date: 1838-1852

Ref. code: PP1/1/4

Description: Copy of valuation of Thomas Johnston Barton's House and Demesne of Glendalough, held under fee farm lease, subject to a £316 per annum. The valuation is presented as a table organized by various entries: denomination (Glendalough demesne), tenants' names ('in hands of owners', 'in hands of tenants'), description (plantation at entrance, meadow, pasture, arable...), quantity (in plantation measure), acre-able value, annual value and observations. The valuation also indicates previous values under lease for the years 1838, 1848 and 1852.

Title: Bond of Robert Courtney and others to Thomas Johnson Barton

Date: 1840

Ref. code: PP1/1/5

Description: Bond between Robert Courtney and Joshua Pasley of Dublin City, and Michael and Robert Hudson of Co Wicklow bound onto Thomas Johnson Barton of Merrion Square, Dublin, High Sheriff of Wicklow, the sum of 4,000 pounds sterling.

Title: File of copy deeds farm leases of Thomas Hugo to Thomas Johnson Barton

Date: 1848-1852

Ref. code: PP1/1/6

Description: Thomas Hugo of Percy Place, in the county of Dublin, esquire, of the 1st part and Thomas Johnston Barton of Glendalough House, in the county of Wicklow, esquire of the other part. Part of the lands of Annamoe in consideration of £100 paid by Thomas Johnston Barton, Thomas Hugo releases the premises for a yearly rent of £20 sterling payable in two even and equal half yearly payments on every 25 March and 29 September every year to start on 25 March 1852. Thomas Hugo keeps all rights over all ores, mines, minerals which may be found under the soil of these lands. Clause of distress and re-entry for non-payment of rent: if the rent falls overdue by 21 days, it will be lawful for Thomas Hugo to enter the premises and seize goods to the value of the outstanding rent. If no such goods are available, Thomas Hugo may re-possess the estate. Robert Lyle, 22 Westland Row, Dublin, Solicitor.

Title: Last will and testament of Hugh Barton of Straffan and administration.

Date: 1849-1854

Ref. code: PP1/1/7

Description: Last will and testament of Hugh Barton of Straffan and administration, deceased 1854.

Title: Deed of release – Sarah Bradley to Thomas J. Barton

Date: 1862

Ref. code: PP1/1/8

Description: Deed of release detailing payment of 50 pounds sterling to Sarah Bradley of Baggot Street Lower, Dublin by Thomas J. Barton of Merrion Square, Dublin in lieu of releasing Barton from any future claims by Bradley.

Title: Costs index of Thomas Johnston Barton from Joseph Hone (Hove?) and Co., alias Armstrong.

Date: 1863

Ref. code: PP1/1/9

Description: Costs index of Thomas Johnston Barton from Joseph Hone (Hove?) and Co., alias Armstrong. The index presents the breakdown of the costs: Miscellaneous costs, power of attorney, regarding tenison, Thomas Lamb (a bankrupt), Ejectment for recovery of

possession of Laragh Mills, preparing will, regarding house no. 35 Merrion Square South purchased by Judge Christian. The total amount of the costs equals to sixty-six pounds, thirteen shillings and 11 pence Sterling.

Title: Draft copy of the will of Thomas Johnston Barton of Glendalough House, deceased and grant of administration.

Date: 1864

Ref. code: PP1/1/10

Description: Draft copy of the will of Thomas Johnston Barton, esquire, of Glendalough House, in the county of Wicklow, deceased and grant of administration. The Testator died on 4 December 1864. Barton devised in trust his estates in county Wicklow and Tipperary and every other tenures he was entitled to his brother, Daniel Barton and to his friend Captain Arthur Raymond Pelly, as well as all the furniture and effects, farming stock, and crops which may lie in his residence. The estates should be sold to pay and divide the proceeds of such sale between his four sons: Thomas Erskine, Hugh Massy, Charles William and Robert Johnston in equal share. In the case of one or more children die under the age of 21, the shares should be divided between the living children. Until the estates are sold, the trustees should manage and cultivate the said premises. Clauses concerning his public stocks, shares or securities are also added. Any annual income issued from these sources should be directed to his wife, Frances, or her assigns during her life, in addition to the provision made for her in their marriage settlement. Upon the marriage of their daughter, Frances Isabella Hart, Barton gave her £16,000. Until then, this sum should be invested by the trustees in any of the stocks funds or securities held by the Testator. Other funds should be made available as an annual income to his son-in-law, Captain James Christine Hart. Clauses cover possible grandchildren. Upon the marriage of his daughter Georgianna Susanna Booth, the testator gives £19,000. A sum of £32,000 shall be invested for his daughters Anna Mary Henrietta and Beatrice Louisa until they get married. 4 several sums of £35,000 invested in funds for his sons Thomas Hugh Charles and Robert. A comprehensive additional document lists the jewellery he thereby bequeathed to his daughters Frances Isabella Hart, Georgianna Susanna Arabella Booth, Anna Mary Henrietta, Beatrice Louisa. The Testator's plate shall be divided between his 4 sons and 2 daughters (Anna and Beatrice). The deed was witnessed by Blackwood Hamilton, of Highman Lodge, Bray and Robert Lyle, 62 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin solicitor.

Title: Large parchment will of Thomas Johnston Barton of Glendalough House, deceased and grant of administration.

Date: 1864

Ref. code: PP1/1/11

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Title: Summary of assets and valuation of Thomas Johnston Barton, deceased.

Date: 1865

Ref. code: PP1/1/12

Description: Summary of assets and valuation of Thomas Johnston Barton, deceased. The summary covers the value of the property in the stocks, in public companies, money out on mortgage, other personal property, and English assets.

Title: Copy of particulars and summary of assets and valuation for Thomas Johnston Barton, esquire, deceased.

Date: 1865

Ref. code: PP1/1/13

Description: Copy of particulars and summary of assets and valuation for Thomas Johnston Barton, esquire, deceased. The document details assets such as furniture, jewels or ornaments, property in government and Bank stocks, property in public companies, money out on mortgages and securities, other personal property as well as English assets.

Title: Ordnance valuation and survey of the Bartons' estate in County Wicklow

Date: 1865

Ref. code: PP1/1/14

Description: Ordnance valuation and survey of the Bartons' estate in County Wicklow, in the barony of Ballinacor North, parish of Derrylossary, in the Union of Rathdrum (electoral division of Glendalough), showing townlands (with reference to maps) and occupiers, immediate lessors, description of tenements, area and rateable annual valuation as well as observations. The lands relate to parts of Drummin, and east of Laragh (electoral division of Brockagh).

Title: Copy schedules

Date: 1865

Ref. code: PP1/1/15

Description: Copy of schedules to Petitioner charge in the matter of Thomas Erskine Barton, esquire, Petitioner and Frances Barton and others respondents.

Title: Copy of case on behalf of Thomas Erskine Barton, esquire, heir and trustee of the late Thomas Johnston Barton.

Date: 1866

Ref. code: PP1/1/16

Description: Copy of case on behalf of Thomas Erskine Barton, esquire, heir at law, and as such trustee of the will of the late Thomas Johnston Barton, esquire, with counsels opinion. An indenture made on 31 May 1838 by Thomas Hugo granted Thomas Johnston Barton the mansion house and part of the lands of Dromeen, situated in the barony of Ballycor (Ballynacor) and county of Wicklow, containing 1388 acres and 32 perches English Statute measure, or 857 acres, Irish Plantation measure) as well as parts of the Lordships manors and territories of Glendalough and Shangan, known as the marked lands of Dromeen containing 3239 acres, English Statute measure (2000 acres, Irish Plantation measure) to hold forever (subject to payment of yearly rent). Thomas Johnston Barton devised the said lands in his last will (14 January 1864) to the use of Daniel Barton, esquire and Captain Arthur Raymond Pelly upon Trust to sell and divide the money between Barton 's four sons, Thomas Eskirne Barton (the Querist), Hugh Massy Barton, Charles William Barton and Robert Johnston Barton in equal shares. Thomas Johnston Barton died on 4 December 1864. By an indenture of 26 January 1865, Daniel Barton and Arthur Raymond Pelly by deed poll, renounced their position of trustees. The Querist, as heir at law presented a petition to the Landed Estates Court for the sale of the lands. An omission in the original deed of 1864 (omission of 'his heirs and assigns') raises the question whether the power of authorizing 'other persons' can be understood as 'personal, or related individual. Queries and replies follow to try to define the

rights of Thomas Johnston Barton's sons.

Title: Rent receipts for rent paid by Thomas E. Barton to John W. Hugo

Date: 1867

Ref. code: PP1/1/17

Description: Two rent receipts for rent paid by Thomas E. Barton to John W. Hugo for Glendalough House and Estate at a rate of 250 pounds per payment.

Title: Landed Estate Court final notice of sale of portions of the Glendalough Estate by Thomas Erskine Barton

Date: 1867

Ref. code: PP1/1/18

Description: Landed Estate Court final notice of sale of portions of the Glendalough Estate by Thomas Erskine Barton, includes details of holdings, tenants' names and nature of tenancy. Badly damaged, partially illegible.

Title: Landed Estate Court rentals – three maps relating to sale of portions of the Glendalough Estate by Thomas Erskine Barton

Date: 1867

Ref. code: PP1/1/19

Description: Landed Estate Court rentals – three maps relating to sale of portions of the Glendalough Estate by Thomas Erskine Barton; maps show holdings in the townlands of Drummin and Laragh East. Includes a supplementary map for a portion of the Laragh East holdings. (Maps include parts of O/S 17, 18, 23, 24, 11, 17). (Outsize item).

Title: Landed Estate Court rentals sale catalogue relating to auction of portions of the Glendalough Estate by Thomas Erskine Barton

Date: 1867

Ref. code: PP1/1/20

Description: Landed Estate Court rentals, sale catalogue for auction of Glendalough estate holdings. Catalogue includes details of holdings, tenants' names and nature of tenancy.

Title: File of settlements of the rental of the Glendalough Estate: Charles Frizell

Date: 1865

Ref. code: PP1/1/21

Description: File of settlements of the rental of the Glendalough Estate. Charles Frizell in account with the Representatives of the late Thomas Johnston Barton esquire, for the half year's rent due out of the townlands of Annamoe, Oldbridge, Laragh, County Wicklow, ending 25 March 1865. The schedule presents the tenants' names, arrears of rent, half year's rent and total rent, allowance of poor rate, other allowances, net cash received, observations.

Title: Deed of loan extension agreement between Right Honourable Lord Athlumney and Thomas Erskine Barton

Date: 1868

Ref. code: PP1/1/22

Description: Deed of agreement for loan extension between Right Honourable Lord Athlumney and Thomas Erskine Barton, extending a mortgage taken out by Thomas J. Barton in 1858 on holdings in counties Meath and Dublin - accrual¹.

Title: Deed of Commission of the Peace for County Wicklow for Charles William Barton

Date: 1875

Ref. code: PP1/1/23

Description: Deed granting Commission of the Peace to Charles Barton, includes list of other County Wicklow peace commissioners including the Earls of Wicklow, Meath and Carysfort; Viscounts Monck and Powerscourt as well as other landed estates such as Tottenham, Bayley, La Touche, Tighe, Tynte, Synge, Dennis, Truell, Wingfield, Acton – Charles Stewart Parnell also listed.

Title: Workmens' account book – Charles W. Barton

Date: 1876-1877

Ref. code: PP1/1/24

Description: Volume contains lists of men and women working on the estate, arranged in columns: includes names, dates, types of work, wages paid, days worked per week. Work

¹ Item kindly donated to Wicklow County Archives by Jim Corley, Blessington on 1/3/23

includes carpentry, ploughing, herding, feeding cattle/pigs, picking stones, dairymaid, house servant.

Title: Settlement of Mr Charles William Barton and Mrs Agnes Alexandra Frances Childers

Date: 1876-1902

Ref. code: PP1/1/25

Description: Schedule of documents relating to the settlement of Mr Charles William Barton and Mrs Agnes Alexandra Frances Childers

Title: Letters regarding loans to Charles Frizell

Date: 1880

Ref. code: PP1/1/26

Description: Series of four letters from Charles Frizell of Castle Kevin, Annamoe, (also of 30 York Street, Dublin). The letters mainly relate to money lending and promise from Frizell to repay Barton.

Title: Schedule of deeds relating to the lands of Glendalough, County Wicklow.

Date: 1837-1880

Ref. code: PP1/1/27

Description: Schedule of deeds relating to the lands of Glendalough, County Wicklow. The schedule details deeds relating to these lands from 27 January 1837 to 8 May 1880.

Title: Case on behalf of Charles William Barton, esquire concerning the right of shooting over the marked lands of Dromeen.

Date: 1837-1880

Ref. code: PP1/1/28

Description: Case on behalf of Charles William Barton, esquire concerning the right of shooting over the marked lands of Dromeen. On 27 January 1837, an indenture was made between Richard Lord Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough of the first part, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for Ireland of the second part and Thomas Hugo, esquire of the third part. The Archbishop of Dublin granted unto Thomas Hugo the territories and manors of Glendalough and Shangan in the barony of Ballynacor and county of Wicklow for a perpetual

yearly rent of 9.3. On 31 May 1838, the lands of Dromeen were granted to Thomas Johnston Barton. In the will of Thomas Johnston Barton, dated 14 January 1864 devised the use of the lands to Daniel Barton and Captain Arthur Raymond Pelly, upon trust to sell the lands and divide the proceeds of such sale between the testator's four sons (Thomas Erskine Barton, Hugh Massey Barton, the querist, Charles William Barton and Robert Johnston Barton) in equal shares. By a deed dated 1 November 1872, the lands were conveyed to Robert Lyle. Follow other details of deeds and questions from the Counsel regarding the rights of the Querist of sporting over the lands of Dromeen, and his right to authorize other person to sport over the same lands.

Title: High Court order in case of Charles William Barton, petitioner

Date: 1880

Ref. code: PP1/1/29

Description: Order to attend in the case Charles William Barton petitioner, respondents include members of the Massy, Booth, Childers and Barton families, relating to the wills of Thomas Johnstone Barton, deceased and Robert Johnston Barton deceased.

Title: Copy of Mandatory Order in the case of Thomas Erskine Barton, Petitioner and Frances Barton (and others).

Date: 1881

Ref. code: PP1/1/30

Description: Copy of Mandatory Order in the case of Thomas Erskine Barton, Petitioner and Frances Barton (and others), Respondents drafted in the High Court of Justice in Ireland by Revivor, Charles William Barton, Petitioner and Hugh Francis Massy, James Christine Hart, Frances Isabella Hart, George Booth, Thomas Evelyn Barton Booth, Beatrice Isabella Christine Booth, James Erskine Wise Booth, Anna Mary Henrietta Childers, Robert Caesar Childers, Beatrice Louisa Massy, Hugh Massey Barton, Robert Johnston Barton, Charles William Massy and Hugh Culling Eardley Childers, Respondents. Schedules of funds allocation after Thomas Johnston 's last will.

Title: Rent order Irish Land Commission

Date: 1882

Ref. code: PP1/1/31

Description: Rent order by Irish Land Commission to Charles William Barton, merging rent charge in lieu of Tithes.

Title: Copy deed of appointment of sub-sheriff by Charles William Barton, High Sheriff.

Date: 1882

Ref. code: PP1/1/32

Description: Appointment of Frank William Browne as sub-sheriff by Charles W. Barton, High Sheriff.

Title: Account schedule of Mrs. Agnes Alexandra Frances Barton, executrix of the will of Charles William Barton deceased.

Date: 1892

Ref. code: PP1/1/33

Description: Account schedule of Mrs. Agnes Alexandra Frances Barton, executrix of the will of Charles William Barton deceased. Details costs of funeral and testamentary, and debts of deceased including mortgage, upholsterers, roofing, wine, tailoring, medical, merchants and suppliers, stewards, gardener, domestic staff including nursery, . References cash in hand due to "Childers Minors" of £141.

Title: Leasing of the Fair Green, Roundwood by John Byrne, and later William Murphy.

Date: 1875-1901

Ref. code: PP1/1/34

Extent: 4 items

Description: File containing documents relating to the leasing of the Fair Green and Tolls, Roundwood. Contains original lease between Rev. Thomas Acton Drought of Cashel, Co Tipperary and John Byrne of Roundwood, 1875. Includes map of the Fairgreen, Roundwood. Conditions of the lease include collection of tolls from those selling at the market and no public house or sale of alcohol at the Fair Green. File also includes document outlining searches at the Registry of Deeds for transactions of John Byrne from 1875 and Matthew Keenan from 1900 relating to the Fair Green, Roundwood. Deed of assignment dated 1901 transferring the lease of the Fair Green from Matthew Keenan of the Royal Hotel, Roundwood to William Murphy of Prince of Wales Hotel, Roundwood. Deed outlines that Matthew Keenan was the executor of John Byrne, who died in 1900 and Keenan sold the Byrne holding including the interest in the lease of the Fairgreen to William Murphy in 1901. File also includes rent receipt paid by the Representatives of the estate of John Byrne by a Matthew Murphy to Rev. Drought, dated 1901.

Title: Copy of assignment and release of life interest in property settled by the will of the late Charles William Barton

Date: 1909

Ref. code: PP1/1/35

Description: Copy of Assignment and release of life interest in property settled by the will of the late Charles William Barton, and assignment of personal property. Parties: (1) Agnes Alexandra Frances Barton of Glendalough House, Annamoe, county of Wicklow, widow. (2) Robert Barton of Glendalough House, esquire. Preamble By the will dated 8 April 1886, Charles William Barton bequeathed to his wife the said Agnes Alexandra Frances Barton, pictures, prints, books, plate, linen, china, wines, liquors, furniture, horses, carriages, chattels and other personal effects (other than money and securities for money) which should at his death be in Glendalough House, or in the outbuildings, and he devised and bequeathed all his real and personal estates (except what he should otherwise dispose of by his will) to the use of George Booth, Hugh Francis Massy and Erskine Booth. They can also convert into money such parts of the said trust premises and pay the income of the said trust premises and the investments for the time being representing the same into the said Agnes Alexandra Frances Barton during her life and after her death to hold the premises for her son, Robert Barton, when he reaches 21. Charles William Barton died on 30 October 1890 and Agnes Alexandra Barton was the only executrix. Robert Barton reaches the age of 21 and as his mother is desirous to assign her life interest unto her son. Terms and conditions: In consideration of natural love and affection, Agnes Alexandra Frances Barton does assign and surrender into Robert Barton her life interest and all those hereditaments and premises known as Glendalough House together with the demesne lands and shooting and other rights held therewith and of and in the leasehold premises known as Mainwarings farm and the tenants' rights, grazing rights and interests annexed, real and personal property (of which Agnes Alexandra Frances Barton is now tenant for life under the will of Charles William Barton). She also assigns to Robert Barton all pictures, prints, books, plate, linen, china, wines, liquors, furniture, horses, carriages, chattels and other personal effects except his mother's jewellery and a horse named Sirdar. Date 6 April 1909. Witnessed by Meredith Halligan, Clerk, The Rectory, Annamoe, county Wicklow. The deed was registered in the Registry of Deeds, Dublin on 19 August 1915 (Book 38, No 87).

Title: Inland Revenue form of estate duty on the death of Agnes Alexandra Frances Barton, 1918.

Date: 1918

Ref. code: PP1/1/36

Description: Inland Revenue form stating that an account of property was made chargeable with estate duty on the death of Agnes Alexandra Frances Barton, late of Glendalough House in the county of Wicklow, widow who died on 13 August 1918. The form then details dates and particulars of disposition, with names and addresses of present trustees (Edward Dillon Mansfield, Henry C. Childers, Robert Erskine Childers), name of Beneficiary (Robert

Childers Barton of Glendalough House, Annamoe, county Wicklow), it also gives a description of the property (stock and shares).

Title: Legal documents and correspondence regarding the will of Lt. Thomas Eyre Barton deceased.

Date: 1920-1921

Ref. code: PP1/1/37

Description: File of documents and correspondence regarding the will of Lt. Thomas Eyre Barton deceased, relating to queries by Dulcibella Barton, executrix of the will of Thomas Erskine Barton deceased to solicitor Stephen Gordon and Sons.

Title: Deed of Lease of Sporting Rights and map

Date: 1936

Ref. code: PP1/1/38

Description: (1) William Stuart Hugo of Glenwood, Rathdrum, county Wicklow, esquire and Eva Marian Hugo of Barham House, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, widow. (2) Robert Childers Barton of Glendalough House, county Wicklow. An indenture dated 31 May 1838 and made between Thomas Hugo, on the first part and Thomas Johnston Barton, on the second part has a concurrent right of hunting, hawking, fishing, fowling and sporting in and upon the lands of Drummin and the lessors have agreed to demise to the lessee such right of sporting over the lands. Mountain ands of Laragh east in the exclusive ownership of the lessors situated in the barony of Ballinacor, county Wicklow. For a term of 5 years from the first day of April 1936. Yielding and paying the yearly rent of £10 in advance by equal half yearly payments on the first day of April and the st day of October. Right of shooting, hunting, coursing and killing and taking games, hares, rabbits, wild fowl and other wild birds and to do all things that may be legal and proper for the purpose of destroying vermin and other animals detrimental to the preservation of game and absolute power to burn any portion of the cover and heather upon the same lands. The tenants who became vested in the Irish Land Commission on May 31st 1931 are still entitled to have cattle on the mountain lands. The rights of sporting shall not be sublet without the consent in writing from the lessors. Signed by W.S. Hugo, E.M. Hugo and R. Barton. Witnessed by Senator David (...) Robinson.

Title: Queries from Robert Barton to legal counsel

Date: [post 1933]

Ref. code: PP1/1/39

Description: Typed queries from Robert Barton regarding amounts due on annuity of certain lands to Land Commission with regards to updated Land Act, 1933.

PP1/2**Correspondence & general**

Title: Handwritten letters to Charles Barton

Date: 1877

Ref. code: PP1/2/1

Description: File of four handwritten letters to Charles Barton, with various dates in 1877. While the sender is unknown, they all appear to be from the same hand, although one of them is signed 'G' while the remaining three are signed in illegible initials. Two of the letters are from 4 Cleveland Square, St James's, London (where the Bartons had a property – see Westminster rate books www.findmypast.ie). Two of the letters have addresses in Paris. Topics include the passage, weather, a George travelling to Scotland,

Title: Robert Barton birth announcement, cutting from *St. James' Budget*

Date: 1881

Ref. code: PP1/2/2

Description: Newspaper cutting from *St James' Budget*, a weekly digest of the London evening newspaper *St James' Gazette*. Cutting features birth announcements including that of twins [Robert Childers Barton and Hugh Barton] born to Mrs. Charles Barton [Agnes Alexandra Frances Barton] at Glendalough House on the 14th March 1881.

PP1/3**Robert Childers Barton**

Title: Abstinence Card

Date: 1894

Ref. code: PP1/3/1

Description: Abstinence card of Robert Barton - Temperance Society - Church of Ireland (Derrylossary branch).

Title: Diploma from Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester for Robert Barton

Date: 1901

Ref. code: PP1/3/2

Description: Diploma examination docket from the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. 'Mr Barton has successfully passed his final examination'. (Note: Item undated - date confirmed by historian Chris Lawlor through an enquiry to the Royal Agricultural University archivist).

Title: Diploma in Economics of Robert Childers Barton from Oxford University

Date: 1908

Ref. code: PP1/3/3

Description: Diploma in Economics, from the University of Oxford certifying that Robert Childers Barton had pursued at Oxford, an approved course of study in economics. Signed by Vice-Chancellor, Herbert Warren and F.Y. Edgeworth, Professor of Political Economy.

Title: Letter of recommendation from Captain Booth for Robert Childers Barton

Date: 1915

Ref. code: PP1/3/4

Description: Letter of recommendation from Captain Booth of Curragh Camp (cousin) for Robert Childers Barton whose 'character ability and his thoroughness, thoroughly fit him for the position of a leader of men....Whatever he does, he does really well'. This letter also details that Barton was 34 years old and that he had given up a 'very large house and farm so that he may do his duty to his country'.

Title: Letter from Mr Stephen Gordon

Date: 1918

Ref. code: PP1/3/5

Description: Handwritten letter from Mr Stephen Gordon (of Stephen Gordon & Son solicitors). Deals with financial matters including bonds and the estate of the Childers family, with reference to Barton's mother (Agnes Alexandra Frances Barton nee Childers).

Title: Set of commemorative postcards – Truce 1921

Date: 1921

Ref. code: PP1/3/6

Description: Set of commemorative postcards marking the Truce of 1921. Featuring arrival of General Nevil Macready, Commander of British troops in Ireland to the Mansion House on the 8th of July. The General was met by cheering and clapping crowds gathered at the entrance on the foot of rumours surrounding the negotiations and greeted by the Lord Mayor Laurence O'Neill. Inside waiting for him were members of the Dáil/Sinn Féin Cabinet; Eamon de Valera, Cathal Brugha, Eamon Duggan and Robert Barton. While they negotiated, members of the waiting crowd can be seen reciting the Rosary.

Title: Letter from West Wicklow Comhairle Ceanntair to Robert Barton regarding his retirement from public life

Date: 1924

Ref. code: PP1/3/7

Description: Letter from West Wicklow Comhairle Ceanntair to Robert Barton expressing regrets regarding Mr Barton's intention to retire from public life referring to the signing of the Treaty in 1920 - 'Wicklow people will remember that it was only after pressure was brought to bear on you that you, with much reluctance accepted the responsibility entailed', 'how heavy those responsibilities proved to be, none of us could then foretell, but as time went on, and the conflict became more severe, we knew that we had chosen rightly when we appointed you as the standard-bearer of our liberties'. The letter tells us that Barton's health was also one of the reasons for his retirement from politics. The letter is signed by John Rogers, James Doyle, Murtagh Corrigan, Daniel J. Kehoe, Sean McDonnell, John Cunnigham, Andrew Kinsella.

Title: Letter to Robert Barton from Eamon De Valera

Date: 1933

Ref. code: PP1/3/8

Description: Letter marked confidential. Discusses new developments and need for Fianna Fáil ministers to hold public meetings, alluding to force needed to deal with the menace. Also refers to issue of property valuation raised by Barton (see PP1/1/33).

Title: Letters to Robert Barton from W.S. Eyre and Thomas W. Eyre

Date: [1941] - 1943

Ref. code: PP1/3/9

Description: File of three letters to Robert Barton from W.S. Eyre of Eyre Villa Kiltormer, county Galway and from Barton's nephew Thomas W. Eyre, Sydney, Australia. Topics include various thoughts about the war and the possible invasion of Australia by Japan. Also details Eyre's experience in Australia from Adelaide to Melbourne and Sydney. Communication between uncle and nephew had been stopped for some time, thus Eyre's explanations are going back in time considerably.