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**To:** "Claire.McElhinney" <claire.mcelhinney@btopenworld.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 23, 2002 12:32 PM  
**Subject:** Re: HARKNESS- IRL Surnames List

Dear Claire:

Yes, I am looking for my great-great-grandfather, Alexander Harkness, b.1854, married 1879 to Frances "Fanny" Ballantine, daughter of Elizabeth Robinson Ballantine, who lived in the Beltrim estate until her death c.1900?. I have no background information about Alexander, and no more about Fanny's family, either.

Thank you, JMichelle

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**From:** Claire.McElhinney  
**To:** jm62c@netzero.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2002 5:11 PM  
**Subject:** HARKNESS-IRL Surnames List

I have a fairly decent list of the Harkness name in that area. My grandmother was Harkness. Is there anyone in particular you were looking for? Claire

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**From:** "Claire.McElhinney" <claire.mcelhinney@btopenworld.com>  
**To:** <jm62c@netzero.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 29, 2002 1:54 PM  
**Attach:** Interview for Q101.doc  
**Subject:** HARKNESS

Dear Michelle, Only replying to you now. Dec is a very busy month for me and with Christmas and just a few days ago, sickness, this is my first time to do any work at the computer. I have attached some of the Harkness material which I hope will be relevant to yourself. If there is any extra info you want on a particular person, let me know and I will see if I have anything on them. How exactly are you related? Who is your Grandfather? Best regards and Happy New Year.  
Claire

12/30/2002

1<sup>st</sup> Generation James Harkness + ?

2<sup>nd</sup> Generation William Harkness married (10 Feb 1846 @ Cappagh Church of Ireland, (near Omagh) to  
born c 1820 Mary McCausland)

Occupation 1) servant

2) Labourer/Woodranger at Beltrim Estate, Gortin, and lived in Rylands townland which is a short distance from Gortin village.

### THEY HAD NINE CHILDREN

1. William
2. Margaret
3. John
4. Alexander (b 1854) the present connection in Omagh and your connection
5. Andrew my connection in Plumbridge
6. Mary
7. Charles
8. Catherine
9. Martha

This is what I know about No 4 above - your gt gt grandfather

Alexander Harkness  
Born 1854  
Mar 2 July 1879  
Died 12 July 1941  
Occu Labourer and Church Sexton  
Addr Rylands Townland  
Gortin, near Omagh  
Co Tyrone

His Wife:

Fanny Ballantine (Father George who was also Sexton of Gortin Church of Ireland.

### THEY HAD 8 CHILDREN

- a. William George b 25 Apr 1880 mar 1<sup>st</sup> Fanny Jeffreys in 1901 (3 children Alex, Wm John, & Jane  
mar 2<sup>nd</sup> Annie
- b. Mary Elizabeth b 20 Mar 1882 to America with others
- c. Alexander b 9 Aug 1884 *Agnes (Scottish)*
- d. Fanny b 12 Feb 1886 mar (4 Feb 1904) George Anderson
- e. James b 26 Sep 1887 *1888 m. Jannie*
- f. Margaret Jane b 23 Dec 1890 mar Fred Brown - went to America - 1 child Bill d. 1965 Bill married someone called Mildred but they had no children. Bill started Brown's Boat Yard in Brant Beach, New Jersey. He and Mildred split up, it seems, before Bill's foray into this business.
- g. Isabella Catherine b 20 Aug 1895 mar her cousin Wm John Harkness (son of No 5 above) and went to USA - one son Andrew James b 1925  
mar Lois Seitz in 1946 - they had one son James (Jim) mar to Chris ? no children and in 1999 made contact with the Omagh Harkness's. Jim lives in Mt Laurel NJ
- h. Andrew John b 27 Jul 1897 went to Canada & married someone called Alice, lived in Canada

*twins*

*(Miss)  
O'Connell or McConnell*

*Aunt Peg  
1950 OS  
Connors.*