

Richards Families in County Wexford

In the eighteenth, nineteenth and early twentieth century there were at least three different Richards families living in County Wexford. DNA evidence collected in late 2002 shows that none of these three families had a common ancestor in at least the last 1000 years.

1 RICHARDS OF SOLSBOROUGH [17th and 18th century sources for this family](#)

This family goes back to Col Solomon Richards (1619-1691), who came to Ireland as one of Cromwell's Commissioners. By the nineteenth century there were three branches to this family:

Richards of Solsborough. Solsborough House (top picture) was accidently burnt in 1933. A smaller house was built in the ruins and the last member of the family left in the 1960s.

Richards of Monksgrange (middle picture shows the house in 2012). The male line ended when Edward Moore Richards died in 1911 but his descendants still live there.

Richards of Ardamine (The bottom picture shows the house in about 1879) The house at Ardamine was burnt in 1921. The last member of the family to live there was Major Arthur Richards who left in 1916. There are descendants of this branch of the family living in Ireland but none have the Richards surname.

2 RICHARDS OF MACMINE CASTLE (formerly of Rathaspeck and Park). According to their entry in the 1912 edition of Burke's Irish Landed Gentry this family was in Ireland before the Civil War. Information on this website comes from Irish Landed Gentry with additional information from will extracts.

3 RICHARDS OF GLYNN This site includes information collected by Alex Buchanan in the late 1980s and information provided by other members of this family. Most of this family went to New Zealand and are now scattered over the globe.

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Solsborough House after the fire



Monksgrange in 2012



Ardamine House in about 1879