

1823 Oct. 17 Alexander of Alex. Blair & Mary Jackson
Sponsors: John Pattison, Margt. Sullivan

1827 May 1 Hamilton Alexander of Alex Blair & Mary Jackson
Sponsors: Richard OConnor, Annstey MacCarthy

To an Australian, the names of Richard OConnor and Anstasia MacCarthy should be of interest. They were relatives of a Dr. OConnor and a Charles MacCarthy, a barrister, both of whom were transported to Botany Bay after the abortive rebellion of 1798. OConnor never saw his wife and two children again, while poor MacCarthy is said to have died in that Belsen inferno, Norfolk Island.

I must dry up.

Regards.

Sincerely yours,

P. O'Keeffe

(P. O'Keeffe)

There was a family of Stanleys, tenants of Blair, in a farm in Coolcouloghta. They later emigrated to Australia. I heard that a descendant was in the Australian Army in World War I and won the V.C.

Can you confirm?

*'Hamilton' as a Christian name resulted from marriage
of Rth White & Joseph & Margaret Hamilton of Co. Antrim*

circa 1700

See margin page 1 this letter.

*Tonson' similarly from a Blair / Tonson marriage **

Lewis' perhaps from a Blair / Lewis marriage.
Tonson Lewis married Miss Blair of Blair's Cove, Bantry, see Burke's Landed Gentry 1870, Vol. 11 at page 961.

There were Lewis / Blair marriages

Elizabeth Lewis (Hull) married Richard Blair, esq. of Blair's Cove. See Burke's Landed Gentry already quoted above.

The Hulls were of Bantry Manor School. See

* Tonson was the family name of the Barons Riversdale of Rathcormuck from 1783 to 1861 when the peerage became extinct the 3rd & last Baron being Ludlow Tonson, D.D. Bishop of Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert & Kilmacduagh. See Complete Peerage, Vol XI, pages 34-35 by G-E-C.
Motto: This Hand Is Hostile To Tyrants.