As a companion piece to the transcript of Edward Blakeney's will (1799), I have extracted some info from Burke's to help put some of the legatees' names in context.

**Irish Family Records identifies this Edward as follows:**

"(1) Edward, of Cornacuogh, co. Galway, and 71 Newman Street, London W, Private Secretary to General Lord Blakeney, Gov of Minorca 1748, HBM Consul at Nice 1755, Commissary-General for the Army, granted a pension by Secretary of State after German War 'for his valuable services to his country', born 1716, education Trinity College Dublin, died 1799 (will dated 15 March, proved 29 June 1799)."

His siblings are listed as Thomas, Robert, George, Charles, Elizabeth, Deborah, Marcella, and Jane.

**Burke's info on their parents:**

"2 Thomas of Currando, Cornucuogh (jure usoris), and Feigh, co Galway, b 1693, m 1715, Sarah (bur Tuam Cathedral 18 Feb 1763), dau and heiress of Redmond (Robert?) Burke, of Cornacuogh, Tyaquin, co Galway, and d 27 May 1762 (bur Tuam Cathedral)."

**Burke's info on Edward's siblings:**

"(2) Thomas, of Feigh, co Galway, and St Andrew's street, Dublin, m. 29 1760, Margaret Wallace (bur 6 April 1795), dsp, and was bur 23 July 1789.

(3) Robert, Lieut in Gen Blakeney's Regt of Foot, served in Ticonderoga, Crown Point, Montreal, Martinico, Grenada and Havannah, educ Trinity College Dublin, dunm off Havannah 20 Sept 1762.

(4) George, dunm.

(5) Charles, of Feigh and Currenlarman, co Galway, Cloneera and Lisnamult, co Roscommon, and 2 Hume Street, St Stephen's Green, Dublin, b 1731, m 6 March 1761, Bridget (d 15 Sept 1776), dau and heiress of Barnaby Gunning, JP, oh Holywell, co Roscommon (uncle of the famous beauties, Maria Gunning, Countess of Coventry, and Elizabeth Gunning, Duchess of Hamilton, and later Duchess of Argyll), by his wife Anne, dau and co-heiress of John Staunton, KC, DL, JP, MP for Galway, of Oldburg, co Galway, and d Dec 1815, having had issue:

1 *a* John Edward, of Greenhall, co Roscommon, Lieut RMLI (ret on account of wounds 1796), bapt 7 June 1763, m 1st, Frances (d 1820, aged 50, bur Roscommon 25 April), daug of Thomas Bradley, and had issue. [...]

2 *a* Thomas (Rev), of Holywell, co Roscommon, and 3 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, Rector of Roscommon 1805, b in Dublin 1770, educ Trinity College Dublin (BA 1791), m July 1801, Alicia (d 9 Jan 1951), dau of Most Rev William Newcome, DD, Archbishop of Armah, and Primate of All Ireland, and d 18 Jan 1845, leaving issue. [...]

3 *a* Charles, bapt at St Peter's, Dublin 2 Nov 1770, bur St George's, Dublin Feb 1791.

4 *a* Robert, of Curraghmore, co Roscommonm and 9 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, Barrister-at-law 1799, b 1774, educ Trinity College Dublinm (BA 1794m MA 1832) m (sett 18 Jan 1806) Catherine Anne, dau and co-heiress of Samuel Lee Owens, JP, of Dundermot Lodge, co Roscommon, and d (will dated 15 Feb 1840m pr 13 Feb 1841, leaving issue. [...]

5 *a* William, Ensign 84th Regt of Foot (Yorks and Lancs) 1795, took part in siege and capture of Capetown, Lieut 19th Foot (Yorks Regt) 1799, killed in action at Kandy, Ceylon 24 June 1803.

1 *a* Anne, b 1762, m 20 July 1779, as his 1st wife, Col Hon Richard St Leger, 2nd son of 1st Viscount Doneraile, and d 19 July 1809, leaving issue. (See Burke's Peerage). He d 30 Dec 1840.

2 *a* Bridget, m 10 July 1795, Thomas Henn, 4th son of William Henn, of Paradise Hill, Ennis, co Clare (see that family), and dsp. He d 1822.

(1) Elizabeth, m Thomas Waldron, of Drumsna, co Leitrim, and had issue (see 1958 Edn, WALDRON-HAMILTON of Ashfort House).

(2) Deborah, m (lic 28 Nov 1750) Andrew Kirwan, of Coraghan, co Galway, son of Patrick Kirwan, of Cregg, co Galway, and d (will dated 8 June 1771, pr 13 March 1773), leaving issue, four sons and two daus (see that family 1912 Edn).

(3) Marcella, m her cousin Simon Blakeney, of Parke and Gortgariffe, co Galway, and d 29 Nov 1781, leaving issue [see elsewhere in Burke's]. He d 1780.

[Simon, of Parke and Gortgariffe, co Galway, Lieut in Col Robert Blakeney's Regt of Drags, Portreeve of Athenry, d 1780 (bur Tuam Cathedral), having had issue,

1 *a* Thomas, bur Tuam Cathedral 1769.

2 *a* Edward, d young.

3 *a* Elizabeth, m at Athlone 1787, James Betragh, of Manin, co Mayo, and had issue.

4 *a* Sarah, d unm.]

(4) Jane, m Francis Nesbit, of Kilmore, co Roscommon, son of Matthew Nesbit, of Derrygarten, co Leitrim, and d (will dated 24 Oct 1800, pr 23 Feb 1803), leaving issue."

Note that Edward's will lists the daughter of Ed's sister Marcella as Isabella, although Burke's lists her as Elizabeth. (She's the niece that married James Betragh -- or Beytagh, as I've seen it elsewhere.) He mentions that her parents left her in "slender" (if I transcribed it correctly) circumstances. They died 6 and 7 years even before her marriage. Rather than an intentional financial slight, I imagine it was their deaths that created the problems for her.

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**Here is the info in Burke's on Edward's cousin Col. William Blakeney:**

[Son of:]

"Col. John Blakeney, of Abbert, co Galway (bought 14 May 1734), JP (1727), High Sheriff 1727 and 1738, Galway Drags, MP for AThenry from 1727, m Grace, dau of Henry Persse, of Roxbourough, co Galway (see that family), and d 21 July 1747, leaving issue...

**4** William, MP for Athenry 1781-83 and 1790-99, Col in the Army, Major R Welch Fus 1775, served throughout German War (wounded at Minden and Rhynberg), and in War of American Independence (severely wounded at Bunker Hill), b 1735, m 6 Sept 1770, Sarah (d 31 May 1799), dau and heiress of Samuel Shields, of Ouseburn, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and d 2 Nov 1804, having had issue, with three daus,

1 William Augustus, Major 87th Regt 1804, m Sarah O'Dell and d 3 Sept 1848, leaving issue.

2 John Theophilus, Barrister-at-law, Inner Temple 1801, educ St John's College Cambridge (MA, Snr Fell),

dunm 31 March 1856, aged 82.

3 Hargrave, bur 14 March 1778.

4 Thomas, Lt-Col cmdg 1st Bn R Berks Regt (66) 1806, dunm at Trincomalee, Ceylon July 1808.

5 Edward (FM Rt Hon Sir), PC, GCB (1849) (KCB 1815), GCH (1836), Cmdr of the Forces in Ireland 1835-55,

Gov of Chelsea Hosp 1856, Col R Fus 1832, and The R Scots 1854, Kt of the Tower and Sword (Portugal),

b 26 March 1778, m 5 May 1814, Mary (d 21 Jan 1866), dau of Col Thomas Gardiner, HEICS,

of Twickenham, Middx, and dsp 2 Aug 1868.

6 Samuel, Capt 68th Regt of Foot, ka at Fort St Lucia (admon 6 June 1806), unm.

7 Robert, Lieut RN 1806, b 31 April 1782,; d off Barbados 10 Jan 1810.

8 Henry Persse, of Cheltenham, Major R Berks Regt (66), served in Spain and Portugal, Bde-Magor to

Gen Lord Aylmer 1814, Liaison Offr at Longwood, St Helena between Napoleon and Gen Sir Hudson

Lowe, d 7 Jan 1823."

It's interesting that Edward only singles out two of these children for substantial legacies, his godson Edward and second-son John. All the others had to share 100 pounds for mourning clothes. Maybe because there were so many -- three daughters in addition to these eight sons!

Godson Edward went on to become the famous military leader in Ireland and our second Knight.

Henry (not specified in will), as stated above, was briefly assigned to guard Napoleon's home in exile. Napoleon and his family and staff detested him so much, he had to be reassigned before long!

I wonder what happened to all of Edward's letters and manuscripts entrusted to Col. William. As Edward was at one time private secretary to his cousin, Baron William Blakeney, he must have had a lot of documentation on the baron as well. ::sigh::

Hope you all enjoyed the transcript.

--Rhonda

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