



## Surnames M-W

### Millin

John Milling of Donaghadee appears in a schedule of debts concerning the Rosemount estate in 1691.

### Gravestone inscriptions

#### DONAGHADEE CHURCHYARD

Here lyeth the body of Jean Mackgwear wife to Alixander Millieng of Dounodie who lived and died wel January 28 1660. Here lyeth the body of Alexander Milling of this town who departed this life ye 9th May 1705 lived in the fear of God and love of his neighbors of age 73 years. [The stone was apparently taken by the Sempill family and placed face-down with their inscription on top. It was erected in its present position by Daniel Delacherois.]

Here lyeth Martha Mountgomerie wife to Archibald Mil(in) of Dounadie mariner, she deceased the 17 March [1662].

#### MOVILLA GRAVEYARD

Here lyeth 4 of the children of Robert Milling, merchant in Newtown, anno 1678.

### Money penny

The earliest mention of the name in North Down and the Ards dates from 1617 when Rev. Andrew Money penny received a grant of denization so that he could enjoy the same rights as English subjects in Ireland.

In 1653 Lieut. John Mumpeny was among those Scots in the 'Little Ardes, Gray Abbey, and Lisborough Quarters' identified for transplantation to Connacht (never put into effect).

In 1659 John Moneypeany of Ballyskeagh, Newtownards, was a poll tax payer.

In 1663 Arthur Money penny of Parsonhall, Ballytrustan, appears in the subsidy roll.

### Mowlane

The earliest mention of the name in North Down and the Ards dates from 1617 when John Mowlane of Cronstown, Newtownards, received a grant of denization so that he could enjoy the same rights as English subjects in Ireland.

### Munro

In 1659 Robert Monro Esq. of Comber appears as a poll tax payer.

Andrew Munro Esq. attended the funeral of the 3rd Viscount Ards in Newtownards in 1663. He is supposed to have been a nephew of General Robert Munro. In 1672 he was residing in Cherryvalley in Comber parish.

### Nesbit

The earliest mention of the name in North Down and the Ards dates from 1625 when James Nesbitt was a tenant in Bangor and Vicinity and William Nesbitt was a tenant of 38 acres in



Ballygilbert, part of the Clandeboy estate. In 1692 Thomas Nesbitt was a tenant in 'Killinchy and half Ballywoolin'.

### **Nicholson**

In 1663 William Nicholson of Ballymagee, Bangor, appears in the subsidy roll for County Down. In 1665 this man's will was probated.

In 1681 Hugh Nicholson appears as a tenant in Bangor in the Clanbrassil rent roll.

In 1694 William Nicholson of Ballyholme was leased property in Ballyholme, Bangor and Ballymagee.

### **Gravestone inscriptions**

#### **BANGOR ABBEY CHURCHYARD**

Here lyeth the body of Mr William Nicholson, of Ballow, who departed this life the 5th of April 1661 aged 74 years. Also his wife Jannet BROWN who departed this life the 14th of Febry 1680 aged 80 years. Here lyeth their (grandson) Mr Willm Nicholson who departed this life the 3rd of Janry 1704 aged 45 years. And his wife Eleanor DUNLOP Also Mr Willm Nicholson, son to Willm Nicholson & Eleanor Dunlop, who departed this life the 17th of June 1740 aged 41 years.

[Altar-tomb, beside next, and probably cut in the mid-18th century]

#### **KILLYLEAGH OLD GRAVEYARD**

Here lyeth the body of Janie, daughter to James NICHOLSON, dep. Dec. 1635.

### **Orr**

In the early 17th century John Orr settled at Ballyblack, near Newtownards. He died in 1627.

### **Peebles**

The earliest mention of the name in North Down and the Ards dates from 1617 when John Peebles of Carrow John Bostie, Inishargie, received a grant of denization so that he could enjoy the same rights as English subjects in Ireland.

In 1645 Rev. Thomas Peebles was ordained minister of Dundonald (then including Holywood). He had come from Scotland in 1642 as one of the regimental chaplains and served as clerk to the Presbytery. In 1661 he was ejected from his ministerial position in Dundonald on account of his Presbyterianism, but remained in the area until his death in 1670.

### **Pollock**

The earliest mention of the name in North Down and the Ards dates from 1625 when Gabriel Pollock appears as a tenant of 3 acres in Bangor and Vicinity.

### **Ramsay**

In 1665 John Ramsay was the master of the *James* of Donaghadee. In 1679 he, or a namesake, was master of the *Hope* of Donaghadee

In 1685 David Kennedy sold Ballysallagh and 16 acres in Bangor to his nephew James Ramsay.

### **Robinson**

In 1671 John Robinson of Killyleagh, merchant, was party to a deed.



### **Rudd**

In 1625 Bessie and George Rudd were tenants of Lord Clandeboy in Ballyskelly near Bangor.

### **Semple**

The earliest mention of the name in North Down and the Ards dates from 1617 when Andrew Semple of Ballygrainey, Bangor, received a grant of denization so that he could enjoy the same rights as English subjects in Ireland. In 1663 James Simple of Whitechurch appears in the subsidy roll for County Down.

### **Seton**

The earliest mention of the name in North Down and the Ards dates from 1625 when Jane Seton of Archine, Ardkeen, received a grant of denization so that he could enjoy the same rights as English subjects in Ireland.

### **Sinclair**

#### **COMBER CHURCHYARD**

(Here lieth) these bodies of Robert (Si)nkler who died in 1666 aged (71) years. And (his) wife Giels Gordon who died in 167(7) aged 74 years. Also their son John (Si)nkler who died in 1684 aged 61 years. [Slate stone laid flat on the ground and badly flaked.]

### **Spier**

#### **First mention in North Down and the Ards**

The earliest mention of the name in North Down and the Ards dates from 1617 when Alexander Spier of Greyabbey received a grant of denization so that he could enjoy the same rights as English subjects in Ireland.

### **Stanhouse**

#### **First mention in North Down and the Ards**

The earliest mention of the name in North Down and the Ards dates from 1617 when a William Stanehouse of Corbally, Killyleagh, received a grant of denization so that he could enjoy the same rights as English subjects in Ireland.

### **Thompson**

The earliest mention of the name in North Down and the Ards dates from 1617 when John Thomson of Blackabbey received a grant of denization so that he could enjoy the same rights as English subjects in Ireland. In 1663 George and Thomas Tomson appear in the subsidy roll – George for Ballyblack and Thomas for Craigavad.

### **Waddell**

The earliest mention of the name in North Down and the Ards dates from 1617 when Alexander Waddell of Ballymenock, Holywood, received a grant of denization so that he could enjoy the same rights as English subjects in Ireland.

### **Wachop/Wanchop**

The earliest mention of the name in North Down and the Ards dates from 1617 when James Wanchop of Ballygraffan, Ballyhalbert, received a grant of denization so that he could enjoy the



same rights as English subjects in Ireland. In 1671 George Wachop of Bangor, gentleman, was party to a deed concerning Orlog and Copeland Island.

### **Warnock**

In 1681 Robert, John and Widow Warnock appear as tenants in Ballywalter in the Clanbrassil rent roll.

### **Gravestone inscriptions**

#### **WHITECHURCH GRAVEYARD**

Here resteth in the Lord the body of Isbale WARNOK, wife to John Faris Smith in Grayabby who departed this life 23 of February 1667 1686 John Warno ----- [The last part is confused]. [Worn stone mounted in modern cement frame and re-erected in a low railed enclosure with modern Warnock stones.]

### **Wylie**

The earliest mention of the name in North Down and the Ards dates from 1617 when a John Wylie of Ballyhay, Donaghadee, received a grant of denization so that he could enjoy the same rights as English subjects in Ireland. In 1688 John Wily senior and John Wily junior were tenants in Tolemenows, Killyleagh parish.

### **Wyms**

The earliest mention of the name in North Down and the Ards dates from 1617 when a William Wyms of Newtownards received a grant of denization so that he could enjoy the same rights as English subjects in Ireland.