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Maternal family

Shipping arrivals



SHIER (SCHEUER SCHYER SHIRE) Ancestry

1st generation : Johann Adam SCHEUER [c1674-1758] was the original German emigrant to settle in Ireland. He was enrolled as John Adam SHEUER aged 35, husbandman and vinedresser, with sons aged 8 and 5 yrs and a daughter aged 2 yrs. This family was in the first party of Palatine refugees to reach London in 1709. [The Board of Trade List of First Party of Palatines in London, May 3, 1709 by Walter Allen Knittle] [London Lists HJ p110]
 Hans SCHYER was a Palatine in Ireland 13 Jul 1715; on 29 Sep 1720 Hans Adam SCHYER was a Palatine living on the Southwell Estate, Co Limerick (Groves Papers). In Apr 1755 Adam SHIRE was a freeholder at Courtmatrass. Adam SHIRE was bur 4 Jan 1758 Rathkeale [HJ p110]

In a diocesan census of 1766 in Rathkeale parish there were 71 Protestant families and 492 Papists (Catholics). In Nantinan parish there were 170 Protestants and 888 Papists. [Ballarat Link No 139 Aug 2003] p11, from 'All Ireland Sources' Newsletter Vol 4, No 6, June 2002]

2nd generation : Patrick SHIRE s/o Johann Adam SHIRE, resident of the townland of Killiheen, in the parish of Kilsconnell, County Limerick, with his wife Barbara in the mid-18th century. Patrick SHIRE bur 13 Jan 1763. [HJ p111]

3rd generation John SHIRE was chr 12 Mar 1749, son of Patrick SHIRE and Barbara [HJ p111]

4th generation John SHIER was a brickmaker who married Mary KENNEDY.

Tithe Applotment Books of County Limerick:

The Nantinan book dated c1825 notes John SHIRE at townland of Ballingrane, parish of Nantinan, Co Limerick.

The Adare book dated 1827 records John SHIER with 16 acres, 3 roods and 7 perches at River Roe (Townland of Rineroe, Parish of Adare, Co Limerick) [Hank Jones p112]

Known children of John SHIER and Mary KENNEDY:

Mary SHIER b abt 1817 Tipperary (from shipping and death cert). It is likely that our Mary SHIER was born in Kilcooley Parish, Co Tipperary but there are very few christenings for that parish on the IGI. None can be found for Mary or for her father John SHIER.

Mary SHIER married Amos SHOEMAKER at Rathkeale 6 Feb 1841 [IGI Batch No M700591 extracted from parish records]

Louisa SHIER of Rathkeale Parish m 26 Mar 1845 Rathkeale, Limerick, Richard BARKMAN of Adare Parish, County Limerick. Witnesses: John SHIRE (prob father of Louisa) and James TESKEY (brother-in-law of Richard) [IGI Batch M700591 extracted from parish records]

Richard BARKMAN b 20 Jan 1817 s/o of Peter BARKMAN and Rebekah of Rienroe, Adare, Co Limerick. This couple emigrated to America 12 Mar 1851.

Patrick O'Connor writes: "In the rich Maigneside setting of mid-Limerick - here on the Dunraven lands in Adare parish branches of the CORNEILLE, **SHIRE**, SPARLING and TESKEY clans had left their peasant origins emphatically behind them and by the mid-19th century had assembled attractive swathes of farmland. Jacob SHIRE held 106 acres valued at £71 in Rineroe and Ballygeale. Richard BARKMAN of Tuogh held 47 acres valued at £28.25." [PO'C p149]

The **SHIRE** family group grew to be the largest of all Irish Palatine families. They outgrew the acreages of the original settlement on the Southwell Estate and took up farmland away from the nucleus of the Palatine population around Rathkeale. As the pressure for land grew many members of the SHIRE family group emigrated to America.

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