

The Beers family in the 19th century

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Gravestone inscription from Drumbo Church of Ireland graveyard, parish of Drumbo, townland of Ballylesson:

Erected by William Beers of Ballylesson to the memory of his [mother] Elizabeth Beers who died the 11th of August 1836 aged 51 years

Her son Charles who died the 28th of July 1838 aged 28 year [born c.1810]

[Her] his son William who died 5th September 1838 aged 26 yrs [born 1812]

Also her son John [a twin of Charles?] who died 10th January 1843 aged 33 yrs [born c.1810]

Also the above William Beers who died 30 of Nov 1873 aged 89 years [born c.1784]

Also wife Jane Beers who died the 6th of April 1874 aged 70 years. [born c.1804]

FamilySearch also has another William Beers of Ballylesson who married Anne (or Anna) Johnson.

It lists their children (perhaps not an exhaustive list!):

Charles	born 25.11.1865
Elizabeth	born 20.06.1867
Samuel	born 06.08.1869
Jane	born 05.10.1871
William	born 09.03.1874 (given as 1876 in some internet sources)
Charlotte	born 08.01.1878
Mary	born 10.01.1880

And the 1901 Census of Ireland also has Beers families still living at Ballylesson and Drumbo.

Newspaper insertions etc.

1833 Jane, relict of the late William Beers, Esq., of Ballyward Lodge, county of Down, and only daughter of the late Archdeacon Leslie, of Kinraigie Castle, county of Donegal, died on 27 December, in the 69th year of her age.

1835 Billy Church – James Shaw Beers, M.D., of Ballymoney, married Jane Hill, daughter of Samuel Hill, Esq., of Ballylough.

1838 Rev. James Annesley Beers, youngest son of William Beers, Esq., of Ballyward Lodge, Co.Down, married Alice Elizabeth Banks, second daughter of Capt. John Banks, R.N. They married on 17 July 1838 at St Mary's Church in Dublin. Alice Banks was born in St Austell, Cornwall. They had a daughter on 17 Oct 1848 at Ballyward Lodge.

Ros Davies Co.Down website gives Rev James Annesley Beers of Drumballyrone and Dromore: curate of parish church; school visitor in 1836; of Church St, Dromore in 1846; vicar of Drumballyrone in 1865

Gravestone inscription from Kilcoo Church of Ireland graveyard, parish of Kilcoo, townland of Ballyhafry:

Erected to Rev James Annesley [Beers] in family burial place, who died 9 June 1880 aged 75 years also his wife Alice Elizabeth, who died 7 March 1904 aged 84 years.

1842 At the latter end of March, at Port Philip, New South Wales, Australia, [death of] Philip Groves Beers, Esq., Captain of the 80th Regiment and son of the late William Beers, Esq., Ballyward Lodge, County Down.

1842 On 9 May, on her passage to England from Port Philip, New South Wales, Australia, [death of] Mrs. Matilda Beers, after the sudden death of her devoted husband.

1859 Capt. L. J. Thompson, youngest son of Lt. Col. Thompson, married Miss Jane Leslie Beers, youngest daughter of William Beers, Esq., of Brook Cottage, Newcastle, Co.Down, at Bryansford Church.

Portadown Weekly News, 28 May 1859 Marriage:

May 17, in Bryansford Church, by the Rev. J. A. Beers, Rector of Donaghcloney, Leslie Thompson, Esq., Captain 58th Regt., youngest son of the late Lieut.-Col. Thompson, to Jane Leslie, youngest daughter of William Beers, Esq., Brook Castle, Newcastle, County of Down.

Jane Leslie Beers (1835-1913)

1862 Capt. John Leslie (born 1839), formerly Lieut. 5th Fusiliers, and Capt. Donegal Militia, only son of the late Francis Charles Leslie (formerly Beers) of Ballyward, Co.Down, and Kinraigie, Co. Donegal (who assumed by Royal Licence, 1850, the surname and arms of Leslie in lieu of his patronymic), married Harriet Anne, third daughter of Sir David William Barclay, Bart. Residence, Ballyward Lodge, Castlewellan, Co.Down.

1863 Harriet Jane Leslie, only daughter of the late Francis Charles Leslie, Esq., of Ballyward Lodge, Castlewellan, Co. Down, married William Malo de Rune Barclay (born 1842), educated at Cheltenham College, and at Royal Military College, Sandhurst; formerly Lieut. 24th Foot, son of Sir David William Barclay of Pierston, 10th Baronet, and Elise Josephe de Rune. Harriet died in 1919. She and her husband had three daughters and six sons.

1865 William Beers, Esq., Capt., only son of William Beers of Brook Cottage, Newcastle, and of Ballyshiel, Co. Armagh, married Eileen, second daughter of the late Sir George Maclean. Marriage took place at Ryde, Isle of Wight.

Register of Tonbridge School, High Street, Kent, a distinguished boarding school, founded in 1553:

Beers, William b.1836, attended Tonbridge School 1850-3. Son of William Beers. Joined the 26th Foot, 1854. Lieutenant-Colonel retired, 1878.

Lt. Col. William Beers (1836-1919)

1865 J. Leslie Beers, Jr., Esq., of Leslie Hill, Co. Donegal, married Sarah, daughter of the late Edward Jones Agnew, Esq. of Kilwaughter, Co. Antrim. Wedding conducted by Rev. James Annesley Beers, uncle of the groom.

1867 William Beers, Esq. of Brook Cottage, Co. Down, married Bessie, eldest daughter of Laurence Davidson, W.S., Edinburgh.

Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin, No.371
ELIZA BEERS | widow of the late | WILLIAM BEERS
of Newcastle County of Down | "In Christ and in peace" | May 3 1890

1871 John Joshua Nunn, Esq., second son of Joshua Nunn, Esq., of St. Margarets, Co. Wexford, married Frances Elizabeth, second daughter of John Beers, Esq., J.P., of Royal Terrace, Kingstown, Dublin and Leslie Hill, Co. Donegal. Married by Rev. James Annesley Beers, uncle of the bride.

Frances Elizabeth Beers, wife of J. Nunn, d. 1907

1872 James M. Murray Beers, Esq., youngest son of the Rev. James Annesley Beers, rector of Drumballyrone, Co. Down, married Mary Cole [Bowen], youngest daughter of Charles Cole Bowen, Esq., late of Co. Cork and Seaborough, Canada West.

1876 Rev. John B. Beers, son of the Rev. James Annesley Beers, married Edith Margaret [Towsey], 2nd daughter of Charles Towsey, Esq., of Ramsgate. Wedding conducted by Rev. Charles Parkhurst Baxter, brother-in-law of the groom.

1880 Death of William Beers Esq., 9 October 1880. (Mrs Beers still at Brook Cottage in 1884)

Also these:

John Beers, Esq., J.P. of Leslie Hill, Co. Donegal (1800-1888); buried at Deansgrange, Dublin; married Catharine Anna Colhoun (1806-1886), daughter of William Colhoun, Esq. of Green Cottage; niece of the late Commodore Conyngham of the United States Navy, but formerly of Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Ann Beers of Rathfriland, died 1843. Ros Davies Co Down website also has James Beers, Drumgath, Rathfriland; a merchant; witness to a deed of rent 4 March / 28 Nov 1761 between Stuart Dickson of Ballyaughian and William Swan of Grallaghgreen.