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From: Tyronelre@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2000 9:14 AM
To: ashmead@thomastechsolutions.com
Subject: BALLANTINES & HARKNESSES, 1901

Scott,

I found almost all of your HARKNESSES in the 1901 Census of Ireland.
If you want to see the full entry, the Mormons have microfilmed it. The reel number is 856144.

In your notes to me you have given to different names for Alexander's (b. 1853) wife: Frances and Ann. From the 1901 Census entry, Frances seems more likely.

Found in the townland of Rylands (ref. no. 90/8 on form 24) in the 1901 Census Index
HARKNESS

Name; marital status & age(or spouse's name); religion

1. Alexander; Fanny; CI [Church of Ireland]
2. Fanny; Alexander; CI
3. Mary; NM [not married] 19; CI
4. James; NM 13, CI
5. Margret; NM 10; CI
6. Isabell; NM 6, CI
7. Andrew; NM 3, CI

All were born in County Tyrone.

I was unable to find a William HARKNESS in Co. Tyrone that matched your William George (b. 1880).

However I found the 2 other children.

Alexander HARKNESS; NM 16; CI living in the townland of Beltrim (ref. no. 90/1 form 4, fourth entry on the form) born in Co. Tyrone

Frances HARKNESS; NM 15; CI living in the town of Gortin (ref. no. 90/10c, form 8 third entry on the form) born in Co. Tyrone.

The spellings of the names are as indexed.

From these records, you can readjust the timeframe as to when Mary emigrated. You thought she had emigrated in 1900, but she was on the 1901 census (which I believe was taken March 31, 1901 -- it was either done then or in early April).

The townland of Rylands is very near to Beltrim. To get further details on it, try this web site <http://www.seanruad.com>

You will probably want to order the LDS film that I mentioned above to see the entries, especially to get Alexander and Frances' ages as recorded on the census. Also, you probably want to know whom Alexander and Frances were living with, whether it be a relative or as a servant.

I'll end here for now. Keep in touch. I am not sure if I mentioned it before, but I will be in Ireland at the end of the month. So, whatever info you have collected on your own or from others, please get it to me by August 24th and I will see if I can check some records for you while I am there.

-Clare

Scott, I hope this is helpful to you. Please let me know how your research is faring. I believe that there is probably a connection between your Frances BALLANTINE and my cousins.

In a message dated Wed, 26 Jul <ashmead@thomastechsolutions.com> writes:

<< Clare,

You caught me just in time. I'm leaving my office early today. Thank you very much for your time and effort!

Here are the names of the eight Harkness children. (Children of Alexander Harkness and Ann Balantine)

William George, born April 25, 1880

Mary Elizabeth, born March 20, 1882

Alexander, born August 9, 1884

Frances, born February 12, 1886

James, born September 26, 1888

Margaret Jane, born December 23, 1890

el Kathryn, born August 20, 1895
Andrew John, born July 21, 1897

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tyronelre@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2000
To: ashmead@thomastechsolutions.com
Subject: RE: Beltrim & BALLANTINES -- William Geo.

Scott,
I plan to go to the New York Pub. Library today. If I have time, I will look at the 1901 Census INdex to see if I can find your HARKNESSES.

If you have the name of the other children, it would be helpful to me.

-Clare

In a message dated Fri, 30 Jun 2000 <ashmead@thomastechsolutions.com> writes:

<< Clare,
Thanks for the info regarding The General Register Office. I assume they don't accept U.S. dollars, so I'm not sure how I'm going to pay for the marriage cert. I sent them an email asking them what my options are as far as payment is concerned.

As I mentioned previously, there was a son of Alexander Harkness and Frances Ballentine named William George. Obviously he would have the last name of Harkness and not Balantine, but he may have been named after someone on the Ballantine side of the family.

Regards, Scott
Scott Ashmead
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From: Tyronelre@aol.com
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2000
To: ashmead@thomastechsolutions.com
Subject: RE: Beltrim & BALLANTINES -- William Geo.

Scott,
i don't know (yet) if it's a family thing for the Ballantines, but I know of two both with the name of William. One was William James and the other was William George Ballantine

In a message dated Fri, 30 Jun 2000
<ashmead@thomastechsolutions.com> writes:

<< Clare,
This is exciting. I've only sent out a few emails relating to the Harkness/Balantine side of my family and already I've got some very valuable information.

As I mentioned in my original email, I'm new to this list.

In fact I'm just getting started researching the Harkness/Balantine side of my family. The only information I have is that my great-great grandparents were Alexander Harkness(born March 25, 1854) and Frances Ballantine(born August 1, 1854).

They were married July 3, 1879. The information I have is from my great-aunt. She states that they were both born in Beltrim, Co. Tyrone.

I don't believe they ever left Ireland, but they had eight children and at least one of the children, Mary Elizabeth Harkness (my great grandmother), immigrated to the U.S. As I mentioned previously, I'm guessing that she came to the U.S. about 1900.

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This is all of the information I have. As always any and all information is greatly appreciated.

Regards, Scott
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From: Tyronelre@aol.com
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To: ashmead@thomastechsolutions.com

Scott,

I have cousins who were BALLANTINES from near Gortin!!!
Would you please send me what you know about your Tyrone BALLANTINES?? I would be very interested--- any dates or placenames would be a help if you know them.

FYI I have a number of lines from the Gortin area and have learned a bit about the different townlands there, so if you have any local questions, let me know. I still have cousins there who I can check with if needs be.

Clare
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In a message dated Fri, 30 Jun "Ashmead, Scott (ThomasTech)"
<ashmead@thomastechsolutions.com> writes:

Thank you for this valuable information.

The surname I'm looking for is Harkness, also Balantine. I'm guessing that my ancestors emigrated from Beltrim at about 1900.

Thanks again for your help!

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-----Original Message-----

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2000 9:30PM
To: CoTyronelreland-L@rootsweb.com
Subject: Re: [CoTyrone] Beltrim

Beltrim is near Omagh, but north of it, closer to (the now village) Gortin. The townland of Beltrim has on it an estate that can still be visited today, it was owned by Scottish landlords, the Hamiltons.

If you go to the PRONI - Public Record Office of Northern Ireland web site, you should find some references to Beltrim. I _may_ have the enumeration sheet for the 1901 census of Beltrim. What surname are you looking for?

In a message dated 6/29/00 ashmead@thomastechsolutions.com writes:

<<I'm new to this list. Has anyone heard of the town of Beltrim in the county of Tyrone. My ancestors are from there, but I haven't been able to find it on any maps. I believe it's near Omagh.>>