



**Nicola Natta (Malet-Warden) our first cousin, Christmas c.1995 in Paris with children; Camille, Noel, Lauernt and husband Gilbert**



**Siobhán, Cathal, Willie Gray, Ann Swatman and Willie's dog Tara, Derrygooney 1985.**

**Our mother at Derrygooney 1981**





**Clockwise from main: Five siblings, Derrygooney 2002; Caroline on the lane at Derrygooney 1987; Gilbert, Geraldine, Áine, Siobhán, Cathal, Nicola and Camille at Derrygooney; and Family group with Willie Gray, Derrygooney 2002.**



**Clockwise from top: Deirdre and Aiden with flowers and ashes, Derrygooney lake, September 1999; Peter Boylan in his forge at the turn into the lane, Derrygooney; Granny Elizabeth 1978 with Geraldine, Áine, Siobhán, Cathal, Nicola, Camille at Derrygooney; Jamie and Robin in Yak January 2002;**



**Cathal and Siobhán at Derrygooney 1978**





**Portrait of Sarah Pennycuick (Farrell) with youngest son Charles Edward Ducat, our mother's grandfather.**



***Eoin and Nora take to the floor at Finnstown House in the Drawing Room on the occasion of the Welsh - Irish rugby international weekend, 1990. Below, A view of Finnstown House.***



***Former President Eamon deValera stirring the Christmas pudding with the staff at Linden Nursing Home.***

***Caroline's daughter Valerie, who lives in Australia***



The Irish Life  
of  
Saint Finian  
of Clonard  
Master of the Saints of Ireland  
*with a commentary for the general reader*



by  
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1995

# The Green Cockatrice



# The Legend of TARA



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# CLONARD

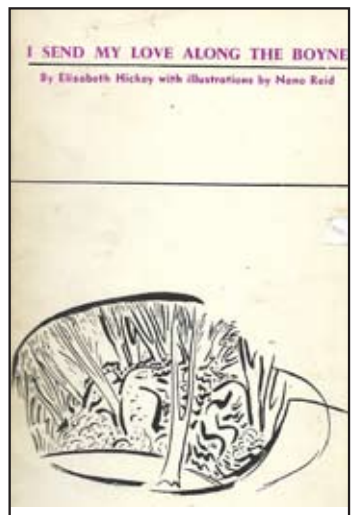
The Story of an Early Irish Monastery  
520 – 1202



# SKRYNE AND THE EARLY NORMANS



ELIZABETH HICKEY



**Above: Front cover of *Skryne And The Early Normans* by Elizabeth Hickey 1994. Inset: Front cover of *I Send My Love Along The Boyne* by Elizabeth Hickey with Illustrations by Nano Reid, 1966**  
**Facing page (clockwise from top left): Front cover of ; *The Irish Life of St. Finian of Clonard* by Elizabeth Hickey, 1995; Front cover of ; *The Green Cockatrice* by Basil Iske, pseudonym used by Elizabeth Hickey, 1978; Front cover of ; *Clonard. The Story of an Early Irish Monastery 520-1202* by Elizabeth Hickey, 1998; and the front cover of *The Legend of Tara* by Elizabeth Hickey, 1952**



**Sir. Frederick Richard Falkiner, Q.C., Recorder of Dublin ;  
Right Geraldine with our mother at the Farrell grave in 1997.**



**View of Skryne Castle from Hill of Skryne, taken by Peter c2000**





**The LaTouche monument in Delgany Church, by John Hickey, (1756 – 1795) forms the backdrop for family photograph at the Christening of Aaron, 2009. Left – Anna with her mother Emma and brothers Stephen and Peter, centre – Aiden, Nora, Rosanna, right – Eoin, Christian, Niall with Aaron, Thierry and Carla and Stephanie in the cart. Facing page (clockwise from main): Captain Peter Rainier; Col. Colin Mackenzie (1754-1821); Robert Emmett 1796; Indian bibi Jemanee, 1787. (All by Thomas Hickey)**



*Elizabeth and Bryda's Romanian bird watching trip on the Danube 1994*



**Our mother with pups  
1994**



**Our mother  
with dogs  
at the front  
door Skryne  
Castle 1994.**





*Our mother's eightieth birthday with Peter and Geraldine and birthday cake. Below: Our mother at The Irish National War Memorial Gardens. Island bridge, Dublin. 1994.*

*Eoin, Robin & Peter at winter barbecue, Rathinree, 2000*





**Set of nine interiors of Skryne Castle, note the collection of sketches by Willie Falkiner. Photographs taken by Christopher Gray after our mother's death, in January 1999, just before the house was 'dismantled'.**





**Elizabeth**



**Open Garden Day at Skryne Castle 1996 and, facing page, delphiniums in the garden at Skryne Castle.**





**Unveiling of plaque on Hill of Skryne, February 2010, group and Christian reading from Skryne and the Early Normans. Left: Plaque erected in the churchyard on the Hill of Skryne in memory of Elizabeth, Robin and Peter, February 2010**



**Agnes (back row, second from left) with the school theatre group at Newton Stewart, 1901; Agnes (below) in her teens, taken in 1908**



**W**e were introduced to our Pennycuick ancestors at quite an early stage. Netta when just a young teenager was given the job of copying out family pedigrees on to long sheets of wall-paper. One of these pedigrees was of the Pennycuick family, of which our mother's mother was one. The Pennycuick's according to the National Gazetteer, of 1868, established Pennycuick, a parish near Linton and ten miles south of Edinburgh. The village was anciently known as Pen-y-coc, signifying 'The Cookoos Hill' stands on the river North Esk.

Pennycuick's house is described as a mansion with a Grecian portico of eight columns built in 1761.

The motto is 'That I might rise again'.

Our archive shows us that our great, great, great grandfather was John Pennycuick. He died in 1830. His son Brig. General Lt. Col. John Pennycuick CB. KH. was born in 1789. He married Sarah Farrell from Ireland in 1805 and died tragically with his son Alexander in the Battle of Chillianwallah, the Punjab in 1849. John and Sarah had eleven children, including the youngest, our mother's grandfather, Charles Edward Ducat Pennycuick, Treasurer of Ceylon. He died in 1903. Charles married Clementina Woodhead and had two children born in Ceylon, Agnes Helen (our grandmother) and James.

#### **Lieutenant-Colonel J. Pennycuick C.B. K.H. and his son Alexander**

As children we knew of the Battle of Chillianwallah, which had taken place on the other side of the world more than a hundred years previously.





Chancery of the Order of  
Saint Michael and Saint George

Downing Street,

31<sup>st</sup> December, 1901.

Sir,

The King having been graciously pleased to  
appoint you to be a Companion of the Most Distinguished  
Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, and to pre-  
sent you with the appropriate Insignia, I have the  
honour to transmit to you a Warrant under the Royal  
Sign Manual and the Seal of the Order, conveying to  
you the Grant of that Dignity, and a copy of the  
Statutes of the Order.

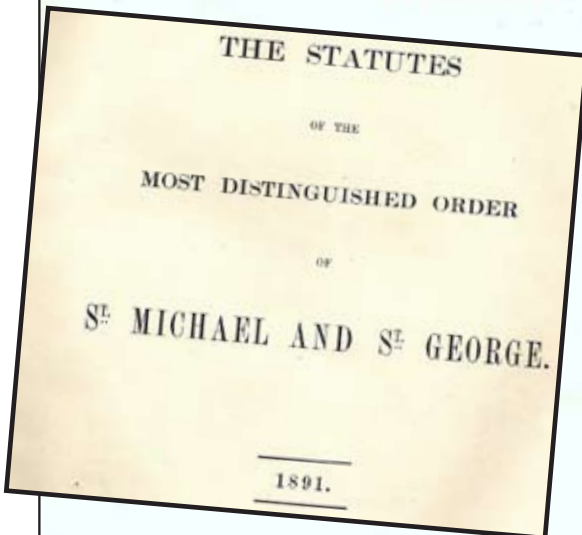
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

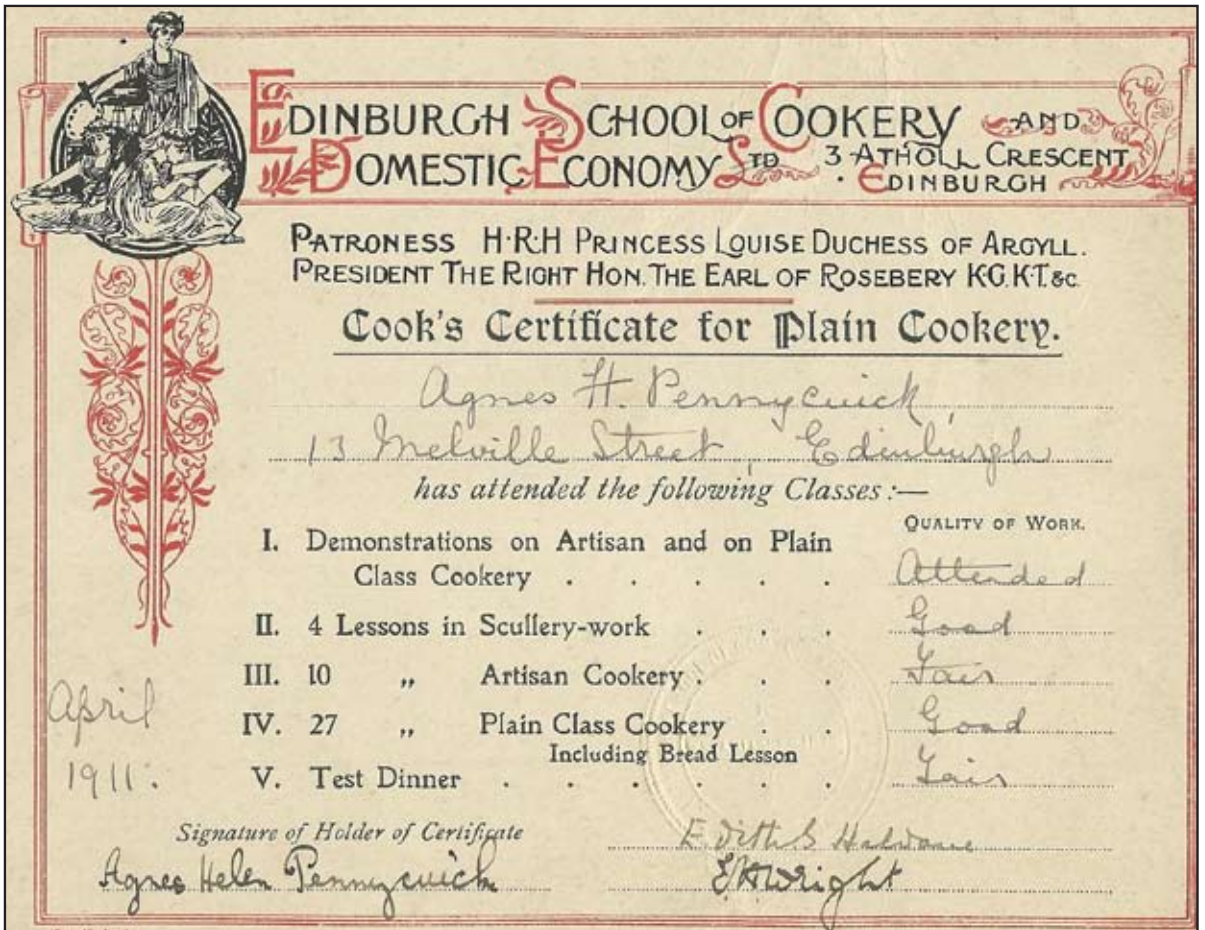
Your most obedient Servant,

*W. B. ...*

Secretary.



CHARLES EDWARD DUCAT PENNYCUICK, ESQUIRE, C.M.G.



We knew that two of our ancestors had died in this battle and that a seventeen year old boy had fought to the death to save his fathers body from being mutilated. This battle was the final act for Lt. Col John Pennyquick, our mother's great grandfather, after an illustrious career in the British army. His son who died at the battle, was Alexander.

He kept a diary, of which we have a copy, which details his time in India, Java, Bengal, Burma, Afghanistan etc.

While stationed in Ireland, in Tullamore, Mullingar and Castlebar, he met and married Sarah Farrell, then aged fifteen, in 1820. They had eleven children. In his diaries there are references, among all the details of his life in the various countries he was



Certificate awarded to Agnes in 1911 - not very good with the cooking! Left: Portrait of Lt.-Col. John Pennyquick C.B., K.H. c.1846 Facing page: The appointment of Charles Edward Ducat Pennyquick, Treasurer of Ceylon, (our mother's grandfather) to the order of St. Michael and St. George 31 December 1901

The Lord Chamberlain is  
commanded by Their Majesties to summon  
Mrs. Charles Pennycuik  
& Miss Agnes Pennycuik  
to a Court to be held at Holyrood  
Palace on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> July 1911  
at 9.30 o'clock p.m.

Full Dress.

Ladies with Feathers and Trains.

The Doors of the Palace will be opened at 8.30 o'clock p.m.

Documents relating to the occasion of the presentation at court of Agnes Pennycuik, our grandmother, to King George V, at Holyrood Palace, 15 June 1911. Below: Agnes, looking exactly like our mother with her brother James.



15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1911.

Programme.

1. MARCH: TRIUMPHAL..... "Entry of the [Gladiators]"... *Fucik*
2. VALSE... "The Count of Luxembourg" *Lehar*
3. SELECTION..... "Iolanthe"..... *Sullivan*
4. DANCE OF THE SHADOWS..... *Herman Finck*
5. SERENATA... "Love in Idleness"..... *Macbeth*

GOD SAVE THE KING.

CONDUCTOR—A. E. VICARY,  
BAND-SERGEANT, R. E.



Mrs. Pennycuik.

~~17 Melville St.~~

55 Roebuck Road

~~Edinburgh~~  
Rochester

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,  
HOLYROOD PALACE.

19. July 11

The Lord Chamberlain  
presents his compliments  
& has voted with regret  
that Mr. Charles  
Pennycuik cannot  
presents his Pennycuik  
at the only Court -  
He has caused the  
name of Mr Pennycuik



15th JUNE, 1911.

Luicheon.

CHAUD.

Consommé à la Royale.

Côtelettes d'Agneau, Sauce Piquante.

SAISON

Poulet rôti.  
Jambon d'York.

Fraises et Crème Glacée.