

Byrne Blacksmiths Collection

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Descriptive List

Identity Statement

Reference Code: IE WWCA/B5
Title: Byrne Blacksmiths Collection
Date: 1880-1943
Level of
Description: Fonds/Item
Extent: 1 box

Context

Creator

Byrne Family, Blacksmiths of Jack White's Cross, Co Wicklow.

Archival History/ Source of Acquisition

The collection was created by the Byrne family and donated to Wicklow County Archives on 08 August 2022 by Pat O'Neill.

Biographical History

Thomas Byrne (1869-1942) operated a blacksmiths and shop at Jack Whites Cross, Ballinapark, Brittas Bay, County Wicklow, which the Byrnes inherited from Edward Farrell (uncle of Thomas Byrne).

Thomas Byrne was born in 1869, one of five children born to Owen and Catherine Byrne nee Farrell. Thomas married Mary Cullen in 1911 and they had children Owen born 1911, Kathleen born 1913, Robert born 1914, Maria 1915. The Byrnes operated a forge and shop at Jack White's Cross. The buildings were demolished in the 1970s to facilitate the widening of the N11. (See appendix for records and research relating to the family).

Content and Structure

This small collection consists of five ledgers dated 1880-1943 and a file of invoices and correspondences.

Scope and Content

The collection provides details on the day to day running of the business through the five ledgers and correspondence of the family business.

System of Arrangement

Documents are arranged from fonds to file level description.

Collection description adheres to ISAD(G).

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1 Ledgers

1/1 1880-1886

Ledger is in very fragile condition. It contains the names of customers of the forge and the works carried out for them. Customers included John Byrne, John Cosgrave, William Byrne, Mr Kent, Mr Winders, Mr Larkin, John Kavanagh and many more. Work carried out included horse shoes replacements, piercing, making hooks, staples and nails and sharpening of irons. Ledger details each customer and marks the date of work, work carried out and the cost of the work carried out.

1 item

1/2 1893-1895

Ledger is in very fragile condition. It contains the names of customers of the forge and the works carried out for them. Customers included Mr Carold, William Byrne, Luke Lott, Mr Kern, Mr O'Toole, Mr Daniel Murphy, Mr Joseph Byrne, Mr Johnson, Mr Flanagan and more. Work carried out for the customers included sharpening, horse shoes, gates and making irons for fireplaces. Ledger details each customer and marks the date of work, work carried out and the cost of the work carried out.

1 item

1/3 1901-1911

Ledger is in very fragile condition. It contains the names of customers of the forge and the works carried out for them. Customers included Michael O'Brien, Thomas McGrath, Peter Murphy, Mr Delahunt, Richard Chapman and more. Work carried out for the customers included sharpening, horse shoes, hooping for saucepans, repairing wheel for plough and sharpening of plough. Ledger details each customer and marks the date of work, work carried out and the cost of the work carried out.

1 item

1/4 1911-1940

Large ledger containing the names of customers and work carried out over the period 1911 to 1940. Ledger details each customer and marks the date of work, work carried out and the cost of the work carried out. Ledger details each customer and marks the date of work, work carried out and the cost of the work carried out.

1 item

1/5 1940-1943

Ledger contains the names of customers of the forge and the works carried out for them. Customers included Thomas Hill, Paul Costello, Mrs Burgess, Dr. E.J. Freeman, James Doyle, Mr Woods, Mrs Newman, David Leahy and more. Work carried out for the customers included sharpening harrow pens, horse shoes, making harness hooks and thimbles. Ledger details each customer and marks the date of work, work carried out and the cost of the work carried out.

1 item

2 Invoices and Correspondence

2/1 1908-1947

File of twenty-seven invoices to and from the Byrnes, a newspaper clipping, slips of note paper, blotting sheets, envelopes addressed to Owen Byrne, weights and measures cert from Garda Síochána, correspondence relating to bill and High Court of Justice in Ireland cert for adjourned debt for Andrew Hyland to Mr Thomas Byrne.

42 items

Appendix

Birth record of Thomas Byrne 1869, son of Owen and Catherine Byrne nee Farrell of Ballinapark:

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Superintendent Registrar's District Rathfriland Registrar's District Dungannon

18 69 Births Registered in the District of Dungannon in the Union of Rathfriland in the County of Wicklow

No.	Date and Place of Birth.	Name (if any).	Sex.	Name and Surname and Dwelling Place of Father.	Name and Surname and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Baptismal Name, if added after Registration of Birth, and Date.
383	<u>Twenty</u> <u>August</u> <u>1869</u> <u>Ballinapark</u>	<u>Thomas</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Owen Byrne</u> <u>Ballinapark</u>	<u>Catherine Byrne</u> <u>Farrell</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Owen Byrne</u> <u>Ballinapark</u>	<u>Thirtieth</u> <u>September</u> <u>1869</u>	<u>Robert Munn</u>	

(Source: www.irishgenealogy.ie - civil records)

Parish records - baptism record extracts of Thomas Byrne and siblings:

Parish	Child Forename	Child Surname	Child Date of Birth	Address	Father Forename	Father Surname	Mother Forename	Mother Surname
KILBRIDE	MYLES	BYRNE	1863-04-20	BALLINAPARK	OWEN	BYRNE	CATHERINE	FARRELL
KILBRIDE	MARY KATE	BYRNE	1864-12-01	BALLINAPARK	OWEN	BYRNE	CATHERINE	FARRELL
KILBRIDE	ANNE	BYRNE	1867-05-03	BALLINAPARK	OWEN	BYRNE	CATHERINE	FARRELL
KILBRIDE	THOMAS	BYRNE	1869-08-28	BALLINAPARK	OWEN	BYRNE	CATHERINE	FARRELL
KILBRIDE	EDWARD JAMES	BYRNE	1873-05-29	BALLINAPARK	OWEN	BYRNE	CATHERINE	FARRELL

Parish marriage record of Owen and Catherine Byrne in 1862, parents of Thomas:

Marriage Record

Husband				Wife			
Parish:		KILBRIDE		Date		1862-03-01	
Name	OWEN BYRNE			Name	CATHERINE FARRELL		
Address	BALLINCLAY			Address	CRANA		
Father	MYLES BYRNE			Father	THOMAS	FARRELL	
Mother	ANNE BRIEN			Mother	CATHERINE	DEMPSEY	
Religion	RC			Religion	RC		
Occupation				Occupation			
Witness:	THOMAS CULLEN			Witness:	ANNE CULLEN		

(Source: Kilbride-Barndarrig Parish register extracts in Wicklow County Archives parish records database)

Marriage of Thomas Byrne and Mary Cullen in 1911:

1911 Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Church of <u>Barndarig</u> in the Registrar's District of <u>Dunganstown</u> in the Union of <u>Rathdrum</u> in the County of <u>Wicklow</u>								
No. (1.)	When Married (2.)	Name and Surname (3.)	Age (4.)	Condition (5.)	Rank or Profession (6.)	Residence at the Time of Marriage (7.)	Father's Name and Surname (8.)	Rank or Profession of Father (9.)
114	26 th February 1911	Thomas Byrne ^{of full age}	24	Bachelor	Farmer	Ballinapark	Owen Byrne	Carter
		Mary Cullen ^{of full age}	24	Spinster	Farmer's	Castletymon Kilbride	Patrick Cullen	Wardmaster in T. D. Cullen Union
Married in the Roman Catholic Church of <u>Barndarig</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by me, <u>Patrick Gavin C.C.</u>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us		<u>Thomas Byrne</u> <u>Mary Cullen</u>	in the Presence of us,		<u>Robert Bradshaw</u> witness <u>Patrick</u> <u>Maggie Cullen</u> <u>Gavin C.</u>			

(Source: www.irishgenealogy.ie civil records)

1901 & 1911 Census returns of the Byrnes of Ballinapark:

Owen Byrne 1901:

https://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Wicklow/Dunganstown_South/Ballynapark/1814772/

Owen Byrne 1911:

https://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Wicklow/Dunganstown_South/Ballynapark/895789/

Thomas Byrne, 1911:

https://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Wicklow/Dunganstown_South/Ballynapark/895788/

Byrne headstone, Castletimon Graveyard



(Source: <http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/wicklow/photos/tombstones/castletimon/castletimon1/target106.html>)

Note:

For more information and some images, see:

https://heritage.wicklowheritage.org/category/places/brittis_bay_castletimon/barndarrig-jack-whites-photos