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Subject: ### Donovan family history

Catherine,

To add even further to my note below here now is more from me. I hope you are not buried prior to your trip but it would be best for you to have this material that you may be without before you advance I think.

I have another reference at home here and it is a book titled "Tracing Cork Ancestors". Of course you may have this or use it anyway. It is by Tony McCarthy and Tim Cadogan, 1998, ISBN 0 9508466 8 6. At page 77 there are listed gravestone inscriptions for Bantry. The 3 I draw your attention to are as follows: they each have Kilmocomogue beside them and I am not sure if this is a diocese?? The first is for Bantry itself, then Bantry Abbey and the other Bantry, St. Finbarr's. There are copies of each at IGRS and also in the Irish Genealogical Office.

One other work that I overlooked and have not made use of before for o Donovan's is "Land Owners of Ireland 1876". This lists all owners of 1 acre and more in that year but guess that it took a year or so to compile so it may have that sort of discrepancy and I say this keeping in mind your own o Donovans year of possible departure from Ireland. The exciting references are there as follows under Co Cork p131. {The book is divided by county}.

Catherine o Donovan, Belgrave Place, Cork, 567 acres 3c roods 10 perches, value £128.10.
Kate o Donovan, o Donovan's Cove, Durrus, 1243 acres 2 10, value £195.00.
Richard o Donovan, Carrigboy, Durrus, 193 acres 1 20, value £62.15.
Reps of Richard o Donovan, agent Henry R. Townsend, South Mall, Cork, 1,633 acres 1 20, value £328.15.
Reps of Timothy o Donovan, no agent is given unfortunately, o Donovan's Cove, Durrus, 1,940 acres 3 0, value £319.15.

There are two other entries for this name but not of the locality as I make out.

I have to upon considering this new valuable information add my own thinking and it is that the family(ies) were rather flush so why the need to leave Ireland? I would again refer you to the second edition of Grentham's book below and its content re searching Deeds and land dealings and encumbrances. I expect the clues are all there among registered Deeds and that searches would unravel for you the apparent mystery that is on the face of this land holding discovery. They would also help draw out your characters and identify the players. Wills might too be helpful as the extent of these property holdings suggest Wills or estate administrations would have arisen. Chase up this book if you do not have it for it can lead you along.

Regards,
keep in touch again - and please keep your eye open for my ancestry line and possibly the burial/death of Catherine Blair nee O Donovan of the family cove, Durrus.

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