

Cork City and County Archives

Descriptive List

Identity Statement Area

Reference Code: IE CCCA/PR28
Title: Roche Family MSS.
Dates: (1315) c.1642-c.1774
Level of description: Series / Item
Extent: 7 items

Context

Creator

Roche Family (Fermoy, Cork City, and Trabolgan Co. Cork)

Archival History

Acquired by Archives at public auction, December 2009.

Biographical / Administrative History

The Roche, De La Roch (or in Latin De Rupe) family, of Anglo-Norman descent, held one of the great lordships of Munster and were especially prominent in the Fermoy / Castletownroche area of north Cork (referred to as 'Roches Country') from the 13th century. Gaelicised by the 15th century, when in 1458 the scribe William O'Hickey compiled for Lord David Roche ('Dáibhidh Mór') the first part of the 'Book of Fermoy' MS. One of the Lords of Fermoy, Maurice, joined the Catholic insurgents in 1641, being eventually defeated and outlawed along with 31 other Roches, and eventually having his property confiscated. A wealthy and influential branch of the Roche family had a long association with Cork City, with several Roches being Mayor from 1488 onwards. Dominick Roche, Alderman, was Mayor in 1609 and MP for Cork County in 1639. Following the 1641 rebellion, they were expelled along with other Irish Catholic inhabitants of the city, including Richard, Maurice and John Roche, Aldermen, and Sherriff James Roche. Maurice has his claim for restoration admitted in 1692, but the family never reestablished much influence. Other seats of the Roches include Trabolgan in east Cork and Dunderrow, near Kinsale and Kilpatrick near Ringabella. In 1856 the

Right Hon. Edmund Burke-Roche of Trabolgan, east Cork, was elevated to the peerage as Baron Fermoy.

Content and Structure

Scope and Content

Small number of MSS. and deeds relating to the Roche family of Fermoy, Cork, and Trabolgan.

1. Extensive pedigree entitled 'Roche, Lord Roche and Viscount of Fermoy in Corke'. Traces the genealogy of the Roche family from David De La Roche (ca. early 1300's) to David Lord Roche Viscount Fermoy (1615) and his offspring, 1p (1774).
2. Last Will and Testament of Dominicke Roche of Cork, Alderman (he was Mayor of Cork in 1609) (4 Jul 1636)
3. Counterpart indenture of lease of part of Glaunagaul, Barony of Barrymore. Edmond Roche Esquire, Trabolgin (Trabolgan), County Cork and John Prior, Gentleman, Gearhu, Co. Cork. (6 Feb 1745)
4. Last Will and testament of Edmond Roche, Esquire, City of Cork (21 Apr 1750).
5. Agreement made in Kings Court; Jonas Landers, City of Cork, Gentleman and Edward Roche of Trabolgan County Cork, Esquire. (1770)
6. MS 'Extracts from the Roche Papers...', with brief extracts and descriptions of documents, mainly deeds, 16pp (1303, 1511-1687)
7. MS List of deeds and papers found belonging to Edward Roche, 1p, (? 18th c.) .

(See **List of Items** below for full descriptions)

System of Arrangement

Chronological.

Allied Materials

CCCA:

U611 Denny Lane Papers

U93 and U94 James Roche Correspondence

U226 Caulfield Will Transcripts

O'Kief, Coshe Mang, Slieve Lougher and Upper Blackwater in Ireland . Albert Casey (ed.) Alabama: Knocknagree Historical Fund, 1952-1967. 13 volumes. (Incl. Genealogy of the Roche family of Fermoy. Volume 7, p. 1541.)

Elsewhere:

National Library of Ireland: Roche family material, various.

Conditions of Access and Use

Access: Open by appointment to those holding a current readers ticket.

Language: English

Finding Aid: Descriptive List

Archivists Note:

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Cork City & County Archives
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List of Items

1. (12th century) 1315 – 1615 (26 August 1774)

Extensive pedigree (family tree) entitled 'Roche, Lord Roche and Viscount of Fermoy in Corke'. Traces the genealogy of the Roche family from David De La Roche (ca. early 1300's) to David Lord Roche Viscount Fermoy (1615) and his offspring. Shows intermarriage of Roches with other families including offspring of gaelic or anglo-norman families such as McCarthy Moore, McTeige Lord of Muskrie (Lord of Muskerry), the Earl of Desmond, Lord Barry, Butler Lord of Dunboyne and Lord Power. With a attestation/inscription dated 26 August 1774, from Ralph Bigland, Registrar, College of Arms, certifying that the pedigree was truly extracted from the register of Irish families marked Q.Q.folio 34 of 35 in the College of Arms, London.

1 item

2. 4 July 1636

Last Will and Testament of Dominicke Roche of Corke, Alderman (Mayor of Cork in 1609). Mentions land in Fermoy and other property (in secretary hand script).

1 skin

3. 6 Feb 1745

Deed. Counterpart indenture of lease of part of Glaunagaul, Barony of Barrymore.

Parties: Edmond Roche Esquire, Trabolgin (now Trabolgan), County Cork and John Prior, Gentleman, Gearhu, Co. Cork. Witnesses include Abraham Chatterton and Laurence Supple.

Property: Roche farm lets unto Prior 'the three grives' of Gearhu part of Glaunagaul. Barony of Barrymore.

Terms and Conditions: For four lives including the natural life of Edmond Prior, Sophia Prior, Richard Prior, and Thomas Prior. Yearly rent of 30 pounds sterling paid half yearly for the first 4 years and thereafter 35 pounds. Prior to maintain and keep in tenantable repair all houses, cabbins, buildings, fences, ditches and improvements. Priot to receive all grazing rights of as many cows yearly on Glenagaul mountain as the former tenant James Maie. Roche to also retain liberty of fishing, fowling and other game on the said lands as well as all mines and minerals.

Size: 1 skin

4. 21 Apr 1750

Last Will and Testament of Edmond Roche, Esquire, City of Cork. Bequeaths the lands of Killuntin and Glaunegaul to his son or reputed Son' Edmond Roche and houses in the City of Cork purchased from Mr. Waters and to his younger sons and wife barbara should his son die without lawful issue. To his son Francis the sum of 500 pounds. Bequeaths to the child his wife is now 'enseign and big with' (pregnant), 500 if a male and 1000 is a female. To his daughters Lucy, Margaret and Elizabeth 100 pounds each. To his sons James, Patrick 100 pounds. To his beloved wife Barbara the rest and residue of his personal estate following payments of all debts and legacies. Appoints his wife, and also Eaton Stannard of Dublin City, and Robert Travers of Cork City as his executors. Witnesses include [Maurice] Connell, Daniel Curtin and Edmond Prior.

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5. [May-June] 1770 (10 Geo 3rd)

Deed: Agreement made in Kings Court before Justices Richard Clayton Esq., Thomas Jenison and Edmond Malone and others

Parties: Jonas Landers, City of Cork, Gentleman and Edward Roche of Trabolgan County Cork, Esquire.

Property: 5 Castles, 100 messuages, 500 cotages, 50 tofts, 20 mills, 500 gardens, 100 orchards, 3000 acres of arable land, 200 acres of meadow, 3000 acres of

pasture, 300 acres of wood, 300 acres of furze and heath, 400 acres of moor and march, and giving a list of townlands including Trabolgan

Terms and Conditions: A plea of covenant was summoned between the parties where Edward Roche had acknowledged the property listed to be the Right of the said Jonas Lander... etc.

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(Fragile)

6. 18th c. (1303-1687)

MSS, in 2 or 3 hands, 'Extracts from the Roche Papers at Mr. Burns', with brief extracts and descriptions of documents, mainly deeds, such as '12 April 7th Henry IV, Deed of John Wynchedon, Myagh mentioned'; and such as '1564 Sept 7th, 'An obligation of [Willm. Goarth]...Chief Captain...in Cork who engages to sell to Dominicke Roche Ald. A Messuages situate in Dungarvan on eof the suburbs of Corke...'; and such as '1587 May 2 Sale of Grange by Stephen Terry to William Roche Ald...Terry appoints Phillipp Roche FitzPatrick Merchant of Cork his lawful attorney...'; and such as '1606 May 26 Edmond Morrogh fitz Leary of the City of Cork Merchant and Ellen Roche alias Morrough daug: & heir to Nicholas fitz Dominick deceased marryed Wife to the said Edmond Roche Sell a house in Cork to Dominick Roche fitzWilliam...'; and such as '1620 An agreement between Dominick Roche Ald. and the Mayor and Sheriffes etc. of Cork to build a strong Gaol on the north of the city and a stone bridge with battlements, and another on the south side. Certain lands were mortgaged by the Mayor and Corporation for that purpose including fishing pools rented by George Goold, John Coppinger and Edward Morrogh (88 pounds) commons land 2 faires and a duty on wine held by Ald. Terry (250 pounds), fees and duties of the market barrell and water bailiff held by John Coppinger and Morris Roche (120 pounds)... and the market house (180 pounds) and other lands etc; and such as '1644 It seems Joanne Verdon married Dominicke Roche; and such as '1652 A Dispute seems to have existed between John and Ellen Gould amd James Roche respecting £300 left by the said Ellen by her Father Dominick Roche....'.

16pp

7. n.d. [18th c.]

MSS. 'A list of Deeds & Papers found in the Chest [of] Edwd Roche Esqre.' Brief list with titles of deeds such as 'Marriage Settlement', 'Edmond Roches Will', 'Probate of a Will', 'A lease to Hoskins'.

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