

# THE ROOKE PAPERS



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**The Rooke Papers were deposited in the National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2, by Colonel Henry Thomas Bernard Bellingham Rooke of Pigeon's Piece, Wootton, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, England, in August 1998. [Accessions No. 5277]**

### **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FAMILY**

The proven line of this Rooke family begins at the start of the 18<sup>th</sup> century with Joseph Rooke, weaver, of Dunscombe Lane, Dublin, whose will was dated 1706. His son John was a calender (a) in Engine Alley, Dublin and it is from the time of John's son Henry, that the Rooke pedigree is well documented. Henry married in 1767, Elizabeth Ward, of a prosperous brewing family in the Dublin Liberties. Their eldest son Thomas, a barrister at law, married Elinor Ward of Co. Wexford in 1792 (b) Thomas and Elinor Rooke had two sons and four daughters. The New Zealand and Australian branches of the family are descended from their second son, Thomas Slator Rooke. These descendants include the Rev. Charles Vaughan Rooke, who played rugby at international level for Ireland from 1891-7 and was on the first Irish team to win The Triple Crown in 1894. Henry, the eldest son of Thomas and Elinor Rooke, was a solicitor and married Elizabeth Warburton in 1824. They had fourteen children. Their sixth son was William Duffield Rooke, a sub inspector in the Royal Irish Constabulary. His only son was the Rev. Henry Montgomery Rooke, who also had an only son the Rev. Henry John Warburton Rooke [Rev. Harry Rooke]. The third son of Henry and Elizabeth Rooke was another Henry, who was rector of Wicklow 1873-1906 and Archdeacon of Glendalough. The Archdeacon married Katherine Lloyd in 1859 and their eldest son Henry became a solicitor in the family firm. This was the Henry Rooke, who married Cecilia Somerville in 1912 and they were the parents of Col. H.T.B.B. Rooke. A pedigree of the family was published in the 1958 edition of Burke's *Landed Gentry of Ireland*.

The firm of Rooke and Rooke, solicitors, was established in the last decade of the 18th century by the first William Duffield Rooke and members of the family were employed there until the death of Henry Rooke in 1942. In 1941 Henry Rooke took William A. Beers into partnership with him as it was obvious neither of his sons were interested in becoming solicitors. William A. Beers carried on the business until his own death in 1952, when the firm was taken over by Messers Longfield, Jameson and Hamilton.

There are many references throughout this collection to the Somerville family and their connections. The Somerville family home was Clermont, near Rathnew, Co. Wicklow. This house was bought by Bellingham Arthur Somerville in the mid 1890s from Colonel Charles George Tottenham of Ballycurry, Ashford, Co. Wicklow. There is also genealogical information about the Clinch family, ancestors of Margaret Clinch who married B.A.Somerville.

- (a) A calender is a machine in which cloth or paper is pressed under rollers for the purpose of smoothing or glazing.
- (b) Cecil B. Rooke tried to establish a connection between these two Rooke wives [see Ms.33,589 under Ward] .

**THE HISTORY OF THE COLLECTION**

The Rooke Papers are a genealogical collection with three main components : the legal papers, many of which came from the offices of Rooke and Rooke, solicitors; the genealogical papers created and accumulated by Cecil B. Rooke and the genealogical papers of Tommy Rooke. Sir John Ainsworth surveyed the collection while still in the possession of Cecil B. Rooke, at 40 Highfield Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6, see his *Report on Private Collections No. 461*. Some of the documents mentioned in this report may now be with the Somerville Papers.

1. Many of the legal deeds began to accumulate in the offices of Rooke and Rooke, solicitors during the 19th century. The offices of this firm were located at various addresses in the city of Dublin during the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries [see Ms. 33,598 (3)]. It was sometime after the death of Henry Rooke, solicitor in 1942, that the deeds were removed from the office and kept by his widow Cecil B. Rooke at the family home 8 Clyde Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin and later at 40 Highfield Road, Rathgar, Dublin. It is apparent that some deeds that were previously in the office were later missing. Many of the early property deeds relate to the Ward family of Dublin.

2. On 11 April 1912 Henry Rooke, solicitor married Cecilia Eliza Margaret Bellingham Somerville, daughter of Bellingham Arthur Somerville of Clermont, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow. Cecil B. Rooke [as she always signed herself] was already a keen genealogist and it is the written records of her research into the ancestry of the Rooke family that form the main part of this collection. In the first year of her marriage, she extracted Rooke wills and marriage licences in the Public Record Office, at the Four Courts, Dublin. These extracts were invaluable as they established the early generations of the Rooke family in Dublin and of course the originals were destroyed in 1922. Although she appears to have done considerable research on the genealogy of the Rooke family in the early years of her marriage and, no doubt, was able to establish a family tree [see Ms. 33,588 letter dated 19 Feb. 1916], it was not until the early 1950s that she set it out in a fully comprehensive manner. This was done to enable her eldest son, Colonel H.T.B.B.Rooke [Tommy Rooke], to apply to the Chief Herald of Ireland for a grant of arms [see Ms.33,597] .

Despite rearing four children during the 1920s and 1930s, Cecil B. Rooke continued to take an active interest in family history, however it is evident from her papers that she had more time for research from the 1940s onwards. Her interests extended way beyond the Rooke family, as she traced back the antecedents of each female that married into the family. She relied heavily on printed works, such as the various volumes published by Sir Bernard Burke and on original sources such as parish registers, deeds and other manuscript material. She was driven by family members to churchyards all over the country where she took notes on gravestone memorials. The permanent notes [see Ms. 33,585] she compiled on so many family names are the culmination of all this research.

## **Rooke Papers**

She was particularly interested in her own genealogy, that of the Somerville family and this is reflected in her papers. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century her father B. A. Somerville gathered information about the family, including extracts from many Somerville wills in the Public Record Office [see Ms. 33,586 (1)]. Cecil B. Rooke used his research (c) but she also accumulated a considerable amount of information herself about the Somervilles and their connections, such as the Bellingham, Quayle, O'Connor and many other families. It is apparent that the O'Connor family (d), with their Rolfe and Walplate connections, were one of the last families for whom she compiled permanent notes, as were the Chambalyne family, Irish connections of her daughter in law Pia Dormer. The permanent notes for these families were ready for filing when the collection was deposited in the National Library. Although Cecil B. Rooke continued her genealogical researches well into the 1960s when she was in her eighties, the registration of the Rooke and Somerville pedigrees in 1955 and the supporting notes she prepared to prove these pedigrees [see Ms. 33,592, and microfilm N.L.I. p.3236] were the main achievements in her life long interest.

3. On his retirement in 1980 Tommy Rooke decided to update his mother's 1955 family tree and supporting notes. The completion of this for the Irish and English branches of the family in 1983, led him on to further research into the Australian and New Zealand branches of the family, which he completed in early 1988. Tommy Rooke's maternal grandmother was a Clinch from the brewing family of that name in Witney, Oxfordshire and he also did some research into their ancestry. In January 2000, additional papers were added to the collection in NLI, following the death of Tommy Rooke in July 1999, see Ms 33,601 (3-12).

### **THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE LIST**

The legal papers and Cecil B. Rooke's papers, when deposited, were contained in a canvas trunk and had been in Ireland for a number of years. The papers of Tommy Rooke were in a suitcase and came directly from Oxfordshire to the National Library. Included with Tommy Rooke's papers are two family bibles, which were in his possession as head of the family. The first bible dates back to the late 17<sup>th</sup> century.

Within each of the three subgroups there are further subsections, three in the legal papers, eleven in Cecil B. Rooke's papers and six in Tommy Rooke's papers. Each of these subsections has been given a manuscript number. In the legal papers each item in each subsection has been numbered, while in the genealogical papers each folder has been numbered.

Most of the subsections are based on document type such as marriage settlements, notebooks, letters, pedigrees and the items within each subsection are arranged chronologically. There are some instances where a subsection relates to a particular person rather than a particular type of document, for example Ms.33,587 relates to the papers of the Venerable Henry Rooke, Archdeacon of Glendalough and Ms.33,599 relates to the papers of the Rev. Harry Rooke.

- (c) The Somerville Papers are now in the possession of Mr. William Somerville, Dargle Hill, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow.
- (d) Her great grandfather Daniel O'Connor appears to have been a rather colourful character.



**LEGAL DOCUMENTS**

**This subgroup contains 3 subsections entitled property deeds, marriage settlements and probates/wills. There are 46 documents concerning property transactions, 7 marriage settlements and the details of 15 wills.**

**The deeds relate to properties:**

**in the city of Dublin at Meath Street, the Lower Coombe, Francis Street and Limerick Alley, Clothworkers' Square, Engine Alley, Browne Street, Bridge Street, Usher's Street and in the Rooke Estate, made up of properties in Summerhill, Buckingham Street, Brown Street and South Cumberland Street;**

**in the county of Dublin the paper mills at Templeoge and at Richmond Terrace, Monkstown;**

**in Co. Wexford at Mount Eliot;**

**in Co. Offaly at 'Gortagavan' [Gortarevan?] and Kilmoney.**

**The parties to the deeds include the following surnames: Andrews, Ashworth, Ayres, Barry, Barrett, Bignell, Bradley, Browne, Chaytor, Cocking, Corley, Coughlan, Crofton, Daniel, Eustace, Folliott, Houston, Lennon, Mannin, Medlicott, Percy, Robinson, Rooke, Rose, Shee, Slator, Smith, Tenison, Thorton, Ward, Warren and Worthington in the Dublin area, Warburton in Co. Wexford and Boylan, Drought, Eliot, Healey and Mulock in Co. Offaly.**

**The marriage settlements relate to the Eliot and Ward families of Mount Eliot and New Ross, Co. Wexford, the Drought family of Mount Oliver, Co. Leix, the Warburton family of Firbane and Birrview, Co. Offaly, the Acton family of Westaston, Co. Wicklow, the Lloyd family of Castlerea, Co. Roscommon and the Norman, Rooke, Warburton and Montgomery families of Dublin.**

**The wills relate to members of the Rooke, Eliot, Warburton, Duffield, Lennon, Burroughs and Ouseley families.**

**Ms. 33,582 PROPERTY DEEDS**

**Cecil B. Rooke numbered and listed some of these documents [see Ms. 33,595 ].**

**1703 - 1897**

**(a) Meath Street**

**14 deeds relating to property on the east side of Meath Street and opposite Engine Alley (formerly known as Cow Lane), in the city of Dublin ,1703-'85.**

- (1) Deed of Settlement – John Ward of Dublin, gent. to George Medlicott of Tully, Co. Kildare, esq. and Edward Ward of Castle Ward, Co. Kildare, provision made for Elizabeth, (formerly Medlicott), wife of John Ward.  
1 March 1703**

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- (2) **Renewal of Life** – Henrietta Tenison, (formerly Percy), widow, Patrick Shee of London, merchant and Elizabeth (formerly Percy), his wife, George Barrett of Dublin, gent. and Francis (formerly Percy) his wife, Catherine and Mary Percy spinsters to William Ward of Wardhill, Newmarket, Liberty of Donore.  
6 June 1758
- (3) **Bargain and Sale** for a year – William Ward of Wardhill, Newmarket to John Rose of Dublin, apothecary.  
13 September 1758
- (4) **Mortgage** to secure 400 - William Ward of Wardhill, brewer to John Rose, apothecary.  
14 September 1758
- (5) **Reconveyance** – John Rose to William Ward  
29 January 1761
- (6) **Bargain and Sale** for a year – William Ward to Thomas Slator of Dublin, papermaker  
30 January 1761
- (7) **Conveyance** – William Ward to Thomas Slator for a consideration of £1153.4s.6d.  
31 January 1761
- (8) **Renewal of Life** – Henrietta Tenison of Dublin, widow, Patrick Shee of London merchant, Elizabeth his wife, Catherine and Mary Percy and Thomas Slator.  
2 September 1762
- (9) **Deed of Gift** – Thomas Slator, Ann his wife, Elizabeth Ward niece of Ann and John Coughlan, settlement on Ann and Elizabeth.  
7 October 1765
- (10) **Lease for a year** - Thomas Ayres, John Coughlan, Ann Slator, Henry Rooke and Elizabeth his wife to John Ward and Thomas Houston  
16 September 1767
- (11) **Release** – a deed of settlement, same parties as No. 10 , there is reference to a deed of 1700 made between Right Hon. Sir Anthony Percy, Knight, Lord Mayor of Dublin and William Ward of Newmarket. On the back of the deed Henry Rooke and his wife's acknowledge having received £100 from John Ward and Thomas Houston.  
17 September 1767
- (12) **Counterpart of Release**– same deed as No. 11 without the acknowledgement.

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- (13) **Final Agreement** in the King's Court –John Ward of Collector of New Ross, Co. Wexford and Thomas Houston of Dublin, woollen draper, plaintiffs, Henry and Elizabeth Rooke, defendants. [see (21)]  
*Conservation Note:* This document is in two pieces.  
15 days from the day of St. Martin 1768

- (14) **Renewal of Life** – Henrietta Cocking (formerly Tenison, formerly Percy) of Dublin widow and Catherine Percy to Henry Rooke.  
15 March 1785

**(b) Lower Coombe**

**4 Deeds relating to premises in the manor and Liberty of Thomas Court and Donore in the Lower Coombe.**

- (15) **Deed of Conveyance** – Thomas Slator of Chapelizod papermaker, son of William Slator deceased, Elizabeth Bignell widow of Thomas Bignell and Edward Bignell, gent. to Thomas Slator of Templeoge.  
27 May 1758

- (16) **Bargain and Sale** – Thomas Slator of St. Catherine's Street, Dublin papermaker to Thomas Andrews of St. Francis Street, Dublin, merchant.  
2 July 1760

- (17) **Renewal of Life**  
24 May 1766

- (18) **Renewal of Life** - Henry and Elizabeth Rooke to Thomas Andrews the younger of the Coombe, brewer.  
28 September 1779

**(c) Francis Street and Limerick Alley**

**3 Deeds relating to property on the east side of Francis Street and in Limerick Alley**

- (19) **Final Agreement in the King's Court** - Thomas Slator of Dublin, petitioner, and Richard Warren of Dublin, gent. and Alice his wife, (formerly Eustace) and Rose Eustace.  
1764

- (20) **Deed of Trust** – Thomas and Ann Slator, Thomas Ayres of Dublin, merchant and John Coughlan of Dublin, flaxdresser, and Elizabeth Ward of Dublin, spinster and daughter of William Ward of Wardshill and niece of Ann Slator.  
20 September 1764

- (21) **Final Agreement in the King's Court** – John Ward, Collector of New Ross, Co. Wexford and Thomas Houston of Dublin, woollen draper were the plaintiffs, and Henry and Elizabeth Rooke, defendants. [see (13)]  
15 days from the day of St. Martin 1768

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**(d) Cloathworkers Square**

**4 Deeds relating to premises in Cloathworkers' Square, in the Liberty of Thomas Court and Donore.**

- (22) **Lease** – John Rooke of Dublin, calenderer, to Thomas Bradley of Dublin, cloathier  
25 March 1764
- (23) **Mortgage** – John Rooke, merchant to Henry Rooke, gent. for £650  
2 November 1768
- (24) **Counterpart of mortgage** – same deed as (23)
- (25) **Lease** – Henry Rooke, to Luke Daniel, broadweaver.  
10 October 1786

**(e) Engine Alley**

**2 Deeds relating to premises in Engine Alley.**

- (26) **Deed of Assignment** – Henry Rooke gent., George Thornton of Dublin, merchant and William Rooke of Dublin, gent.  
13 August 1777
- (27) **Writ** – to the Sheriff of the city of Dublin to execute a recovery by Patrick Mannin of premises in Engine Alley, originally let by Henry Rooke and others.  
27 May 1836

**(f) Mount Eliot, Co. Wexford**

**2 Documents concerning George Hartopp Eliot Warburton's annuity of 200 charged on the lands of Mount Eliot in Co. Wexford.**

- (28) **Abstract of Title** – this document was posted to Rev. J.A. Warburton, Iffley Rectory, Oxford, England on 17 August 1871.  
August 1871
- (29) **Sale Notice** – 2 copies [A & B] – High Court of Justice, Land Judges.  
29 March 1881

**(g) Rooke Estate**

**2 Documents relating to the Rooke Estate, late 19th century.**

- (30) **Draft Explanation** - of deeds lodged in the matter of the Estate of Bartholomew Warburton Rooke and John James Rooke, in the High Court of Justice, compiled by Henry Rooke, solicitor, 4 Kildare Street, Dublin.  
[late 19th century]

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- (31) **Abstract of Title** (rough copy) – of the Rooke Estate to be sold before the Land Judges. The estate was comprised of the following Dublin properties: –  
Nos. 59 – 65 on the south side of Summerhill in the parish of St. Thomas:  
A plot of ground on the east side of Buckingham Street, in the parish of St. Thomas:  
Nos. 15 – 20 Brown Street, in the parish of St. Catherines:  
No. 22 South Cumberland Street, in the parish of St. Marks.  
25 July 1887

**(h) Miscellaneous Deeds**

- (32) **Deed of Sale** – Walter Stephens, Master of the Court of Chancery, members of the Ashworth and Barry families to Thomas Slator of Templeoge, papermaker of **the paper mills of Templeoge**, Co. Dublin.  
*Conservation Note:* in archival envelope – mould and very dirty exterior.  
27 March 1730
- (33) - (37) **5 Renewals of Lives** – on leases involving William Parsons Hoey of Hoeyfield, Co. Wicklow esq., Thomas and Elinor Browne, Bernard Brown of Co. Leix, esq. and John, Henry and William Duffield Rooke. The property [or properties] is not named but a list in Ms. 33,595 indicates that they relate to Brown Street. These renewals are all tied together.  
7 April 1746  
6 February 1768  
11 June 1768  
16 January 1778  
4 December 1790
- (38) **Lease** – Mr. Robert Mulock of Banagher, Co. Offaly to William Healey of ‘Gortagavan’ or ‘Gurtagown’, Co. Offaly of **20 acres of ‘Gortagavan’** [Gortarevan, parish of Lusnagh?] for 3 lives - William, John and Christopher Healey. Healey’s interest in this lease was transferred to the Rev. Richard Warburton on 9 October 1755.  
11 November 1752
- (39) **Deed of Settlement** – Brabazon Smith of Dublin, brazier and Martha his wife, (formerly Stewart) to Thomas Slator, papermaker and John Coughlan, flaxdresser, a sum of money and a house in **Bridge Street**, Dublin were entrusted to make provision for Martha and any children she might have.  
19 February 1759
- (40) **Lease** – Thomas Rooke of Dublin, esq. to Thomas Robinson of Dublin, gent. of a house and premises in **Usher’s Street**, Dublin.  
9 February 1789

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- (41) **Deed of Agreement** – Henry Lennon of Donniss, Co. Westmeath to William Rooke of Youghall, Co. Cork, concerning the assignment of rents. [see Ms. 33,584 (13) ]  
30 May 1797
- (42) **Lease** – Bartholomew Boyd Eliot of Parsonstown, Co. Offaly, esq. to William Boylan of Kilmoney, Co. Offaly, yeoman, of **the lands of Kilmoney** for the lives of John and George Drought sons of John Drought, Wighsborough, Co. Offaly.  
20 July 1808
- (43) **Draft Deed of Assignment** – Joseph Robinson of Golden Lane, Dublin, carpenter to Thomas Rooke, esq., lieutenant in H.M. East India Regiment of Infantry, of premises on the east side of **Queen Street**, Dublin.  
22 August 1822
- (44) **Deed of Release** – copy – Bartholomew Corley of Dublin esq and Letitia his wife (formerly Folliott), the Rev. Henry Crofton of the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, Dublin and Frances his wife (formerly Folliott), concerning the administration of the effects of John Folliott, late of Lickhill, Worcester, England who died in 1814. William D. Rooke, 30 Molesworth Street, Dublin was the solicitor involved.  
1818
- (45) **Lease** – Joshua Mason Chaytor of Bellview, Co. Dublin esq., to Alexander Worthington [see Ms. 33,583 (5)] of Blessington Street, Dublin, esq. of a house and lands at **Richmond Terrace, Monkstown**, Co. Dublin. Henry Rooke, 30 Molesworth Street, was the solicitor involved.  
7 May 1836
- (46) **Affidavit** of Bartholomew Warburton Rooke – in the matter of the estate of John R. Cooper in the Court of The Irish Land Commission. This document is very much concerned with the will of the Rev. James White, late captain in H.M. 32<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Foot. The Rev. J. White was married to Henrietta Rooke [aunt of B.W. Rooke].  
*Includes:*  
a) A copy of Rev. J. White's will, 15 April 1830,  
b) the marriage certificate of James White and Letitia Emma Crawford 14 November 1861 and  
c) the baptismal certificate of their son James, 3 January 1868.  
10 December 1897

Ms. 33,583 MARRIAGE SETTLEMENTS

7 marriage settlements, 4 of these are originals and 3 are copies [see (4) – (6)].

1752 – 1840

- (1) **Rev. Richard Warburton** of Firbane, Co. Offaly, clerk and **Ann Eliot** eldest daughter of Bartholomew Eliot, deceased, other parties involved were Bartholomew Gilbert of Kilminchy, Co. Leix, esq., Thomas Colley of Killurin, Co. Offaly, esq., Nicholas Biddulph of Fortel, co. Offaly, Esq. and Henry Sandes of Dublin, gent.  
April 1752
- (2) **Bartholomew Boyd Eliot** of Mount Eliot, Co. Wexford and **Sarah Clarke** (formerly Drought), a widow, other parties involved were Thomas Drought of Mount Oliver, Co. Leix, esq. and Henry Sands of Dublin, gent.  
1 May 1760
- (3) **John Ward**, the younger, of New Ross, Co. Wexford, gent. and **Frances Eliot** of New Ross, other parties involved were John Ward of New Ross, Darius Drake of Summerhill, Co. Wexford and Bartholomew B. Eliot of Mount Eliot, Co. Wexford, brother of Frances.  
12 February 1768
- (4) **George Warburton** of Birrview, Co. Offaly, esq. and **Anne Acton**, other parties involved were Thomas Acton of Westaston, Co Wicklow esq, father of Anne, Bartholomew B. Eliot of Parsonstown, Co. Offaly, Thomas Parsons of Dublin, barrister and the Rev. Edward Bayley of Dublin.  
3 July 1806
- (5) **Rev. Thomas Lloyd** of Castlerea, Co. Roscommon and **Eleanor Norman** of Henrietta Street, Dublin, other parties involved were Owen Lloyd of Lissadurn, Co. Roscommon and Alexander Worthington of Hardwicke Place, Dublin.  
15 August 1822
- (6) **Henry Rooke** of Dublin and **Elizabeth Warburton** of Dublin, other parties involved were Catherine Rooke of Molesworth [Street, Dublin] widow, Major George Warburton of Castlegar, Co. Galway and Willoughby Harcourt Carter of Newpark, Co. Dublin esq.  
11 December 1824
- (7) **William Fetherstone H. Montgomery** of Dublin, M.D. and **Deborah Warburton** of Monkstown, Co. Dublin, other parties involved were Bartholomew Warburton of Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, esq., R.M., and William Harty of Dublin, barrister at law.  
21 December 1840

Ms. 33,584 PROBATES AND WILLS

**There are wills of 11 different persons in this subsection. They were members of the Rooke, Eliot, Warbuton, Duffield, Lennon, Burroughs and Ouseley families. There is 1 original will, that of Paul Duffield and 4 of the wills of B.B. Eliot are originals which were never proven. There are 2 original grants of probate with will annexed and the 3 Warburton wills with probate, were extracted from the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.**

**(a) Rooke Wills.**

- (1) Probate grant of the will of **Henry Rooke** of Dublin, gent., dated 29 May 1787, to Edward Burroughs, sole executor.  
*Includes: copy will made [late 18<sup>th</sup> century]*  
14 June 1787
- (2) Probate grant - copy – of the will of **Thomas Rooke** of Dublin, barrister at law, dated 2 February 1808, to William D. Rooke.  
28 May 1808

**(b) Eliot Wills**

- (3) - (7) Five Wills of **Bartholomew Boyd Eliot** of Birr, Co. Offaly, the last is a copy will showing probate was granted to Bartholomew B. Warburton on 7 April 1813.  
14 January 1801  
31 January 1802  
9 September 1808  
24 October 1809  
15 March 1810

**(c) Warburton Wills**

- (8) Probate grant – copy – of the will of **George Warburton** of Southfield in the parish of Whateley, Somerset, England at the time of his death on 23 December 1845. His will is dated 18 April 1825 and probate was granted at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Kent to his widow Anne.  
20 January 1846
- (9) Grant of administration - 2 copies [A & B] - of the Will of **Bartholomew Elliot George Warburton** of 'no abiding place', dated 16 May 1848, to Rev. Thomas Acton Warburton. B.E.G. Warburton died on 4 January 1852.  
26 August 1852
- (10) Copy Will of **Anna Matilda Warburton**, spinster .  
20 February 1849

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- (11) Probate grant - 2 copies [A & B] - of the Will of **George Drought Warburton**, dated 3 April 1854 , to his brother the Rev. Thomas Acton Warburton. G.D.Warburton's wife was the Honourable Elizabeth Augusta Warburton [daughter of the 1st Baron Bateman and later Lady Northwick see Ms. 33,599 (2)].  
19 November 1857

**(d) Miscellaneous Wills**

- (12) Will of **Paul Duffield** of Engine Alley, in the city of Dublin, calenderer.  
7 August 1738
- (13) Probate grant of the will of **Elizabeth Lennon**, widow of George Lennon, Doonis, Co. Westmeath, will dated 7 May 1794, to her son in law William Rooke, [see Ms. 33,582 (41)]  
7 May 1794
- (14) Copy Will of **Edward Burroughs** of Usher's Island in Dublin, esq.  
24 April 1817
- [*Note:* for the will of the **Rev. James White**, dated 15 April 1830, see Ms. 33,582 (46)]
- (15) Copy Will, certified from the Public Record Office, Dublin and ordered by 'Mr.Rooke', of **Sir Ralph Ouseley** of Dublin and of Lisbon, Portugal, probate was granted on 29 September 1842 to John Ousely Bonsall.  
13 April 1842

## CECIL B. ROOKE'S PAPERS

Cecil B. Rooke 1880 – 1973 had a life long interest in genealogy and after her marriage to Henry Rooke in 1912 she began to research the ancestry of the Rooke family. The genealogical papers which she created and collected are contained in this subgroup. Cecil B. Rooke was also very interested in her own Somerville ancestors and many of the papers here refer to this family and their ancillary families. In 1955 Cecil B. Rooke registered the Rooke and Somerville Pedigrees, which she had created, in the Genealogy Office of Ireland under the Reference Number Ms. 182 A. The supporting notes, which she compiled to prove these pedigrees, are on microfilm in the National Library of Ireland Reference Number p.3236. Cecil B. Rooke's original supporting notes were located by Dorothy Rooke in November 1998 and added to the collection [see Ms. 33,592], as were 4 additional rough notebooks and some rough notes on the Warburton family.

This subgroup has been divided into 11 subsections, each with it's own manuscript number. The first subsection is the most important and contains The Permanent Notes, which summarize in a clear and concise fashion much of the information contained in the other subsections. 7 other subsections are based on document type – notebooks, rough notes, miscellaneous notes, correspondence, maps, pedigrees, extracts and cuttings. There is a miscellaneous subsection and 2 subsections contain items relating to particular persons – Archdeacon Henry Rooke and Thomas Slator Rooke.

Ms. 33,585 LISTS OF PERMANENT NOTES

These are pages of genealogical notes compiled for permanent safekeeping about 122 families. The principal sources are various volumes of Burke's *Landed Gentry* and Burke's *Peerage, Memorials to the Dead in Ireland, The Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquarians of Ireland, The Journal of the Kildare Archaeological Society, Alumni Dublensis, The Irish Builder, Lodge's Peerage, The Book of Dignities, The Crofton Memories, P.H. Hore's History of Wexford, M.J. Young's Three hundred years in Innishowen* and other books and journals.

Original sources include the legal papers of this collection, information largely concerning wills and deeds, extracted from The Public Record Office before 1922 and extracts from the Registry of Deeds, the Corporation Books of New Ross, newspapers, church records and gravestone inscriptions. Other details were sent to C.B. Rooke by persons such as Miss Batt of Rathmullen, Co. Donegal, who lent her a Batt pedigree and Nellie Cooper and George Ormsby who sent information about the Lloyd family.

These notes were kept by Cecil B. Rooke in 12 dark brown Temple Bar loose leaf books and were arranged alphabetically according to surname. They are now contained in 6 folders. There is a considerable amount of information about some families and many names have an index page and family trees. Some sheets have information on both sides. The sheets are lined and of a uniform size measuring 20 x 25cms. 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> century

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**Ms. 33,585 6 folders of permanent notes relating to the following families:**

(1)	ACTON	5 Sheets
	ALCOCK	3 Sheets
	ALLEN	6 Sheets
	BAGOT	12 Sheets
	BALFOUR	1 Sheet
	BARR	2 Sheets
	BATT	38 Sheets
	BELLINGHAM	16 Sheets
	BERESSFORD	8 Sheets
	BERKELEY	1 Sheet
	BLACKBURNE	7 Sheets
	BOLINGBROKE	1 Sheet
	BOLTON	4 Sheets
	BOYD	13 Sheets
	BOYLE	1 Sheets
	BOVELL	1 Sheet
	BROOKE	6 Sheets
	BUDGETT MEAKIN	1 Sheet
	BULLEN	2 Sheets
(2)	CARLETON	4 Sheets
	CHAMBERLAYNE	26 Sheets
	CHICHESTER	9 Sheets
	CHILCHLY/CRITCHLEY	1 Sheet
	CLOTWORTHY	5 Sheets
	COLBOURNE	2 Sheets
	COOTE	2 Sheets
	COSBY	1 Sheet
	CRIPPS	9 Sheets
	CROFTON	22 Sheets
	De RANDES	1 Sheet
	DESMYNIERS	2 Sheets
	DEVEREUX	2 Sheets
	DIGBY	3 Sheets
	DROUGHT	12 Sheets
	DUKE	2 Sheets
	DUNBAR	1 Sheet
	EDGEWORTH	3 Sheets
	ELIOT	44 Sheets

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FINLAY	4 Sheets
FITZGERALD	1 Sheet
FORTESCUE	8 Sheets
FRENCH	6 Sheets

GAGE	4 Sheets
GARDINER	12 Sheets
GOODWYN	1 Sheet

HAMILTON	4 Sheets
HANDCOCK	3 Sheets
HAUGHTON	1 Sheet

JOHNSTON	3 Sheets
JOYNER	1 Sheet

KING	12 Sheets
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LANGFORD	1 Sheet
LATHAM/LEATHEM	2 Sheets
LENNON	5 Sheets
L'ESTRANGE	9 Sheets
LEYCESTER	1 Sheet
LLOYD	42 Sheets

Note: page 34 is missing as it relates to the Loftus family.

LOFTUS	2 Sheets
LOOKER	1 Sheet
LOVETT	40 Sheets
LOUVAYNE	1 Sheet

**(4)**

MARWOOD	1 Sheet
MASON	16 Sheets
MAYPOTTER	2 Sheets
MEDLICOTT	11 Sheets
METGE	1 Sheet
MOLYNEUX	6 Sheets
MONTGOMERY	6 Sheets
MOORE	6 Sheets
MOSTYN	1 Sheet
MUNROE	1 Sheet

NEALE	1 Sheet
NEWCOMEN	8 Sheets
NEWMAN	8 Sheets
NORMAN	22 Sheets

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O'CONNOR

*Includes:* information  
about the Benn and  
Leedom families.

55 Sheets

**(5)**

PERCEVAL  
PEMBERTON  
PHIBBS  
PHILLIPS  
PLUCK

2 Sheets  
2 Sheets  
2 Sheets  
1 Sheet  
1 Sheet

QUAYLE

32 Sheets

RALEIGH  
RIALL  
RIMER  
ROLFE  
ROOKE  
ROWLEY  
RYVES

2 Sheets  
1 Sheet  
1 Sheet  
6 Sheets  
34 Sheets  
2 Sheets  
1 Sheet

SANDES  
ST.CLERE  
ST.GEORGE  
SAUNDRES  
SHORE  
SLATOR  
SMYTHE  
SOMERVILLE  
STALCORT  
STEWART  
SUDGROVE

2 Sheets  
1 Sheet  
1 Sheet  
1 Sheet  
1 Sheet  
6 Sheets  
1 Sheet  
35 Sheets  
1 Sheet  
7 Sheets  
1 Sheet

**(6)**

TAWYER  
TENISON  
TIGHE  
TOWNLEY  
TRUELL  
TUIE  
TURNER  
TYRRELL

1 Sheet  
14 Sheets  
7 Sheets  
1 Sheet  
1 Sheet  
4 Sheets  
1 Sheet  
1 Sheet

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UPTON		10 Sheets
USHER		6 Sheets
VAUGHAN		1 Sheet
VERE		4 Sheets
VESEY		1 Sheet
VIGORS		9 Sheets
WALLPLATE		10 Sheets
WARBURTON		25 Sheets
WARD	Note: 20 sheets relate to the Ward Family and another 9 sheets (A-J) contain all the extracts from the Ward Bible.	29 Sheets
WARREN		7 Sheets
WOLSTON		1 Sheet
WORTHINGTON		12 Sheets
YARNER		1 Sheet
YEEDEN		5 Sheets

**Ms. 33,586 NOTEBOOKS**

**A series of 21 notebooks kept by Cecil B. Rooke, 1930s-'60s. The first five are the oldest, the most neatly kept and were obviously for permanent safe keeping. The first two contain the information which was the basis for the Rooke pedigree of 1955 [see Ms. 33,592] and its supporting notes. The third notebook contains extensive information about the Somerville family. The other notebooks contain information relating to a wide variety of families. An additional 4 notebooks were added in November 1998.**

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- (1) The **five notebooks** for permanent safekeeping.

Black notebook containing the history of the Rooke family with a separate page for each individual. Additional notes were added at a later date.

[1930s – '60s] 181 pp

Blue notebook containing information, much of it extracted from newspapers, gathered to help compile the Rooke family tree.

[1930s- '60s] 74 pp

Dark green notebook of Somerville and associated families notes, mainly relating to extracts from parish registers, wills [many of these will extracts were copied from the originals in the Public Record Office by B.A.Somerville in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century], marriage licences and a family bible at Clermont [Rathnew, Co. Wicklow] in 1917.

[1940s] 120 pp

Dark blue notebook of Rooke, Somerville and associated families epitaphs, including those in English graveyards, and containing an index of names.

[1940s] 79pp

Orange notebook containing information about the Chomley family of Dublin and the Lambert family of Co. Wicklow.

*Includes:* 2 family trees

[1930s- '40s] 40 pp

- (2) 1 folder containing **Seven rough notebooks**, 1940s- '60s, and numbered A-G. All the notebooks are written in pencil except for A. C contains notes about Co. Wicklow from O'Donovan's Ordnance Survey Letters. E refers to the Churchill and Harmsworth families and G includes notes from documents at Inchinappa re the Crofton family.

- (3) 1 folder containing **9 miscellaneous notebooks**, 1950s, all except two contain additional loose sheets

Blue notebook containing extracts from the *Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquarians Ireland* No. 19 referring to the Dormer family and New Ross, Co. Wexford. Also contains references to the Riall and Somerville families.

[1950s] 18 sh.

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- (3) Orange notebook entitled "Notes taken at the Registry of Deeds 27 February 1951".  
1951 10 sh.
- Pink notebook containing copy letters about visits to various churchyards in Oxfordshire, England in relation to the Clinch family. Also includes notes on the Norman, Bradshaw and other families.  
1959-'65 15 sh.
- Blue notebook containing information about the Diggis, Clinch, Wright, Bradshaw and other families in England. There are some notes at the back about the Rooke, Ward, Crofton and Lloyd families.  
*Includes:* some loose items  
[1960s] 19 sh.
- Orange notebook in pencil referring to the [composition of the Rooke and Somerville family trees]  
[1950s] 38 sh.
- Blue notebook mainly relating to the Bellingham, Somerville and Warburton families.  
[1950s-60s] 26 sh.
- Red notebook of rough notes and family trees referring to the Rooke, Somerville and associated families. This notebook includes a list of the Rooke minatures [which does not appear to be consistent with the names written on the back of the Rooke minatures by Cecil Rooke].  
[1950s-'60s] 49 sh.
- Blue notebook, school jotter, containing extracts from *Lodge's Peerage*, parish registers and other records referring to the Chichester, Ussher and Fortescue families.  
[1950s] 32 sh.
- Fawn memobook containing extracts from *Memorials to the Dead in Ireland*, *Burke's Landed Gentry* and other sources re Standish O'Grady, the Winkworth family and others.  
[1950s] 12 sh.
- (4) Another 4 notebooks were found by Dorothy Rooke in the autumn of 1998 and added to the collection. These 4 notebooks, of which 2 are red and 2 pale green, refer to various families but in particular to the Lloyd, Ormsby and Phibbs connection. They are numbered by Cecil B. Rooke W, U, Zi and Ziii.  
[1950-60s]

Ms. 33,587 ARCHDEACON HENRY ROOKE

**1 folder containing a variety of items relating to Archdeacon Henry Rooke, born 1829, died 1926, rector of Wicklow 1873-1906 , Archdeacon of Glendalough and father in law of Cecil B. Rooke. This subsection details the ministry of the Archdeacon in the Church of Ireland parishes of Wicklow and Monkstown, Co. Dublin and there are also references to other members of his immediate family . His address book contains no addresses but genealogical information about the Rooke and Warburton families and is one of the sources referred to in Cecil B. Rookes's supporting notes 1955. early 19<sup>th</sup> century – early 20<sup>th</sup> century.**

a). A division containing items relating to Archdeacon Henry Rooke and 2 items referring to his uncle George Warburton and his great uncle William D. Rooke.  
1831-1916 10 items

A note regarding William Duffield Rooke, extracted from *The Secret Service under Pitt* by W.J. FitzPatrick. This note refers to William D. Rooke as 'an eminent solicitor, an accomplished violinist and a member of the Beef Steak Club'. [see Ms.33,595]  
c. March 1831

An address – printed – to Major George Warburton [died 1845] from the members of the Clare Police establishment regarding his removal from the office of Chief Magistrate. Warburton's reply is addressed to a Major Miller.  
Early 19<sup>th</sup> century

Mr. Wilson's Phrenology Scale Report regarding Henry Rooke  
[1840]

A note re Henry Rooke and the Wicklow Life Boat  
1865-'6

Address Book – containing extensive genealogical information about the Rooke family in the late 18th century and in the 19th century, including their various addresses, also regarding the Warburton family of his mother's generation [see under R and W]. There are several other short entries including the following under K – 'Catherine Kerr, died at Abbeylands, Ballybrack 1866. The best and most faithful of servants, living 32 years in the Rooke family'.  
1860s-'90s

Note re the ministry of his brother the Rev. Thomas Rooke in 1850.  
Late 19<sup>th</sup> century

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Pedigree tracing the Rooke family of Dublin in the female line through the Warburton family, copied from the Warburton Pedigree [see Ms. 33,592]

10 July 1880

A list of the Rev. Henry Rooke's appointments in the ministry including dates and some notes on the parish of Wicklow.

c. 1880s

A letter to the Rev. Henry Rooke from his brother John James Rooke, 134 Rathgar Road, Dublin about the family graves in Stillorgan churchyard.

12 March 1910

A list of the residences of his parents 1824-1886 and some general information 1860-1911.

[1910s]

A list of his career details. He retired as rector of Wicklow in 1906 but appears to have ministered in the parish of Monkstown, Co. Dublin until 1914 'last time officiated in church 10 May 1914'. He retired as Archdeacon of Glendalough on 9 June 1914 .

[1914- '16]

**b).** A division containing 7 items, 5 are certificates, relating to the Rev. Henry Rooke, his son Henry and daughter in law Cecil B. Rooke.

Baptismal Certificate of Henry Rooke.  
1831.

Baptismal Certificate of Henry Rooke.  
1860.

Baptismal Certificate of Eleanor Elizabeth Rooke.  
1867.

Marriage Certificate of the Rev. Henry Rooke and Catherine E. Lloyd.  
1859.

Birth Certificate of Cecilia Eliza Margaret Bellingham Somerville  
[Cecil B. Rooke].  
1880.

Extract from *The Irish Builder*, referring to the baptism of Cecilia Somerville on 15 May 1881 in St. Audeon's Church, Dublin.  
15 October 1889

Some early biographical details of the life of Henry Rooke compiled by his wife Cecil B. Rooke [in pencil].  
1910s

**Ms. 33,588 ROUGH NOTES ; ROOKE FAMILY**

A group of rough notes, compiled by Cecil B. Rooke in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and some correspondence. All the documents relate to the Rooke family except for a very small number of items. These notes are in pencil and were compiled from such sources as marriage licence lists, *Memorials to the Dead in Ireland*, parish registers, District Corps 1797, T.C.D. graduate lists, gravestone inscriptions, wills and typescripts, a memorandum of the connection between the Doran and Rooke families, a typescript about Thomas Slator Rooke and his descendants to 1915 [see Ms. 33,591], lists of the movements and residences of the Rooke family. Various notes refer to the Rev. Charles Vaughan Rooke, Charles Rooke of Calcutta, India, the Tighe Monument 1673 and Rooke families in England.

This group of documents also includes a copy of the newspaper *The Morning Herald and Daily Advertiser* dated 10 August 1784 which contains a reference to the publication of the second edition of a book written by Henry Rooke [of the Kent family], late Major in the 100<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot, about his travels. This newspaper was sent in 1899 to [one of the Rookes] by the Rev. Clarke, Canterbury, Kent, England.

The correspondence includes a letter dated 1895 regarding the Truell family and other letters dated 1915, from Henrietta Rooke, widow of the Rev. Thomas Rooke, to Cecil B. Rooke with details of her husband's career. Another letter from [E.S.] Grimes, Dublin to [Henry] Rooke, husband of Cecil B. Rooke, contains a list of Rooke marriages from *The Dublin Grant Book*. This letter is dated 21 June 1928. One letter dated 19 February 1916 was written by Cecil B. Rooke herself to 'My dear Pappy Rooke' [Rev. Henry Rooke] enclosing a rough copy of the Rooke pedigree.

There is also a marriage notice from Mrs. Emmanuel M. Grossman concerning the marriage of her daughter Mary Somerville to Alan MacEwan in Missouri, U.S.A. in 1937.  
20<sup>th</sup> century

Ms. 33,589 MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

Miscellaneous Notes and some Correspondence c.1950s/'60s relating to 39 families and their connection with other families. There are large amounts of notes relating to such names as Rooke, Somerville, Lloyd and Ward. The considerable amount of information gathered about the Lloyd / Ormsby / Crofton family connections was generated by the marriage of Cecil B.Rooke's son, the Rev. William W. L. Rooke to L.G.Rosemary Ormsby in 1952. William Rooke and Rosemary Ormsby were cousins through a Lloyd family connection. The Walplate notes include correspondence from Basil O'Connell K.M. of The Genealogy Office, Dublin to Cecil B. Rooke re the Walplate family and connections. The Ward family notes include the genealogy of the Ward Cup which was made in 1734 and passed down through the generations. This cup was stolen from Tommy Rooke in December 1994.

(1)	BATT	32 sheets
	BELLINGHAM	13 sheets
	BOYD / ELIOT / ROOKE	13 sheets
	CAZELET	2 sheets
	CHAMBERLAIN	7 sheets
	CHAMNEY	1 sheet
	CHICHESTER	2 sheets
	CLINCH / CRIPPS	9 sheets
	CROFTON	27 sheets
	DIGBY / FRENCH / CROFTON	6 sheets
	EARLY / BUSH	1 sheet
	EDKIN	1 sheet
	ELIOT / DROUGHT / ALTON / BAYLEY / WARBURTON/ BOYD / WARD	16 sheets
(2)	FRENCH / DIGBY	3 sheets
	GARDINER	1 sheet
	HILL	3 sheets
	KING	6 sheets
	LEIGH	1 sheet
	L'ESTRANGE	4 sheets
	LLOYD / ORMSBY / CROFTON	35 sheets

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(2)	MEDLICOTT	2 sheets	
	MONTGOMERY	1 sheet	
	MOORE / ELLARD / HAWKESWORTH	10 sheets	
	 NORMAN	 2 sheets	
	 O'CONNOR	 19 sheets	
	ORMSBY / MILLER / LLOYD	12 sheets	
(3)	ROOKE / SLATOR / BATT / BOYD	65 sheets	
	<i>Includes: 2 drafts of the Rooke family entry for the 1958 edition of B. Burke's Landed Gentry of Ireland</i>		
(4)	SOMERVILLE	9 sheets	
	 TABUTEAU	 4 sheets	
	TENISON / SOMERVILLE	5 sheets	
	TIGHE	10 sheets	
	TOWNSEND	2 sheets	
	 VESEY	 2 sheets	
	 WALPLATE	 14 sheets	
	WARBURTON	2 sheets	[Note]
	WARD	23 sheets	
	WORTHINGTON	3 sheets	
	WRIGHT	4 sheets	

[Note: additional pages were added to the Warburton rough notes in Nov. 1998 – these pages had been removed from the collection, in response to a letter [1995] written by Dr. Angel Rendel Short of Australia, about her Warburton ancestors. They include some letters written by members of the Warburton family in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and family trees. 20 sheets]

Ms. 33,590 CORRESPONDENCE

**A group of 24 letters relating to family history matters, 20 of these letters were written to Cecil Rooke, the first letter was written by her and there are 3 others. The letters refer to the Rooke, Somerville, Lovett, Lloyd, Ward, Norman, Kough, Ellard, Warburton, Dormer and Chamberlayne families.**

**1915 – 1967**

A letter from Cecil Rooke to her father Bellingham Arthur Somerville about the Somerville graves at Mount Jerome Cemetary, Dublin.

*Includes:* A map of Mount Jerome Cemetary.

16 April 1915

A letter from [Rev.] Hugh Thompson, St. Catherine's Rectory, South Circular Road, Dublin about Rookes in his parish records.

19 November 1915

Two letters from Harry Rooke, Haynford Hall, Norwich, England, whose great, great, grandfather was Giles Rooke. [see Ms. 33,592]

1 November 1917

27 November 1917

Two letters from Rev. Canon Lovett, The Deanery, Southampton, England regarding the Lovett family, a Christopher Lovett was Lord Mayor of Dublin [in 1676/7]

8 November 1922

5 February 1924

A letter from her son Tommy Rooke, at the Staff College, Quetta, [West Pakistan] in which he refers to a Somerville relative "Merlie" in Tasmania.

2 November 1941

A letter from Thomas Mason, optician, 5 & 6 Dame Street, Dublin in which he refers to a Mason and Ward who appear in the list of choristers, who sang at Handel's first performance of the Messiah.

*Includes:* four related items.

8 January 1943

A letter from "Mabel", 3 Longford Place, Monkstown, Co. Dublin regarding the Norman and Kough families of Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

30 June 1943

A letter from her brother Reg [Somerville], Clermont, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow, in which he refers to the Ellard family.

*Includes:* three loose pages of notes.

26 March 1946

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Two letters and one postcard from Eliot Warburton, London and Gloucestershire regarding the Warburton family.  
1955-6

A letter from her sister in law Vere [Somerville], Boreham Manor, Warminster, Wiltshire, England, in which she refers to the death of Mabel Savery [a first cousin of Cecil B. Rooke's through the Clinch family]  
2 December 1955

A letter from her brother Reg [Somerville], Dublin regarding Somerville burial certificates.  
16 January 1958

Two letters from Miss FitzGerald of the Representative Church Body Library, Dublin to the Rev. A.S. O'Connor, Roscrea Rectory, Co. Tipperary and 1 letter from the Rev. O'Connor to Miss FitzGerald, regarding the marriage of Elizabeth Bellingham and Captain William Somerville.

*Includes:* a postcard of Castle Bellingham  
January 1958

A letter from "Bish", Mrs Blake Masson, Five Elms, Berwick, Sussex, England, regarding the Somerville family tree.  
27 January 1958

A letter from Patrick Montague Smith, Kingston upon Thames, England, regarding the Dormer and Chamberlain families. [see page 25 Dormer]  
9 November 1958

A letter from her granddaughter Louise Catt, [London], describing her fiancée Alexander Hamilton.  
14 March 1966

A letter from Rev. Hamilton, Dean of Waterford regarding the search for the baptism of John Ward who was born in 1747 and who died in 1798.  
1 May 1967

Two letters from Rev. Broughton Mills, The Rectory, New Ross, Co. Wexford

*Includes:* a list of the Batt, Rooke, Ward and Warburton entries in the New Ross Registers.

6 May 1967  
30 June 1967

A letter from 'Nellie', Bank House, Monasterevan, Co. Offaly, in which she returns the photograph of 'Grandfather Lloyd

*Includes:* a photograph of Rev. Thomas Lloyd of Kilglass

No date [addressed to Clyde Road but posted with a 2p stamp]

Ms. 33,591 THOMAS SLATOR ROOKE

1 folder containing a detailed family record of Thomas Slator Rooke, Major in the 12<sup>th</sup> Madras Native Infantry, India and his descendents. Included are ten items which provide the basis for this family record, from such sources as The Ward Family Bible, *The Secret Service under Pitt* by W. J. FitzPatrick, The National Army Museum, Thoms Directories and the Donabate parish records which contain the baptism of Thomas S. Rooke. The information about Thomas Slator Rooke's grandchildren was given to Cecil B. Rooke before 1920, by Eleanor Handcock of Sally Park, Templeoge, Co. Dublin who was the eldest daughter of Thomas Slator Rooke. [see Ms. 33,588]  
[1960s]

Ms. 33,592 PEDIGREES

A subsection containing 5 pedigrees relating to the Rooke and Warburton families. Included in this group are the negatives of the Pedigree of the Rooke Family registered at the Genealogical Office of Ireland in 1955 as Pedigree G.O. MS 182A. This pedigree was the culmination of much of Cecil B. Rooke's research in the previous half century. 3 of the pedigrees are rolled, the others are contained in a folder. Note: the original supporting notes on the Rooke family, compiled by Cecil B. Rooke to verify the pedigree of 1955 were added to this subsection in November 1998.  
1870s – 1950s

- (1) Pedigree of Warburton, tracing the lineage of Eliot Bartholomew George Warburton of Aughrim, Co. Galway and Firmount and Mount Eliot, Co. Wexford. This printed pedigree is bound and has a black cover. It is inscribed to George Warburton Rooke. Size 25 x 30 cms  
[1870s] 9 sh.

Pedigree of the descendents of Giles Rooke of Romsey and Houghton, Hampshire, England, printed in a booklet format, compiled by Colonel H. W. Rooke and reprinted in *The Genealogist N.S.* Vol. xxxvii, January 1921.  
1921 15 pp

Pedigree of the Warburton Family in Ireland compiled by Cecil B. Rooke in pencil.  
Size 28 x 46 cms 4 sh.  
[1950s]

Pedigree of the Rooke Family 'as sent to the Genealogy Office' compiled by Cecil Rooke, with some later additions.  
Size 15 x 10 inches 22 sh.  
1950s

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- (2) Pedigree of Warburton, printed and rolled 'given to me [Cecil B. Rooke] by Eliot Warburton'.  
[c. 1930s]
- (3) Pedigree of the Rooke Family in all branches 'so far as I know it', compiled by Cecil B. Rooke in pencil. This pedigree is on 12 rolled sheets.  
[1940s-50s]
- (4) Pedigree of Rooke – negatives of the pedigree registered in the Genealogy Office as G.O. MS. 182A. This pedigree is compiled on 7 rolled sheets.  
*Includes:* an envelope on which 2 corrections to the pedigree are written in Cecil B. Rooke's handwriting.  
1955
- (5) Supporting Notes for the Rooke Pedigree compiled by Cecil B. Rooke, [on microfilm in the National Library p.3236]  
Note: added to the collection in November 1998  
1955 99 sh.

Ms. 33,593 MAPS

**Three printed maps of Co. Wicklow, Dublin and Co. Donegal.  
Early 20<sup>th</sup> century**

Co. Wicklow 'engraved by Sidney Holt from an original survey for Baldwin, Graddock and Joy, London', 15 October 1822  
Early 20<sup>th</sup> century scale 3 inches to 5 Irish miles

Ordnance Survey road map of Dublin, Sheet 16, cloth backed.  
*Conservation Note:* in 3 pieces.  
1930s scale ½ inch to 1 mile

Donegal and Enniskillen printed by John Bartholomew and Son Ltd, Edinburgh.  
[1930s] scale ¼ inch to 1 mile

**Ms. 33,594 EXTRACTS AND CUTTINGS**

**Two extracts and one cutting from printed sources  
1887 – 1967**

The Family of Verschoyle from *The Irish Builder*  
15 December 1887

An extract from *The Canterbury Guide* referring to the monument to  
Admiral Sir  
George Rooke in Canterbury Cathedral.  
Early 20<sup>th</sup> century

A cutting from *The Irish Times* of an article entitled 'Over £19,000 paid  
for Irish silver at Sothebys'.  
7 April 1967

**Ms. 33,595 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**A subsection of miscellaneous items, the first three relate to Cecil B. Rooke's arrangement and numbering of the collection, many of the others are extracts from original sources for the history of Clermont, [Rathnew, Co. Wicklow] and Wicklow and two items refer to family crests. The last two items are a map of Scotland drawn by Henry Rooke, Cecil B. Rooke's husband, when a small boy at school and a caricature of Reg [Somerville], Cecil B. Rooke's brother. All these various items were gathered or compiled by Cecil B. Rooke in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.**

Index to Cecil B. Rooke's original files of notes and notebooks, the files are now arranged alphabetically [see Ms. 33,586 & Ms. 33,589].  
*Includes:* 9 covers from old files

A notebook containing a list of 'Deeds in Henry's office', [Henry Rooke, solicitor and Cecil B. Rooke's husband]  
*Includes:* some loose sheets.

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Cecil Rooke's numbering of some of the legal deeds and brief extracts from them.

Information about the Beef Steak Club from Sir John Gilbert's *History of Dublin*

Extracts from *Memorials to the Dead in Ireland* relating to many different families.

Crests of various families

A copy list of entries in the Visitors Book, Hunter's Hotel, Wicklow 1836-'49.

Copy notes taken from Mrs. Tottenham's Diary when she mentions persons of local interest in the Wicklow area, September 1848 – May 1850. Cecil B. Rooke was lent this diary by 'grandmother Dotti'.

Copies of letters relating to the Vickers family and Clermont.

Notes relating to the history of Wicklow and a list of the rectors of Wicklow parish.

Copies of documents at Inchappa in 1948.

Some epitaphs on gravestones in Clonsilla churchyard, Co. Dublin, copied on 23 February 1954. [Cecil B. Rooke's son the Rev. William Rooke was rector of Clonsilla and Castleknock at this time]

A list of the original lot holders on St. Stephen's Green, Dublin copied from *The Georgian Society* Vol. II page 32

St. Annes, Dublin from the *The Parish Register Society of Dublin* Vol. III page 84

Extracts from *Burkes Landed Gentry* relating to different families and their crests

Map of Scotland drawn by Henry Rooke when a small boy at school.

A caricature of "Reg" [Reginald Somerville]

**TOMMY ROOKE'S PAPERS**

This subgroup contains the genealogical papers accumulated and compiled by Tommy Rooke in the 1980s and 1990s, in particular those generated by his efforts to update the Rooke family tree. The bibles in the first subsection were in his possession as head of the family. The second subsection contains Tommy Rooke's 1954 patent to bear arms and the 1955 registered pedigrees of the Rooke and Somerville families. In 1980 he began to update the Rooke pedigree. Cecil B. Rooke's notes regarding the Rooke family were copied out by her daughter Dorothy in 1974 and a photocopy sent to Tommy Rooke. These photocopied notes and the registered pedigree were the basis from which he worked.

The final versions of the updated Rooke tree and supporting notes are contained in the third subsection which also includes all the correspondence and notes generated by this update. Tommy Rooke made contact with family members in Ireland, England, Australia and New Zealand and one of these persons, the Rev. Henry John Warburton Rooke [Harry] sent Tommy Rooke all his remaining family papers during the 1980s. These are now listed in the fourth subsection. 2 other subsections contain the history of the Clinch family and a miscellaneous group of items.

**Ms. 33,596 ROOKE FAMILY BIBLES**

There are two volumns, the first bible contains entries for births, marriages and deaths of members of the Rooke, Ward, Medlicott and Burroughs families. Sir John Ainsworth in his *Report on Private Collections No. 461* describes the entries in this bible as 'unusually detailed'. The second bible contains entries relating to the descendants of Henry Rooke and his wife Cecil B. Somerville.  
*Conservation Note:* both these bibles were repaired by The Athene Bindery, Brackley, Northamptonshire, England in the spring of 1998 [see 2 enclosures with (1)]

- (1) 1 combined volumn, brown, containing *The Book of Common Prayer* and *The Bible*, printed by Charles Bill, London. This bible was given to Elizabeth Ward by her father George Medlicott on 15 June 1699.  
*Note:* entries are scattered throughout the bible.  
1695 Size 19 x 13 x 5 cms
- (2) 1 volumn of *The Bible*, dark maroon leather, gold clasp, printed by The University Press, Oxford and given to Henry Rooke [on the day of his marriage] by J. Stoney, 11 April 1912. This bible contains a family register between the old and new testaments and on the back page.  
Early 20<sup>th</sup> century Size 29 x 23 x 7 cms
- (3) Folder containing two sets of photocopies of extracts from the family bibles.  
1990s

**Ms. 33,597 PATENT AND PEDIGREES****The grant of a coat of arms in 1954 and the 2 registered pedigrees of Rooke and Somerville.  
1954-5**

- (1) Patent from Edward MacLysagh, Chief Herald of Ireland to Tommy Rooke to bear the following arms – Azure, a fess between three chess rooks or, Crest – a ,demi lion rampant gules holding in the dexter paw a chess rook or Motto – Pro rege et patria .  
6 November 1954 1 p
- (2) Registered Pedigree of the Rooke Family, National Library of Ireland G.O. Ms.182A, pages 107 – 118  
February 1955 12 pp
- (3) Registered Pedigree of the Somerville Family, National Library of Ireland G.O. Ms 182A, pages 119 – 130  
February 1955 12 pp

**Ms. 33,598 FAMILY TREES AND SUPPORTING NOTES**

**The family notes relate to the Rooke and Somerville families and are based on those compiled by Cecil B. Rooke in 1955. Cecil B. Rooke gave each individual family member a number and their biographical details were supported by source references. Tommy Rooke continued this system but divided the family into 3 lines – the A line relates to Rookes in Ireland and England, the B line to Rookes in Australia and the C line to Rookes in New Zealand. Tommy Rooke separated the A line from the B and C lines in 1983 and thus created a change in the numbering of individuals, from that of his mother, in the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of Rookes. Tommy Rooke updated the A line between 1980 and 1983 and the B and C lines between 1980 and 1988, which involved him in correspondence with many family members. In 1981, while updating the A line, Tommy Rooke made contact with some family members in New Zealand. This led to a correspondence over the next few years with two members of the family in particular – Jessie Rooke [died August 1998] and Fred Rooke [died 18 May 1992] and to the compilation of the family tree showing the descendants of Rev. Charles V. Rooke in 1988. Tommy Rooke had tried to communicate with members of the Rooke family in Australia in the early 1980s without much success. His nephew, David Rooke, made contact with Judith Rooke and her brother Peter Rooke, both living in Sydney in 1986, but it was not until the 1990s that Tommy Rooke began to have direct contact with family members in Australia. Previously it was family members in New Zealand who supplied much of the information about the Australian branch. Written communication with family members in Australia**

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and New Zealand continued after 1988 and is contained in this subsection. Tommy Rooke compiled family trees of all three lines from the information he had gathered and had them printed by F. Swan, of Swan Charts, Derby.

- (1) Photocopies of the **Rooke Family and Somerville Family Supporting Notes** copied out by Dorothy Rooke in 1974 [in her handwriting], 94 Rooke family members and 100 Somerville family members listed.  
1974 48 and 74 pp
- (2) **Family Tree of the Rooke Family, A line**, 60 persons concluding with Emily Rooke, born 1981. This family tree is rolled.  
1983 1 sheet
- (3) Blue spring back folder containing **Rooke Family Notes – A line**, giving details of 60 individuals and including an introduction, a list of abbreviations, a list of the premises in Dublin where members of the Rooke family practiced law 1788 – 1952 and a list of addresses of family members 1983.  
*Includes:* a second copy and a photocopy of the family tree 1983.  
1983 68 pp
- (4) Red spring back folder containing **Rooke Family Notes – B and C lines** prepared for the descendants of Thomas Slator Rooke by Tommy Rooke. These notes are based on information given to Cecil B. Rooke by Eleanor Handcock before 1920. Tommy Rooke confirmed much of this information and brought it up to date by contact with living descendants of Thomas Slator Rooke in Australia and New Zealand.  
*Includes:* 3 photocopies of the 1983 family tree with additions up to 1995 and 1 photocopy of the B line tree with additions received from Elizabeth Seppelt [daughter of Lucy Adelaide Rooke, see (7)] and dated 12 June 1998  
1988 49 pp
- (5) **Correspondence and Notes relating to the A line.**  
**1980 - '4 51 items**

Correspondence received and sent [copy letters] by Tommy Rooke regarding his update of the A line in 1983. There are letters from Mary McGetrick of Trinity College, Dublin regarding Rooke students at T.C.D, a list of them is included and from his niece, Brigid Clesham, who sent him information from the Dublin City Archives about Rookes admitted to the Freedom of the city of Dublin and regarding a Rev. William Rooke, rector of Castleconnor, in the Diocese of Killala and Achonry in 1889.

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- (5) There are also letters and pages of updated details of the family in England and Ireland from – his son John Rooke, his sister Cecil Catt, his sister in law Rose Rooke and ‘Peggy’ [Olave Margaret K. Hunter], Sussex, England, including her amendments to his first draft. His sister Dorothy Rooke sent various corrections. She wrote him 2 letters, one concerning the houses of the Lloyd family and the other enclosing 3 photographs of their grandfather B.A.Somerville. There is a draft copy of the Family Notes with a list of the various pages removed and sent to the above named persons for corrections in February 1983 and a full copy of the notes.

Letter from the India Office Library and Records ,London 1983, in reply to a request from Tommy Rooke for information on Thomas Slator Rooke.

There are also 2 pages of a genealogical tree tracing the ancestor of Tommy Rooke’s wife Pia Dormer back to Edward III, King of England, and a computer print out of a page re the Dormer family.

- (6) **Correspondence and Notes relating to the C line, New Zealand.  
1982-97 c. 50 items**

This folder of items is composed of letters, copy lettes and various family trees and draft notes. Tommy Rooke sent a standard letter to six Rookes in the Wellington and Christ Church areas of New Zealand in September 1981. An Eric Rooke of Wellington wrote in response to this letter but he was not a relative.

There is correspondence with Mrs. Jessie Rooke, 34 Campbell Road, Maraetai, Auckland, New Zealand whose husband John James [Jim] Rooke was the third son of the Rev. Charles V. Rooke. Jessie’s daughter Jennifer was working as a librarian in London and met with Tommy Rooke on several occasions, as did Jessie and Jim when they visited England and Ireland in 1986. Jessie sent Tommy Rooke extensive information about contemporary family members and also the following information; copies of extracts from a family bible and newspaper cuttings; details about Rev. Charles V. Rooke’s wife Florence Jane Sealy from Co. Kerry and their connection with the Handcock family of Sally Park, Terenure, Co. Dublin [see Ms. 33,591]; typed sheets with biographical details of Rev. Charles V. Rooke, John James Rooke, David John Rooke and Jennifer Rooke and details about Rookes at Canterbury, England. Also included are her corrections to a draft of the Family Notes on the C line.

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(6)

Tommy Rooke's correspondence with Frederick William Rooke, Unit 1, 22 Grey Street, Rotorua, New Zealand who was himself compiling a family tree of the Australian and New Zealand branches. He sent copies of his work to Tommy Rooke which was very helpful in compiling both the B and C line family trees. Tommy Rooke sent a copy of both the B and C line family notes to Fred in February 1988 for correction but there is no evidence to show they were returned. After Fred's death in 1992 his wife Olwen Rooke corresponded with Tommy Rooke 1995 - '7.

One news paper cutting from *The Irish Independent*, dated 16 February 1982 of an article about rugby in which the [Rev] Charles . V. Rooke [who played rugby at international level for Ireland] is mentioned.

(7) **Correspondence and Notes relating to the B line, Australia.**

1986-97

c. 36 items

Copies of the phone directories for the major cities in Australia. The Sydney one lists over 100 Rookes, 1971-'81.

1 letter, dated 1986, from his nephew David Rooke, Swansea, Wales, [who had been on holiday in Australia] giving a report of his contact with Australian Rooke family members and various details he had been given.

Copy letters, dated 1987, from Tommy Rooke, to Judith Rooke and her brother Peter Rooke, both in Sydney and to a Miss Wornum, Middlesex, England [who appears to have died the previous year].

Tommy Rooke's correspondence 1993-7, from Elizabeth Seppelt, 25 Davenport Terrace, Hazelwood, Park, Southern Australia 5066, a granddaughter of James Macartney Rooke. She sent him photocopies of extracts from the family register [bible] going back to Thomas Slator Rooke, born 1834 and of photographs of Sally Park, Templeogue and of Lucy Adelaid Rooke, her mother. Additional information regarding the Rooke Family in Australia was added to a family tree of the B line in June 1998, based on information supplied by Elizabeth Seppelt [see (4)].

Tommy Rooke's correspondence, 1996-7, from Mrs. Shane Gluskie, a cousin of Peter and Judith Rooke through the Bull family. Shane Gluskie, a keen genealogist sent 28 pages of details regarding the Rooke family to Tommy Rooke in January 1997 which Tommy Rooke notes 'requires checking against master family tree'.

Note: Shane Gluskie sent further information to Tommy Rooke, received in October 1998 and entitled 'Family Group Report – 2 Sept. 1998'. This information was added to the collection in November 1998.

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- (8) **Family Notes** - 4 draft copies of the B line and 2 draft copies of the C line, four of these copies are handwritten, one is typed and one is a photocopy.  
1987 – '8 120 pp
- (9) **Correspondence** – 2 copy letters to genealogical tracing agencies in Canterbury, Kent, England from Tommy Rooke and a series of correspondence between F. Swan of **Swan Charts**, 38 St. Andrew's View, Derby and Tommy Rooke with regard to the setting up on computer disk and printing out, of the Rooke family tree. This was completed in January 1988.  
1987 – '8
- Family Tree Print Outs made by F. Swan.** The complete tree showing 3 branches A, B and C lines – 1 copy and photocopies.  
Family tree of the B line – 3 copies – one has pencil additions dated 1986 and 1989.  
Family tree of the C line – 3 copies.  
1988 c. 35 sheets

Ms. 33,599 **REV. HARRY ROOKE'S PAPERS**

**This subsection contains correspondence between the Rev. Harry Rooke [born 1910] and Tommy Rooke, which began in the early 1980s, when Tommy Rooke was updating the A line. There are 7 letters from the Rev. Harry Rooke, 6 letters written from Hammervale Cottage, Hazlemere, Surrey and 1 letter written from Flat 22, Manorstead, Tilford Road, Hindhead, Surrey. There are 2 copy letters from Tommy Rooke dated 20 October 1981 and 29 January 1982. These letters concern family relationships, contacts between previous generations of Rookes and documents in the Rev. Harry Rooke's possession relating to his own immediate family. Some of these documents were lent to Tommy Rooke in the early 1980s. In the late 1980s the Rev. Harry Rooke, sent to Tommy Rooke for permanent safekeeping, any remaining family papers in his possession, as he and his wife had to move into a retirement home. Rev. Harry Rooke also wrote his memories of the time he spent as a chaplain in the British Army during World War II.**

**A Royal Irish Constabulary Journal is also included in this subsection. This journal was compiled by William Duffield Rooke, the Rev. Harry Rooke's grandfather. The Rev. Harry Rooke gave the journal to the Rev. William W. L. Rooke, Tommy Rooke's younger brother, sometime in the late 1960s or early 1970s [presumably because his name was William]. Members of the Rev. William W.L. Rooke's family have given the journal to the National Library.**

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- (1) A folder containing the **correspondence between the Rev. Harry Rooke and Tommy Rooke** and the first group of **family documents** sent by the Rev. Harry Rooke in [1981].

1981-90

24 items

29 May 1981

29 June 1981

20 October 1981

This was the letter with which the list of certificates was sent.

12 December 1981

29 January 1982

*Includes*; 3 photographs of the Rev. Harry Rooke and his wife Winifred.

13 February 1982

This letter was sent with Part I of his memories.

9 April 1987

This letter was sent with the old letters written to Henry Montgomery Rooke.

30 September 1987

This letter was sent with Part II of his memories.

23 January 1990

**Family Papers which the Rev. Harry Rooke sent to Tommy Rooke between 1981 and 1990.**

These items relating to Rev. Henry Montgomery Rooke's ministry and death were sent together in an envelope in [1981]. There is a group of 10 documents relating to his ministry in the Church of England. He was made curate of Clapham Rise, Surrey in 1892 and of St. Barnabas, Kennington, Surrey in 1893. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1893 and became curate of Holy Trinity, Eltham, Kent in 1895. He was instituted as rector of Burford [Boraston and Nash], Shropshire in 1897. Two other items relate to the deaths of Rev. Henry Montgomery Rooke and his wife Mona. The first is the death certificate of Rev. H.M. Rooke, who died on 9 January 1942, aged 74. The other is the obituary notice of the death of Mona Mary Rooke 1884-1975 in Lynchmere Parish Magazine, June 1975.

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(2) **Family Papers which the Rev. Harry Rooke sent to Tommy Rooke between 1981 and 1990 continued** **24 items**

In 1981 the Rev. Harry Rooke sent a letter from Henry Rooke, 8 Clyde Road, Dublin to Mona Rooke dated 24 April 1923, about the Churchill / Rooke connection through the Warburtons and stating that Mona's husband the Rev. Henry Montgomery Rooke, Lady Edward S. Churchill and himself were all second cousins. He enclosed a family tree compiled by his wife Cecil B. Rooke showing the connection.

6 family certificates and 3 other items were sent with the letter dated 12 December 1981. Tommy Rooke appears to have photocopied the baptism certificate of Lydia Windsor for the Rev. Harry Rooke. Some of the certificates have references on the back to the Irish Constabulary Officers' Widows Annuity Society and an affidavit sworn by Mrs. Lydia Rooke on 31 March 1875. The 6 certificates are as follows:

- (a) Marriage certificate of William Duffield Rooke and Lydia Windsor, South Kennington, Surrey, 16 June 1864
- (b) Baptism certificate of Lydia Rooke daughter of William and Lydia, Lambeth, Surrey, 13 June 1866.
- (c) Birth certificate of a male child [Henry Montgomery Rooke], Monkstown, Dublin 26 November 1867.
- (d) Baptism certificate of Henry Montgomery Rooke, Monkstown, 8 January 1868.
- (e) Burial certificate of William Duffield Rooke, Stillorgan, 27 October 1868.
- (f) Baptism certificate of Lydia Windsor, daughter of James Windsor esq., ordnance stockeeper and Lydia his wife. Lydia was baptised at Kingstown, Upper Canada by Robert Cartwright, chaplain to the Forces on 18 July 1839.

The other 3 items are:

1 letter written by Henry Montgomery Rooke, 67 Denmark Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, England, aged 9, to his mother Lydia Rooke.

1 postcard of Old Fort Henry, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

A covering list of the certificates sent by the Rev. Harry Rooke to Tommy Rooke, No. 7 his father's death certificate is missing from this list as he had already sent this to Tommy Rooke.

In 1982 he sent : a typescript of the history of the Rooke family as compiled by Rev. Harry Rooke, tracing his own descent from his grandfather William Duffield Rooke and dated 16 August 1979;  
 a typescript- 2 copies - of the history of the Windsor family as compiled by Rev. Harry Rooke [c. 1979];  
 a family tree – 2 copies - showing the Windsor, Rooke, Tomson and Bird connections c.1982

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- (2) The following letters were lent to Tommy Rooke in the early 1980s and sent to him for permanent safekeeping with the 2 family trees in 1987. They were contained in an envelope with a covering note of explanation regarding the 2 pedigrees by the Rev. Harry Rooke. There are photocopies of all the letters except the one from Lady Northwick. 5 letters written to Rev. Henry M. Rooke regarding the living at Burford and family connections. The letters were from the following - Lady Northwick [see Ms. 33,584 (11), she married secondly, 1869, Sir George Rushout Bowles, 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron Northwick], 22 Norfolk Street, Park Lane, London in 1897, Rev. William Warburton, The Close, Winchester in 1897, [Lizzie] Gages, 25 rue Joseph Vernet, Avignon, France in 1925, with an explanatory note by Rev. Harry Rooke and George Warburton, [2 letters] Springhill, Malvern, Wells, Worcestershire in 1929.

These 2 family trees were sent in 1987;  
 a family tree showing the descendants of George Warburton and Anna Acton, June 1929 ;  
 a family tree showing the connection through Bartholomew Boyd Warburton between the Rev. Henry M. Rooke, Lady Northwick, Lord Edward Spencer Churchill and Lord Cowdray with additional notes by the Rev. Harry Rooke. This family tree is a 1920s copy of the one compiled by Cecil B. Rooke in 1923.

2 copies of a typescript letter from Rev. Harry Rooke to his second cousin Mrs. Beryl Webb of Auburn, Washington, U.S.A. dated August 1980 giving a history of the Tomson and Rooke families was also sent in 1987. Rev. Henry M. Rooke, his father, married Mona Tomson a daughter of Rev. John Tomson, Prebend of Hereford Cathedral.

- (3) With his letter, dated 9 April 1987, he encloses his **Memories** of his first three years in the Middle East during World War II.  
*Includes:* 1 handwritten sheet 35 pp

With his letter, dated 23 January 1990, he encloses the second and final part of his **Memories**, which include references to the Oxford Group and Moral Re Armament. There are also supplements to the memories.  
 51 pp

- (4) **Royal Irish Constabulary Journal**, which was compiled by William Duffield Rooke (1836-68) over a five year period while stationed at Newcastle, Co. Limerick, June 1859-May 1860; Athlone, Co. Westmeath, May 1860-June 1863 and in the Reserve, July 1863-May 1864. W.D. Rooke married Lydia Windsor in London on 16 June 1864, [see certificate (a) in (2)] size 39 x 26 cms  
*Conservation Note:* The binding of this journal was repaired in Nov. 1998.  
 June 1857-May 1864 62 pp

Ms. 33,600 THE CLINCH FAMILY

**2 folders containing the accumulation of a considerable amount of information about the Clinch family of Oxfordshire and Kent, through correspondence between Tommy Rooke and Mary Moncrieff, Waterford Cottage, Buckland Road, Bampton, Oxfordshire, and Jim and Anne Clinch, Shiplap, 3 Upper Street, Leeds, Maidstone, Kent. Dorothy Rooke at her brother Tommy's request also copied out and brought together all the research their mother Cecil B. Rooke had done on the Clinch family [Cecil B. Rooke's mother was Margaret Hall Clinch, whose family were brewers in Witney, Oxfordshire].**

**(1) Clinch Family : Folder 1**

1983-8

**c. 110 sheets**

8 letters, 1983-8, from Mary Moncrieff and many enclosures, some are handwritten, others are typed, printed and photocopied, including information about a house called Rosedene, extracts from Bampton registers, family trees of the Wright, Cripps, Hill, Bradshaw, Steevens and Clinch families, a copy of the will of John Clinch of Witney dated 8 October 1827, and extracts from the Witney and Bampton Census 1841, 1851. There is much information about the local history of Witney and a cutting from *The Gazette* of 12 March 1987 entitled 'Clinch the name that brought prize medal beer to Witney' and referring to an article by Malcolm Bee entitled 'Clinch and Company, Brewers: An Oxfordshire Business History' published in *Oxfordshire Local History* Vol. 2, No.3, 1985.

A card [1983?], from Malcolm Bee, 87 Middle Way, Summertown, Oxfordshire, in which he expresses his thanks to Tommy Rooke for his hospitality and including a Clinch family tree.

2 letters from James Clinch and 1 letter from his wife Anne about possible family connections between various branches of the Clinch family. They refer to both Mary [Moncrieff] and Malcolm Bee. The information sent to Tommy Rooke by Jim and Anne Clinch refers to Clinch family members in Fairford, Gloucestershire and Cirencester and includes a copy of a large handwritten family tree of these Clinches, Jan. – April 1988.

1 letter, dated 27 March 1988, from David J.[Joe] Clinch, [Secretary of the Open University], 39 Tudor Gardens, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes, regarding the Witney branch of the Clinch family, of which he was a member.

An envelope with the address of Nancy Wedmore, 21 Bramerton Road, Beekenham, Kent with a page of Clinches from assorted Gloucestershire registers.

[c. 1980s]

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(1)

The pedigree of Rachel Bradshaw Foreshaw nee Clinch [a sister of Margaret Hall Clinch] compiled by Dorothy Rooke from information gathered by her mother Cecil B. Rooke, April 1988.

(2)

**Clinch Family : Folder 2**

**20<sup>th</sup> century**

**24 items**

8 copies of a family tree – on 2 sheets of paper – of the Clinch family of Witney, tracing their descent from John Clinch of Farringdon, Berkshire and his wife Martha Battin, compiled by Dorothy Rooke, 1988.

A Clinch family tree [compiled by Tommy Rooke, 1980s] tracing the ancestors of John Clinch of Farringdon, Berkshire back another three generation to Thomas Clynch, who died 1581 and his wife Joane Skinner, died 1621.

Extracts from the *International Genealogical Directory*, Salt Lake City, U.S.A., referring to Clinches, [1980s].

3 other miscellaneous items [1980s].

Photocopy of a centenary *Guide and Souvenir to the history and activities of the Eagle Brewery 1839 – 1939*, presented by Clinch and Co. Ltd., Eagle Brewery, Witney and published by The Home Publishing Co., 320 Streatham High Road, London SW16.

6 coloured photographs of a water colour painting, [‘which was found in the glass (mirror) fronted cupboard which came from The Elms, Witney and was in the study at Highfield Road’\*] of Lew Manor, between Witney and Farringdon in Oxfordshire, home of the Wright family, [1980s].

2 black and white photographs – 2 copies of each – [of John William Clinch and his wife Elizabeth (Betty) Philippa, daughter of Rev. Thomas Cripps. They were married in 1813]. [1980s].

1 glass negative of [John William Clinch, early 20<sup>th</sup> century]  
*Conservation Note:* This negative was in a brown envelope badly broken but was repaired in the conservation laboratory of the National Library, September 1998.

1 empty brown envelope [which previously contained the glass negative of Elizabeth P. Clinch, early 20<sup>th</sup> century].

(\* Letter from Tommy Rooke to B. Clesham, 10<sup>th</sup> November 1998.)

Ms. 33,601 MISCELLANEOUS

**2 folders – the first folder contains some correspondence, cuttings and extracts regarding Rookes not connected to Tommy Rooke’s family. The second folder contains some items relating to the Lloyd family from Gavin D. Lloyd.**

**1980s-90s**

**[Note: in January 2000 additional papers and photographs were added to the collection in NLI and are listed at Ms 33,601 (3-12). The photographic material has gone to the Photographic Archive, Temple Bar].**

- (1) There is a series of letters from Mabel Hilton, 28 Fernhurst Crescent, Southborough, Kent, whose Rooke ancestors came from Dublin, dated 1983-‘5

One letter, dated 1982 is from Jennifer [Rooke], 17 Holmside Road, Clapham South, London, about Admiral Sir George Rooke and there are further details about the Admiral, a James Rooke of Columbia, and artist Alexander B. Rooke 1821 – 1914 and various other Rookes.

1980s-90s

33 sheets

- (2) 1 letter, dated 2 September 1994, from Gavin D. Lloyd, 60 Merton Road, Ambrosden, Bicester, Oxfordshire to Tommy Rooke concerning Lloyd family relationships and a connection with Oliver Goldsmith.  
*Includes:* photocopies of Lloyd family trees [originally compiled by Cecil B. Rooke].

1 letter, dated 25 October 1994, from Tommy Rooke to the Rev. Patrick William Rooke, [The Rectory, Tangragee, Co. Armagh] in which he writes of returning some papers relating to the Lloyds which Patrick had sent him. He refers to Gavin Lloyd and also encloses a printed [newspaper] cutting about the Lloyds.

1994

9 sheets

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The papers in the following 3 folders were received from Rev Harry Rooke, Flat 22, Manormead, Tilford Rd, Hindhead, Surrey in January 2000.

- (3) Book of verses and hymns composed by Rev Henry M. Rooke.  
Black vol, size 16x20x½ cms, includes loose pages.  
1891-3

Page from the diary of Rev Henry M. Rooke, giving his own account of his wedding.  
29 April 1908

Photograph of the notice in *The Times* of the marriage of Rev Henry M. Rooke and Mona Mary Tomson.  
1 May 1908

- 3 photographs of
- a) Rev Henry M. Rooke, before his marriage, c 1907-8
  - b) Rev Henry and Mona Rooke on their wedding day with Mona's mother, Mrs Tomson, 29 Apr 1908
  - c) Rochford Church interior, where they were married and where Mona's father, Rev John Tomson, was rector 1893-1919.
- 1908

Letter to Rev Henry M. and Mona Rooke from Mona's father, Rev John Tomson, The Rectory, Rochford, Tenbury, Worcestershire, on the baptism day of their son Henry John Warburton Rooke. Includes envelope.  
8 May 1910

- (4) 2 certified copies of Henry [Harry] John Warburton Rooke's birth certificate. He was born 28 Mar 1910.  
1923, 1954

Character reference relating to Harry Rooke from R.H. Freeman, headmaster of St. Michaels College, Tenbury.  
19 Jan 1923

School certificate from St Edward's School, Oxford relating to the secondary education of Harry Rooke.  
Dec 1927

Bachelor of Arts graduation certificate from Christ Church College, University of Oxford, presented to Harry Rooke.  
10 Aug 1935

M A certificate, Harry Rooke, from the steward of Christ Church, Oxford.  
3 May 1945

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(4) Letter from Mona Rooke, Hammervale Cottage, Haslemere, Surrey to  
cont her son Harry following the death of his father, Rev Henry M. Rooke, on  
9 Jan 1942.  
15 Jan 1942

Copy of will, dated 29 April 1908, and probate of Rev Henry M. Rooke  
from the District Probate Registry at Liverpool. Rev H.M. Rooke died 9  
Jan 1942 and probate was granted to Rev Edward Stanley Beale  
Windsor, Lanivet Rectory, Bodmin, Cornwall.  
22 Mar 1942

3 newspaper cuttings, 2 relating to the ordination of Harry Rooke in  
Rochester Cathedral 1935 and one to his appointment as vicar of  
Weobley, diocese of Hereford, in 1964.  
1935, 1964

Harry Rooke's ordination as deacon by the Bishop of Rochester.  
29 Sept 1935

Harry Rooke's ordination as priest by the Bishop of Rochester.  
27 Sept 1936

Rev Harry Rooke's appointment as curate to St George, Edgbaston,  
Warwickshire, cancelled 6 June 1951.  
12 Dec 1949

Rev Harry Rooke's declaration of assent, St George Edgbaston  
25 Dec 1949

2 letters relating to Rev Harry Rooke's service as an army chaplain  
a) from The Chaplain General, Royal Army Chaplains Dept  
b) from the War Office granting him the honorary rank of Chaplain to  
the Forces 4<sup>th</sup> class.  
1947

Documents relating to Rev Harry Rooke's appointment as Vicar of  
Weobley with Sarnesfield, Hereford; 4 items.  
Sept 1951

Appointments of Rev Harry Rooke as Rural Dean; 2 items.  
1964, 1966

(5) Items relating to Mona Rooke, including her birth certificate 15 July  
1884, her baptism, marriage and death certificates, certificate from the  
Mother's Union and newspapers cuttings relating to her death ; 9 items.  
1884-1975

The Rooke Crest and photographs of Boraston Church near Tenbury  
Wells, Worstershire; 3 items. n d

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The following 5 folders contain papers that were still in Oxfordshire at the time of the death of Tommy Rooke in July 1999. 3 folders relate to the Clinch, Chamberlaine and Dormer families. Most of the information about the Chamberlaine family was compiled by C.B. Rooke. The Chamberlaine family were related to the Dormers and the mother of Richard Brinsley Sheridan was a Chamberlaine. One folder of correspondence relates to Rooke graves in Malacca and Cyprus and another contains miscellaneous items.

- (6) Clinch family, mixed items including: Memorandum and Articles of Association of Clinch and Co Ltd, incorporated 4 April 1950; Clinch and Co Ltd Directors' Report, Tommy Rooke, chairman 1962; newspaper cuttings; photos of Hall graves; letters to Tommy Rooke from his mother C.B. Rooke and from Major Mason, Ladywood, Alvescot, Oxford; c 30 items.  
1962-70
- (7) Chamberlaine family, notebook, notes, correspondence and family trees relating to the Chamberlaine family of Kingsclere, Hants and also of Dublin and Jamaica compiled and collected by C.B. Rooke; c 20 items.  
1950s-60s
- (8) Dormer family, a file of typed pages, a pedigree of Dillon of Brackloon and Rathmoylan, Co Roscommon and Durham, England and correspondence from Debretts and Burke's Peerage relating to the Dormer family. Includes photocopies of correspondence relating to the Berkely window in Foxcombe Hall, Boar's Hill, Oxford; c 20 items.  
1960s-80s
- (9) Correspondence between Tommy Rooke and Major A.G. Harfield, Little Beechwood, Childe Okeford, Dorset, relating to the graves of Jane Mary Rooke, daughter of Major Thomas Slator Rooke in Malacca and Col Henry Rooke in Cyprus. Includes a copy of *Christian Cemeteries and Memorials in Malacca and Rasah New Village* by A.G. Harfield published in 1979; 10 items.  
1981
- (10) Miscellaneous items, including letters to Tommy Rooke and Dorothy Rooke from Rev Harry Rooke relating to daguerreotypes; letters to Tommy Rooke from Greta Somerville and Fred and Olwen Rooke in New Zealand; a photo of 40 Highfield Road, Rathgar, Co Dublin; a list of daguerrotypes 'in this box 18 Apr 1961' in C.B. Rooke's handwriting; 7 items.  
1961-89

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The following items came to NLI from Mrs Rose Rooke in Jan 2000. They include the daguerreotypes, which Rev Harry Rooke gave to Rev William W.L. Rooke and some daguerreotypes which belonged to the Rooke family in Ireland; three albums of photographs and a diary, which originally belonged to Rev Harry Rooke; newspaper cuttings; documents relating to the death of Mrs K.E. Rooke in 1923. The photographic material has gone to the Photographic Archive, Temple Bar.

- (11) Diary and newspaper cuttings kept by Rev Henry M. Rooke, Boraston Rectory, Tenbury. Green vol, red spine, 11x19x2 cms.  
July - Aug 1900
- (12) Miscellaneous items:
- a) Newspaper cuttings relating to the deaths of the Ven Henry Rooke [1926], Henry Rooke [1942], the resignation of Henry Rooke as Registrar to the Dean and Chapter of St Patrick's Cathedral, the engagement of Rev William W.L. Rooke and Rosemary Ormsby in April 1952.
  - b) Receipt for the purchase of a gravesite in Deans Grange cemetery for Mrs K.E. Rooke who died 17 July 1923 and her death certificate.
  - c) List of direct line miniatures in handwriting of C.B. Rooke. 1920s-60s

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- Photographic items originally in the possession of Rev Harry Rooke and given to Rev William W.L. Rooke in the 1970s.
- a) Album I, given to W.D. Rooke by D. Montgomery in 1862 and containing mainly Rooke photographs, including Henry and Elizabeth Rooke [nee Warburton], their sons William Duffield, John James, Bartholomew, Rev Thomas and Rev Henry, their daughter Elly, their grandson Henry. Also Margaret wife of J.J. Rooke, Lydia wife of W.D. Rooke, their 2 children Lydia and Henry M. Rooke, Rev H.M. Rooke's wife Mona, their son Rev Harry Rooke and his wife Win.
  - b) Album II, given to L. Rooke by her affectionate sister L.E. Windsor, 16 June 1864, containing mainly Windsor family photographs.
  - c) Album III, entitled Lydia Rooke, Boraston, Aug 1899 and containing photographs of Boraston and neighbourhood Shropshire, all taken in Aug 1899.
  - d) Framed photo of Elly Rooke, sister of W.D. Rooke.
  - e) Framed photos and daguerreotypes [all named by Rev Harry Rooke] of William Duffield Rooke (2); Mary Windsor [? aunt to Lydia Rooke]; William D. Rooke and his brothers Rev Henry and Bartholomew [?]; Edward Windsor; 2 unknown persons.
- 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> centuries

## Rooke Papers

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- Photographic items originally in the possession of Rev William W.L. Rooke.
- f) Album, inscribed Mrs H. Rooke, Wicklow and containing photos of Mrs Katherine Rooke [nee Lloyd], her husband Rev Henry Rooke and their children.
  - g) Daguerreotypes [?] of Rev Henry Rooke Archdeacon of Glendalough (2) and of his brothers Thomas and George, numbered D7, D10 and D 13.
  - h) Glass brooch or locket with hair, embroidered initials and likeness of Bartholomew Boyd Warburton, died 1823, numbered M 18.
  - i) Small locket with hair, embroidered initials and likeness of JYLL [Lloyd].
- 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> centuries