

Notes to The Scotch-Irish or the Scot in North Britain, North Ireland, and North America Chapter XXXIII

3. The muster-master was an officer commissioned in each district to discover the number of able-bodied men therein, together with the available arms possessed by them. He was further required carefully to enroll the men and arms in a book, to be consulted when troops might be needed for active service. From this statement of the author it is evident that a large number of settlers had come with Sir Hugh Montgomery to the Ards during the first four years of his colonization. It is to be regretted that no list of these original settlers can now be found. Among them were several named Orr, who appear to have originally settled in the townlands of Ballyblack and Ballykeel, and were the progenitors of a very numerous connection of this surname throughout the Ards. The earliest recorded deaths in this connection, after their settlement in the Ards, were those of James Orr of Ballyblack, who died in the year 1627, and Janet McClement, his wife, who died in 1636. The descendants, male and female, of this worthy couple were very numerous, and as their intermarriages have been carefully recorded, we have thus fortunately a sort of index to the names of many other families of Scottish settlers in the Ards and Castlereagh. Their descendants in the male line intermarried with the families of Dunlop, Gray, Kennedy, Coulter, Todd, M'Birney, M'Cullough, Campbell, Boyd, Jackson, Walker, Rodgers, Stevenson, Malcomson, King, Ferguson, M'Quoid, Cregg, Bart, M'Munn, Bryson, Johnson, Smith, Carson, M'Kinstry, Busby, M'Kce, Shannon, M'Garock, Hamilton, Cally, Chalmers, RED, M'Roberts, Creighton, M'Whirter, M'Kibben, Cleland, Abernethy, REID, Agnew, Wilson, Irvine, Lindsay, M'Creary, Porter, Hanna, Taylor, Smyth, Carson, Wallace, Gamble, Miller, Catherwood, Malcolm, M'Cleary, Pollok, Lamont, Frame, Stewart, Minnis, Moorehead, M'Caw, Clark, Patterson, Neilson, Maxwell, Harris, Corbet, Milling, Carr, Winter, Patty, Cumming, M'Connell, M'Gowan.

Nearly an equal number of Orrs married wives of their own surname. These numerous descendants, bearing the surname of Orr, resided in Ballyblack, Clontinacally, Killinether, Ballygowan, Ballykeel, Munlough, Bally-been, Castleaverie, Conlig, Lisleen, Bangor, Gortgrib, Granshaw, Killaghey, Gilnahirk, Ballyalloy, Ballyknockan, Ballycloughan, Tullyhubbert, Moneyrea, Newtownards, Ballymisc, Dundonald, Magherascouse, Castlereagh, Bootin, Lisdoonan, GREYABBEY, Ballyrea, Ballyhay, Ballywilliam, Saintfield, Ballymacarrett, Craigantlet, Braniel. The greatest number of the name lived in Ballykeel, Clontinacally, and Ballygowan. The descendants in the female line

from James Orr and Janet M'Clement of Ballyblack inter-married with the families of Riddle of Comber, Thomson of Newtownards, Moore of Drummon, Orr of Lisleen, Orr of Ballykeel, Murdock of Comber, Irvine of Crossnacreevy, M'Creary of Bangor, Hanna of Conlig, Orr of Bangor, Orr of Ballygowan, M'Munn of Lis-leen, Barr of Lisleen, Davidson of Clontinacally, Jamieson of Killaghey, Martin of Killy-nure, Martin of Gilnahirk, Matthews of ---, Watson of Carryduff, Shaw of Clontinacally, Todd of Ballykeel, Jennings of ---, Davidson of ---, M'Kibbin of Knocknasham, M'Cormick of Ballybeen, M'Culloch of Ballyhanwood, M'Kee of Lisleen, Patterson of Moneyrea, Dunwoody of Madyroe, Barr of Bangor, M'Gee of Todstown, Burgess of Mady-roe, M'Kinning of Lisnasharock, Gerrit of Ballyknockan, Pettigrew of Ballyknockan, M'Coughry of Ballyknockan, Yates of ---, Shaw of ---, Stevenson of Ballyrush, M'Kibbin of Haw, Piper of Comber, Blakely of Madyroe, Orr of Ballyknockan, Stewart of Clontinacally, Hamilton of Ballykeel, Dunbar of Slatady, Orr of Ballygowan, Malcolm of Bootan, Porter of Ballyristle, M'Connell of Ballyhenry, Kennedy of Comber, Malcolm of Moat, Orr of Ballykeel, Martin of Ballycloughan, REID of Ballygowan, Lewis of ---, Orr of Clontinacally, Orr of Florida, M'Creary of ---, Miller of Conlig, Lowry of Bally-macashan, Harris of Ballymelady, Orr of Ballyknockan, M'Quoid of Donaghadee, Appleton of Conlig, M'Burney of ---, Hanna of Clontinacally, Johnson of Rathfriland, Orr of Bally-keel, Stewart of Clontinacally and Malone, Patterson of Moneyrea and Lisbane, Black of Gortgrib, Hill of Gilnahirk, Murdock of Gortgrif, Kilpatrick of ---, Gregg of ---, Huddleston of Moneyrea, M'Culloch of Moneyrea, Steel of Maghrescouse, Erskine of Woodlburn, Campbell of ---, White of ---, Clark of Clontinacally, M'Fadden of Clontinacally, Hunter of Clontinacally and Ravarra, Orr of Castlereagh, M'Kean of ---, M'Kittrick of Lisleen, Frame of Munlough, Garret of Ballyknockan, Kennedy of Tullygirvan, Orr of Munlough, Dickson of Tullygirvan, M'Clure of Clontinacally, Porter of Beech-hill, Dinwoody of Carrickmadyroe, Strain of Newtownards, Burns of Cahard, Kennedy of Tullygirvan. M'Calla of Lisdoonan, M'Bratney of Raferey, Harrison of Holywood, Piper of Moneyrea, MacWilliam of Ednaslate, Patterson of Tonachmore, Wright of Craigantlet, Boden of Craigantlet, Henderson of Ballyhaskin, Morrow of Belfast, M'Quoid of Braniel, M'Lean of Ballykeel, Neilson of Ravara, Crawford of Carrickmadyroe, M'Gown of Cross-nacreevy, Orr of Ballybee (MSS. Genealogy of the Family of James Orr of Ballyblack, drawn up from inscriptions on tombstones, by the late Gawin Orr of Castlereagh).--Rev. George Hill, Montgomery Manuscripts, p. 66.