

The Family Tree

In pre famine times John Hennessy and his wife (M. Fleming) resided with their two daughters in a small sixteen acre farm in the townland of Cush.

Through some misadventure of one kind or another John Hennessy lost the money he had put aside for to pay the annual rent and thereby was dispossessed of his farm. Through the courtesy of a neighbour, Brian O'Donnell, I believe, he was given a small site to build a small mud walled thatched cabin consisting of one room and a small kitchen. This he accomplished with the help of his local neighbours.

Here he now lived with his wife and two daughters. Later on one of the daughters emigrated to America and like many emigrant daughters at that time lost complete contact with the homeland. The other daughter whose name was Elizabeth or more popularly known as Bess Hennessy resided at home with her parents. They had one cow and had a small churn for making butter which they sold at the market. Later on they started a little shop of their own and commenced buying and selling eggs as well.

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As the parents became older Elizabeth Hennessy decided to get married to a Patrick Quish from Ballyfroota, a townland on the road between Garryspillane and Ballylanders. Patrick Quish was a Cooper by trade which was indeed a good trade in older times. So when Patrick Quish married Elizabeth Hennessy (or Bess) he came and resided with her and her parents in the Hennessy cabin and began the Cooperage trade which indeed greatly helped the progress of their little business in endeavouring to make a comfortable living. As time rolled onwards the older parents passed away and so Patrick and Elizabeth Quish had now to make the best of their business with their seven young children, whose names were as follows: - John, Patrick, William, Mary, Elizabeth, Ellen and Denis. As the family grew up the elder members, who were now teenagers, John, Pat and William decided to build a stone walled addition to the mud cabin and covered it with a thatched roof thus making the house more comfortably large and thereby more pleasant to live in. Meanwhile as the house expansion progressed the parents Patrick and Elizabeth

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kept the home business, -cooperage, shop, and egg collecting, floating all the time.

Now John Quish, the eldest brother of the family decided to look for a job and succeeded in providing himself with a job in the great Southern Railway where he made good steady progress. Later on he became a chequer in the passenger trains travelling daily from Dublin to Cork and further on in life he became a station master in Carrigaloe Co Cork. He was married to a Miss Long but they had no family. He spent a pleasant life in Carrigaloe and died there and was buried in Cobh.

Patrick Quish second eldest boy more popularly known as Pad Quish succeeded in providing himself with a job as a Creamery engine driver at Ballinrreana Creamery which at that time was linked with Kilfinane Creamery. He was also involved in the making of timber butter boxes for the creamery. At this particular time the manager at Ballinrreana creamery was a Kilfinane man named Patrick Brennan who later on in life became Postmaster

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in Kilfinane Post office. Pad Quish married a ^{C. Mary (ANIVE)} ~~Mrs~~ Lane while working in Ballinacreea and had built for himself a wooden house close to Ballinacreea Creamery yard. It was in this house that his first daughter Elizabeth was born. Elizabeth resides in Boston, America and is ninety three years of age.

When Ballinacreea Creamery joined the Condensed Milk Company of Knocklong Pad Quish was transferred to Kilfinane Creamery where he spent a period of time as well. He was later transferred to Darragh Creamery which was at that time a Branch of Kilfinane creamery.

Here he settled down with his family Elizabeth, Patrick, William, Peter Denis, John, Gerard, Ellen and Martin. Pad Quish worked as engine driver at Darragh Creamery. He died in 1944 and was buried in Ardpatrick.

William Quish of Cush and third son of Patrick and Elizabeth (Bess) Quish also provided himself with employment in the Great Southern Railway and worked as a Cabin Signal Man in Naas and Monastereven. But regrettably due to ill health he died as a young man and had never married. He was buried in Glasnevin Cemetery about the year 1920.

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Mary Quish, eldest daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth Quish went to England and worked there as a housekeeper to some elderly family for a number of years but regrettably she again fell into ill health returned home and died and was buried in Clogheen Cemetery, Ballinacinch and was buried with her father Patrick Quish. The mother Elizabeth or Bess Quish wife of Patrick died I believe in the year 1925 and was buried in Ardpatrick.

Elizabeth Quish popularly known as Lizzie, second daughter of the original family went also to England and worked in different locations. She resided in Glasgow for some years and there married a Mr Wright, who was a veteran of the Great War 1914 to 1918. They had no family. Later on Lizzie Wright returned to London where she spent the remainder of her life until she died in 1948. She was as far as I can recollect buried in Kensal Green Cemetery, London.

Ellen and Denis remained at home. Ellen was engaged with the management of the little shop and Denis was involved in collecting eggs as an egg trader. For many years he travelled to Tipperary by donkey and

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and cart to market the eggs to a Fowl merchant in Tipperary town. Ellen had the home thatched house re-roofed with corrugated iron in the pre-war days of 1939. Ellen and Benis never married. By a stroke of pre-destined fate I, David was Ellen's son. The success of my cherished and simple life I attribute to the fond and ever loving care and affection of my mother Ellen and my uncle Benis who were always so good and kind to me. The Peace of the Lord, Be ever with them.

Ellen and Benis were buried in Clogheen Cemetery, Ballinahinch in 1969 and 1975 respectively.

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