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### **Eighteenth-Century Limerick-Related Items from Newspapers**

Dublin, April 5. By Letters from Limerick we have an Account, that Coll. Stephen St. John, a Young Gent, Heir to Old Col. St. John, who Dyed last Summer; was Poyson'd at his House in the County of Clare on the 21st of last Month, by his Groom, and Cook Maid; who are both Apprehended, the latter Confesses the Fact, and promises to make a Discovery on those that put them on that Hellish Design if she be sav'd, which are not a few; God send the who[le] Villany be found out, and the murders have their Desert. *Pue's Occurrences*, Saturday 5 April to Tuesday 8 April 1718.

[Advert]Whereas Mathew McNemara of the City of Lymerick, Mercht Integritwas on the 20th Day of August last, at the then Assizes held at the Guildhall of the said City of Limerick, Indict'd for Drinking Confusion to King George and Cursing all those that serve him; which Indictment was Prosecuted by one Robert Moore, a Weaver, formerly of the City of Kilkenny. These are to give Notice that the said Mathew McNemara (who is a Person of undoubted Character and Integrity) was Honourably acquitted by his Country on the Traverse, having prov'd by several persons of Credit, that he was Innocent of the Crime wherewith he stood Maliciously Charged. *Pue's Occurrences*, Tuesday 2 Sept to Saturday 6 Sept 1718.

Limerick, October 21. Last Night a Popish Priest that lies confin'd here attempted to escape, by seizing the Keeper's Hangar, (as he came in to view the Prisoners at Night, in order to lock them up) and with the Stroke he made at him broke the Hanger short on his Head, afterwards cut the Keeper's wife's Nose off with the remaining Part, but finding he had not dispatched him, endeavour'd to cut his Throat with his Knife, which he had almost effected, when a Grenadier of the Royal, interrupted him in his villainous Design. I hear he is since turn'd Evidence for the King, and seems resolved to impeach a Number of Gentlemen of the same Persuasion. *Dublin Courant*, Saturday October 27, 1722.

On Thursday last the Corps of the late Colonel George King, Knight of the Shire for the County of Limerick, was carried hence in order to be Interr'd at Kilpeacon the seat of his Father Sir William King. *Whalley's News Letter* (Dublin), Saturday, July 9th, 1722.

A shoemaker who lived in Limerick, hath 1500 l. per Anm. fallen to him near London, and accordingly went for that Place Yesterday to take Possession of it. *Dublin Weekly Journal*, Saturday, April 17th, 1731.

We have an account from Limerick that a great Quantity of rum and Brandy hath been lately seiz'd where it was buried in a cellar. This seizure, for the quantity, is the greatest that ever was made in the Parts; there being 6207 Gallons of Rum and 1862 Gallons of Brandy brought up and lodg'd in the King's Store-house; and no dout a considerable

Quantity of it was drunk and wasted in digging it out, and bringing it up the River, above twenty miles. Besides the Cutom House officers, there was a guard of an hundred soldiers constantly employ'ed and little enough to keep it from the Populace, who would fain have resented it. The Merchants who have suffered the loss, have made the Person whom they suspect of informing, already feel their Resentment; for they have hunted out all his Debts, and taken separate Actions, on which they have arrested him. The Mob, who are of their Side, threatened to pull him to pieces, to prevent them being as good as their word, the Civil Magistrate was oblig'd to get a Body of the Army to guard him to Prison, where he is safely lodg'd. Besides the Rum and Brandy there are four Casks of Mountain Wine siez'd.

*Dublin Evening Post*, Tuesday 16 Sept to Saturday 20 Sept 1735.

Limerick, July 18. Friday a child of Mrs Connelly mantua-maker who had been missing the night before, was found drowned at Mardyke.

*U.A.* Saturday July 23rd 1757.

Dublin, 29 July. We hear from Limerick, that Thomas Powell of Caher-Elly of the said County, gentleman, who stood Charged with the killing of Henry Ivers of the said county, gentleman, having surrendered himself, Stood his Tryal at the Assizes held there on the 17th of this Instant July, (and was acquitted of being unjustly charged of the same) by a Jury of the principal Gentlemen of the said City, with Honour, whose Names, as being Men of Integrity, he thought proper to insert, thinking it the most effectual way as well to Satisfy the Publick, as to clear himself of the imputation of so high a Crime.

Thomas Maunsell, Esq., Philip Rawson, Alderman, Francis Sergent, Alderm, James Seymour, Burgess, John Weight, Treasurer, William White, Gent, Robert Palmer, Burges, Robert Starkey, Burges, William Parker, Burgess, George Sexton, Burges, James Canter, Gent., Francis Courtney, Cloathier.

*Pue's Occurrences*, Saturday 26 July to Tuesday 29 July 1735.

Limerick Oct 24. One Hart having a Law-Suit with a Neighbour call'd Bolton, and having procur'd an Order of Possession, his son Henry Hart went with an Intent to enter upon the land disputed, when finding a Boy digging Potatoes, he fir'd at him with a Pistol but did him no Damage, upon which William, the son of Bolton, a lad of about 19 years of Age, loaded a gun with a Brace of Balls, and watching in a double Quickset hed[ge] till Hart came riding by with his Mother behind him, he let fly and shot him thro' the Body. He drop'd dead instantly from before his Mother. Bolton and his Son are since fled.

*Dublin Daily Advertiser*, Thursday 28 October 1736.

Limerick. On Friday a Milkwoman coming into Town through Thomond Gate was suddenly seiz'd with fit of Heaving Blood, and tho' all Medicines propoer in such Accidents were administer'd to her, she died in less than half an hour.

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*Dublin Weekly Journal*, Saturday, April 17th, 1731.

Limerick, Dec. 12. Yesterday was apprehended and committed to Gaol, under a strong Guard, James Cross of the County of Clare, Potatoe Farmer, for unlawfully withholding his Tythes of Potatoes, and for violently assaulting the Clergyman, intitled thereto, in his attempt to bring him to Justice.

*Faulkner's Dublin Journal* [hereafter *F.D.J.*], 13-17 Dec. 1757.

The Houses on the East Side of Baal's Bridge in the City of Limerick are to be pulled down to widen the Passage.

*F.D.J.* 20-24 Dec. 1757.

Limerick, January 9. Yesterday Daniel Deevelio and John Reade renounced the Errors of the church of Rome at St Mary's Church.

*F.D.J.* 10-14 January 1758.

Limerick, April 6. Yesterday Timothy McAuliffe and Keen, who were convicted the last Assizes of the murder of Bryan Kenny near Abbeyfeale, where executed at Gallows Green, pursuant to their sentence.

*F.D.J.* 8-11 April 1758.

Limerick, September 18. Last Week Edmond Hennessy, potatoe farmer in the Parish of Rathronan, was apprehended and brought to Limerick Gaol by the Rev. Mr. Archdeacon Wright for his unjustified and unlawful Detention of his tithes and for his manifest contempt for the Law.

*F.D.J.* From Tues 19th to Saturday 23rd Sept. 1758.

Limerick, January 2nd. Last Week the wife of Mr. Michael Pinehin, Clothier, was safely delivered of two girls and a boy, who are very hearty and likely to live.

*U.A.* Tuesday January 7th 1758.

### Deaths

Limerick, 7 April: A few days ago at Ballykett, Co Clare Anthony Hickman.

*The Universal Advertiser* [hereafter *U.A.*] 16 April 1757.

Tuesday night 27 Oct. died at Ennis Mrs Creagh of Dangan.

*U.A.* 5 Nov. 1757.

At Limerick, in the 75th year of his Age, Richard Bourke of Dromsally; said to be possessed of a Fortune of 110,000L.  
*U.A.* 26 Nov. 1757.

A few days ago died at Cork in an advanced age, Mrs Arthur, relict of the late Capt. Arthur of Gen. Otway's regiment of foot.  
*U.A.* 3 Dec. 1757.

Last week in Limerick Mr John Stritch Jasper, an eminent Merchant of that City.  
*F.D.J.* 18-22 Jan. 1757.

Limerick, April 25, Mrs Sexton, wife of George Sexton, one of the Aldermen of this city.  
*F.D.J.* 26-30 April 1757.

Last week at Limerick Rev Mr Simon Warner.  
*F.D.J.* 20-23 Aug. 1757.

Last week near Sixmilebridge Rev Mr John Stephens.  
*F.D.J.* 20-24 Sept. 1757.

At Limerick Rev Mr Stratfords Powell.  
*F.D.J.* 24-27 Sept. 1757.

Last week in Limerick Thomas Spaight, a most facetious and agreeable companion.  
*F.D.J.* 11-15 Oct. 1757.

Last week Col. Hugh Massy of Duntrileague, a gentleman of the greatest Probity and Honour.  
*F.D.J.* 15-19 Nov. 1757.

In Limerick Rev Mr Christopher White; a gentleman of fair Character.  
*F.D.J.* 3-7 Jan. 1758.

Last Week at Limerick, Mr John Bluet, Merchant and Mr Laurence Connell, a Romish Clergy-man.  
*F.D.J.* 17-21 January 1758.

At Limerick Mrs Shepherd, Relict of the late Rev. Mr Shepherd and Mother of the Mayor of that City.  
*F.D.J.* 28 Fe. - 4 March 1758.

At Limerick Miss Ingram, second Daughter of Alderman Ingram. Also Mr Henry Widenham, Attorney.  
*F.D.J.* 14-18 March 1758.

At Limerick Mr William Richardson, Apothecary.  
*F.D.J.* 18-21 March 1758.

At Limerick, Cr Charles Story.  
*F.D.J.* 1-4 April 1758.

Last Week at Limerick Mrs Elizabeth Vandelure, Wife of Giles Vandeleur, Esq. Last Thrusday, Valentine Quin, of Rosbrien, near Limeric, Esq.  
*F.D.J.* 6-9 May 1758.

At Limerick, Mrs Wight, Wife of John Wight, Esq.  
*F.D.J.* 16-20 May 1758.

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On Sand Quay, Cork, Nr Patrick Leacy of the County Limerick.  
*F.D.J.* 3-6 June 1758.

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At Limerick Palmer Tuthill, Gent, eldest son of George Tuthill, Esq.  
*F.D.J.* 6-10 June 1758.

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Limerick 12 June, Early this morning a Duel was fought by two gentlemen of the Army in which one of them received a Shot in his Body which it is feared will prove mortal.

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15 June Tuesday last died Lieut. Jenny of Lord Forbes's regiment, who was wounded in a Duel as formerly mentioned.

*F.D.J.* 13-17 June and 17-20 June 1758.

At Limerick Miss Uniacke daughter to Richard Uniack of Mount Uniacke near Youghal.  
*F.D.J.* 20-24 June 1758.

Limerick 21 Aug. This Morning died suddenly Edmond Bradshaw, Esq. Major of General Pole's Regiment of Foot on Duty in this Garrison.

*F.D.J.* 26-29 August 1758.

Limerick 16 Oct. Last Friday died at Stonhill Rev. Mr Benjamin Smith.

*F.D.J.* 17-21 Oct. 1758.

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Friday 7 Night, the Hon. Henry Southwell, Esq., Brother to Lord Southwell and Knight of the Shire for the County of Limerick.

*F.D.J.* 24-28 Oct. 1758.

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A few Days ago, much lamented, Montyfort Westropp, Gent. Of Melon in the County of Limerick.

*F.D.J.* 4-7 Nov. 1758.

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Sunday 7 Night in Limerick Mr John Crips, Son of Alderman Crips.

*F.D.J.* 25-28 Nov. 1758.

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Saturday 7 Night Mrs Susanna Naish, Relict of Patrick Naish, Esq. of Bally Cullen in the County of Limerick.

*F.D.J.* 25-28 Nov. 1758.

At Limerick Francis Sargant, senior Alderman, died Oct. 25.

*Public Gazetteer* 31 Oct-4 Nov. 1758.

Mr Henry

### Marriages

Cork. December 30 [1756]. This Day David Roche Esq; one of the Aldermen of the city of Limerick was married at St. Peter's Church to Miss Winthrop, Daughter of Mr. Stephen Winthrop, a wealthy Merchant of Dublin.

*U.A.* Tuesday January 4th, 1757.

Limerick. January 24, Last Friday Mr Richard Pearse was married to Miss Harrison, eldest Daughter of Robert Harrison, Esq. with a Fortune of 8.000L.

*U.A.* Saturday, January 29th, 1757.

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Limerick. March 3rd. Last Sunday Mr. Standish Peppard was married to Miss Hewson, Daughter of Mr Robert Hewson, a very amiable young Lady with a handsome Fortune.

*U.A.* Tuesday March the 8th, 1757.

Limerick, March 28th. A few Days ago Thomas Otway Esq. of the County Tipperary, was married to Miss...Prittie, Daughter of Col...Prittie, a young Lady of great Merit, Beauty and Fortune.

*U.A.* Saturday April 2nd, 1757.

Limerick, March 31st. Sunday last, Daniel Weed the younger, of Maidstown, Esq. was married to Miss Lloyd, eldest Daughter of the late Rev. Mr. Thomas Lloyd, a young Lady of distinguished Beauty and Merit and a considerable Fortune.

Marriages at Limerick. Mr William Gubbins to Miss Nash, Daughter of the late Mr Ralph Nash. ———Lindsay, Esq. commander of a ship in the East India company's service to Miss Lucy Westropp.

*U.A.* Tuesday May 31st, 1757.

Limerick, Octoer 13, Last Tuesday, Mr Thomas Pearse, Merchant, was married to Miss Jenny Fitz-Gerald, Daughter of chalres Fitz-Gerald of Castlekeale in the County of Clare, Esq. a young Lady of distinguished Merit and Beauty with a good Fortune.

*U.A.* Tuesday October 18th, 1757.

Married. Last Saturday, Henry Ormsby, of Cloghens in the County of Mayo Esq., to the eldest sister of Sir Henry Hartstronge of Bruff in the County of Limerick, Bart, a young lady in every Respect truly Amiable with a Fortune of 6,000L.

*F.D.J.* From Tues. March 15th to Sat. March 19th, 1757.

Limerick Dec. 1st. This morning was married in St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Mr. Deane Hoare to Miss Susanna Ingram, eldest daughter of Alderman Ingram of this City.

*F.D.J.* From Sat. Dec 3rd to Tues. Dec. 6th 1757.

Last Week John Green Esq. only Son of George Gree, of Abby, Co. Limerick Esq., to Miss Catherina Toler, Daughter of Daniel Toler, late of Graige, Co. Tipperary, Esq.

*F.D.J.* From Tues January 21st to Sat January 28th 1758.

At Limerick Mr Thomas Franks, an eminent Attorney to Miss Margery Hart. At same Place Mr Daniel Connor, Merchant, to Miss Goough, Daughter of the Rev. Mr. Gough.

*F.D.J.* From Sat. April 15th to Tues. April 18th 1758.

Limerick May 8th. A few days ago, the Rev. William Maunsell, second son of Col. Thomas Maunsell, was married to Miss Deborah Foster of Northhamptonshire, a most agreeable and accomplished young Lady, with 5,000L Fortune.

*F.D.J.* From Tues. May 9th to Sat. May 13th, 1758.

Marriages. Last Wednesday Giles Vandelure Esq. of the County of Limerick, was married to Miss Ally Fitzgerald, Daughter of James Fitzgerald, late of Stonehall, Esq.

*F.D.J.* From Sat. Nov. 25th to Tues. Nov 28th, 1758.

Limerick, December 29. A few days ago, Mr Robert Lane, an eminent merchant of the city of Corke was married to Miss Bunbury, Daughter of Benjamin Bunbury of the County of Tipperary, a most agreeable and accomplished young Lady with a considerable fortune.

*U.A.* Tuesday January 3rd 1758.

**Thomas J. Byrne**