

DUDLEYS OF IRELAND.

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Dr. W. E. Dudley investigated the genealogy of his family at the Record Tower in Dublin, under the advice of Sir Bernard Burke, Ulster King of Arms, in 1869-70, and he found much to repay his efforts in tracing his ancestors from England to Ireland, as well as through the generations down to this time.

Some branches of the Dudleys belonged to the Friends' Society, which Burke said was favorable to the search, as their records were better preserved than any others. The head meeting-house was visited, where the Registers are kept, and there was free access to the births, marriages, and deaths of the several counties. Then the Public Record office was searched for wills, leases, etc.; in these most of the names in the pedigree were found and transcribed.

It was very interesting to see among them, in quite early times, such names as Ferdinando, Guilford, Robert, George, etc.

In 1608, Sept. 7, George Dudley, of Killeben, in Queen's county, made his will,* naming his wife Mary, sons Exupris, John, and George, his grandson John, granddaughters Elizabeth and Susan, and his daughter Elizabeth Wooley. George's wife Mary made her will in 1640, calling herself of Athy, Co. Kildare, and naming her sons John, George, and Isak Wooley, daughter Elz. Wooley, and grandson, Dudley Wooley. As she does not name her eldest son or his children, it is presumed they had separated after the father's property was distributed, and that he went to the King's County, leaving his mother in possession of the homestead which was left to her by her husband's will, and which she distributed to the younger children by her will.

The next will is that of John Dudley, of Castledermot, gent., dated 28th March, 1660. This was probably the second son of George, of Killeben. He mentions his wife Elizabeth, 2 sons,

* WILL OF GEORGE DUDLEY.

In the name of God Amen, the seventh day of September in the year of our lord God one thousand six hundred and eight, I George Dudley of Killeben in the Queens County yeoman being sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance, thanks be given to God for the same, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz. First, I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker Jesus Christ my Redeemer and my body to the earth from whence it was first taken to be buried in such convenient place as shall seem best to my executors hereafter named.

And after my funeral expence and other debts are payed and discharged I do give and bequeath unto my wife all the whole remainder of my estate during her widowhood, in my name, whom I do also hereby make and ordain my sole executor.

I do give and bequeath unto each and every of my children five shillings apiece to be payed unto them at my death or within one month after.

And my will further is that, if my wife shall be married unto any other man after my death, that then my whole estate to be disposed of in the manner and form following viz out of my goods and chattells now in the hands of William Ryley of Tyrconon in the Queens Co. yeoman formerly praised at the value of forty-six pounds ster. first to Excupris Dudley my eldest son ten pounds ster: and like wise unto John Dudley my second son his children eight pounds ster. to be employed and disposed of unto their proper use and benefit viz. unto my grand child John Dudley four pounds ster. and to my grand children Elizabeth and Susan each of them forty shillings.

I give and bequeath unto my youngest son George Dudley twelve pounds sterling. And to my daughter Elizabeth now wife unto Isaac Wooley sixteen pounds ster. to be disposed and employed to her proper use and behoof and, after her decease, to go forward for her children.

I give and bequeath my house and ———, which I hold in Athy unto the proper use