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Results of the research of Colonel Don Pershing Wyckoff, USMC, in Dublin, Ireland, basic documentation for guidance having been furnished by the Marine Corps Museum, on the genealogy of . . .

ANTHONY GALE

"After arrival in Dublin on 3 May 1967 I visited the Genealogical Office, Dublin Castle 2 where I introduced myself to Mr. Gerard Slevin, Chief Herald, provided him with a copy of the documentary material and explained the purpose of my visit.

Two circumstances limited the search: The destruction of many records during the Irish Rebellion, 1919-1920, and the lack of birth records other than Parochial records prior to 1860.

Mr. Slevin advised a search of appropriate Wills during the period in question, for which most records have been preserved. This was undertaken through the Index to the Prerogative Wills of Ireland, 1536-1810, compiled by Sir Arthur Vicars, Dublin, 1897.

A number of Gale Wills were listed, both under "Gale" and "Geale." Almost all were from the Queens County (now Laois /Leis in Rand-McNally - Editor. / Co.) area.

Volume #233, "Abstracts of Wills, New Series," of the Genealogical Office, was reviewed to further define the possible relationship of the Gale family to Anthony Gale. These abstracts are a compilation of notes made from original documents prior to their destruction by fire during the Rebellion. Included in the Gale listings was reference to a Will by one Mall Delaney of Balinakill /Rand-McNally shows it "Ballinakill"/ to his daughter (unnamed) and her husband, Anthony Gale, dated 1784. The sons and daughters of this Anthony Gale were listed: Parnell, Mall, William, Anthony, John, Jane and Frances. With the previous estimate of 1781 as the birth date of the former Commandant, and the association of the Delaney family, determined by prior research, it appeared that this document was of great significance.

Research was accordingly shifted to the Delaney records, and the original genealogical notes on the Will of Mall Delaney noted previously were located in Volume #231 of the Genealogical Office records. The Will was dated 6 Nov 1784 and proved on 20 Jan 1785. The notes contained essentially the same information as found in the Abstracts. A photostatic copy of this document, with negative, will be mailed to the U.S.

Mr. Slevin also produced a loose document upon which had been noted a background of the Gale family in Ireland. It showed an interesting military origin of the family, originally English. A Colonel Oliver Gale, according to these notes, came to Ireland during the time of Henry VIII. There was a Lt. Anthony Gale who married a woman of the Wandasford family in 1666 at a place called Crottenteagle, (noted as alias "Ashfield") Such a place name could not be located in directories of the time. However, subsequent listings of the family refer to an Ashfield Hall, in Carlow /County/, an area close to Ballinakill. Lt. Anthony Gale's grandson - son of Samuel Gale and a woman named Grace of Gracepark - was also named Anthony.

This document, containing notes on six generations of Gales since 1666, will also be photostated and mailed to the U. S.

A visit was then made to the Registry of Deeds, King's Inns, Henrietta Street, Dublin, for a further search of records involving the Gale and Delaney families in the late 18th century. The following information was obtained.

1. Book 336, page 131, Document 224169: a marriage settlement of 14 Nov 1780 between Thomas Gale of Sampson's Court, Queens County, and his wife, Mable and Anthony Gale, second son of Thomas, of the first part; and Peter Gale of Ashfield in Queens County, and Stephen Fitzgerald of Ballydavis in Queens County, of the second part; and Ann Delaney, eldest daughter of Malachi of Rathleagne in Queen's County, of the third part.

"Whereby after reciting that a marriage was speedily to be had and solemnized between the said Anthony Gale and Anne Delany, Thomas Gale in consideration of the said intended marriage and of the marriage portion of £ 300 to be received (purpose of dowry described) did grant, bargain, sell, assign and make-over unto Peter Gale, John Gale, and Stephen Fitzgerald all that and those the several towns and lands of Samson Court and Knockardegus with their appurtenances and all his, the said Thomas Gale's right, title, and interest . . ."

This document confirms the marriage of an Anthony Gale to an Ann Delany in 1780, presumably the father and mother of Anthony Gale, born about 1781.

2. Book 362, Page 164, Document 243155: An indenture of lease, executed 1 Nov 1782 in which: "Malachy Delany and James Moffitt, both of Ballynakill, Queens County, did in the consideration therein mentioned demise and (lett or settle) unto Anne Gale of the same town and county, widow, all that those the dwelling house and garden in the occupation of the said Ann Gale (for £3 rent paid half yearly) . . ." (description and terms follow).

3. Book 337, Page 135, Document 226127: An indenture executed 4 Dec 1780, wherein Samuel Gale of Ballynakill, Queen's County, for consideration, let to Thomas Gale certain property at 13 shillings per acre. This document is of minor significance and may pertain to a transaction between the possible great-grandfather of Anthony Gale (Samuel) with his son (Thomas).

While at the Registry of Deeds, an examination was also made of the Lands Index, 1739-18??, Counties of Carlow and Queens. Place names such as Ashfield, Ballynakill, and Crottenteagle, encountered in earlier research, were checked to see any land transactions which might have affected the Gale or Delaney families. The only one appearing to be significant was faded and obscured by mold. Listed in Book 595, page 438, Document 407828, it refers to a lease or sale of Ashfield by a James Fitzmaurice and his wife Mary (nee Gale) to a man named Browne, Dated 12 April 1808, it may mark the loss of the original holdings of the Gale family.

Following research at the Registry of Deeds, a visit was made to the Public Record Office, Four Courts, Dublin, in an attempt to obtain the actual Will of Mall Delaney. No such document was found, but genealogical notes on the Will were again located in Betham's Genealogical Abstracts of Prerogative Wills, Volume 19, 1772-1794, listed in the Public Records Office as Bay 1A, Shelf 44, Sub-number 2. Dates were the same as previously noted. Again the sons and daughters of Anthony Gale were listed as Jane and Fanny (Frances?), Pernel, Mall, William, Anthony, and John. In addition a daughter of Mall Delaney was listed as Ann Ryan, and sons-in-law as John and James Moffitt (Note Item 2 above, where Malachy Delaney and James Moffitt deeded a house to Anne Gale). Throughout the search the spelling of names varied: Delany/Delaney; Ann/Anne; Ballynakill/Balinakill. It is probable that Malachi (Delaney) is synonymous with the shortened Mall (Delaney).

It can be documented, therefore, that an Anthony Gale married an Ann Delaney in 1780; further . . .

- That Ann Delaney was the daughter of Malachi Delaney.
- That Anthony Gale was a son of Thomas Gale.

It can be supported by secondary documents that Anthony and Ann (Delaney) Gale had seven children - two daughters and five sons, one named Anthony.

Notes on Antecedents

Colonel Oliver Gale:

Came to Ireland from England at time of Henry VIII.

Lt. Anthony Gale:

circa. 1666. Married a Wandasford girl, residence of Crottenteagle, alias Ashfield.

Samuel Gale:

Married Grace of Gracepark.

Anthony Gale:

Married Mary, daughter of Vicar of Levally.

Peter Gale:

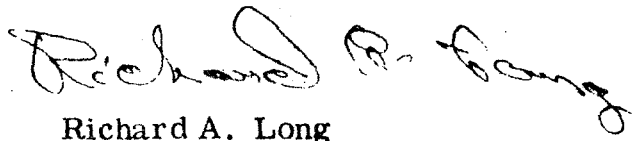
Married Catharine of Browne

Samuel Gale:

(Details not recorded).

Peter Gale:

Residence Ashfield Hall, Carlow County.



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