


Property:	Number:	No 97 and 97a Cancellation Book
Property Modern	Number:	No 36; not displayed on shop front
Property Modern:	Modern Shop Name	Boyle Sports & Betting Shop (2018) 

Property Previous:	Previous Shop Names	Previously: Whyte's News agent & Stationers Previously: McDonald's News agency Previously: Byrne's News agency	
Landlord	Time Period from the Cancellation Book	Occupier	Further Details
<i>Stephen Ram</i>	1853 – 1860	John A. Ferris	
97 = Stephen Ram	1868	97= Newton Lett	
<i>97 = Newton Lett</i>	1869-1873	In fee	Newton Lett now owns the property. Newton Lett just used the garden.
<i>97a = Newton Lett, then Patrick Kelly then Michael Kelly</i>	1874-1881	97a= Margaret McDonnell	
	1882 – 1883		
<i>97a = Michael Kelly</i>	1884 – 1891	97a= Maryanne McDonnell, then Michael Kelly then Thomas Byrne.	
<i>97a = Michael Kelly</i>	1892-1898	97a = Thomas Byrne	
<i>97a= Michael Kelly</i>	1899-1904	97a= Thomas Byrne	
<i>97a=Michael Kelly,</i>	1905-1915	97a= Thomas Byrne then Elizabeth Byrne	

<i>97a= Michael Kelly, in fee</i>	1916-1930	97a= Elizabeth Byrne then Margaret McDonald then Bridget McDonald	
<i>97a = in fee</i>	1931-1941	97a= Bridget McDonald	
97a= in fee	1942-1983	97a= Bridget McDonald, in fee	
	2018	Boyles Sports & Betting Shop	

The Byrne Family: Byrne's News agency No 36 Main Street Gorey and of Church Street:

Thomas Byrne occupied No. 36 Main Street, Gorey and ran a news agency business with his wife.

He was married to Elizabeth Byrne (nee Browne). They married on 24th June 1877 in St. Michael's Church, Gorey.



T Byrne News agency; No 36 Main Street Gorey. Elizabeth Byrne (nee Browne) and Thomas Byrne of 36 Main Street Gorey & Church Street.

Photos of E&T Byrne from the Michael Fitzpatrick Collection. HG2 page 139.

Photo of Shop from the National Library Collection, Dublin.

Elizabeth Browne was one of six sisters: her sister Margaret Brown married P. Clince, Ellen Brown married Pk. Kirwan, Anne Brown married Js. Curran; Julia Brown married Rich. Cullen; Mary Brown married Ml. Dempsey (1st) and Jn. Murphy (2nd). These are all the ancestors of many Gorey Families today. An article can be read on page 98 "Life in the Old Town – The Brown Sisters" by Michael Fitzpatrick in Historic Gorey 6.

The Byrne's family home was in Church Street and not on the premises of the shop on Main street Gorey. It seem's they also ran a shop in Church Street as well.

From the census of 1901; Thomas Byrne is recorded as a Railway Clerk born in County Wicklow; whilst his wife; Elizabeth Byrne is recorded at "business" being born in County of Wexford.

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901.
(Two Examples of the mode of filling up this Table are given on the other side.)

FORM A. No. on Form B. 18

RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY, the 31st of MARCH, 1901.

Number.	NAME and SURNAME.		RELATION to Head of Family.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE.		SEX.	RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	MARRIAGE.	WHERE BORN.	IRISH LANGUAGE.	If Deaf and Dumb; Blind; Imbecile or Idiot; or Lunatic.
	Christian Name.	Surname.				Years on last Birthday.	Months for Infants under one Year.						
1	Thomas	Byrne	Head of Family	Roman Catholic	Read Write	46	✓	M	Railway Clerk	Married	County Wicklow	English	✓
2	Eliza	Byrne	Wife	Do	Do	41	✓	F	at Business	✓	County Wexford	✓	✓
3	Margaret	Clince	Relative	Do	Do	56	✓	F	Do	Married	Do	✓	✓
4	Mary M.	Clince	Niece	Do	Do	23	✓	F	Do	Not Married	Do	✓	✓
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In the 1911 census; the census records Elizabeth Byrne living in Church Street as a grocer and stationer; Elizabeth is widowed by 1911.

Thomas Byrne died 18th of April 1907 aged 50 as recorded on the headstone in St. Michael's Cemetery, Gorey, St. Aidan's section.

Elizabeth Byrne died 28th of March 1930 aged 73 on the headstone in St. Michael's Cemetery, Gorey, St. Aidan's section.



Headstone of the Byrne Family; Newsagent; No 36 Main Street Gorey and Church Street.

The McDonald's Family: McDonald's News agency No 36 Main Street Gorey and of The Avenue; Gorey:

The McDonald Family ran a successful news-agency for most of the 20th century passing from the mother Bridget McDonald to her daughter's Bridget and Catherine; who ran the business into the early 1980's.

Bridget McDonald (nee McOscar) ran the business in the early part of the 20th century. Her husband James McDonald was station master in Inch, County Wexford (a small station was here at this time) and his death is recorded in 1910 address being Kilcannon a townland in Tinahely, County Wicklow as recorded on his death certificate.

Bridget and James married in July 1904 in St. Patricks' Church; Castletown; both are recorded as residing in Killy begs (Castletown) at time of marriage.

Bridget McOscar was a dairymaid in Condren's Farm in Killybeg's and was born in Londonderry, Northern Ireland. James McDonald was born in County Wicklow.

In the census of 1911; the family are recorded as living in Thomas Street; which was how the living quarters were accessed over the shop as it was a corner shop business on the junction of Main Street and Thomas Street. By 1911 James McDonald father of the family was deceased.

Daughters Catherine and Bridget built a residential property on The Avenue and moved up there in the 1930's.

The shop on Main Street Gorey was very much of the style from the 1940's and never really changed over the years.

The sister's were fondly known around Gorey as the "Miss Macs".

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No. on Form B. <u>4</u>														
RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY, the 2nd of APRIL, 1911.														
NAME AND SURNAME.	RELATION to Head of Family.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.		RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE.				WHERE BORN.	IRISH LANGUAGE.	If Deaf and Dumb; Blind; Imbecile or L idiot; or Lunatic.	
				Insert Age opposite each name:—the Ages of Males in column 6, and the Ages of Females in column 7.	State the particular Rank, Profession, Trade, or other Employment of each person. Children or young persons attending a School, or receiving regular instruction at home, should be returned as Scholars. [No entry should be made in the case of wives, daughters, or other female relatives solely engaged in domestic duties at home.]		State for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule the number of:—	Whether "Married," "Widower," "Widow," or "Single."	Completed years the present Marriage has lasted. If less than one year, write "under one."	Children born alive to present Marriage. If no children born alive, write "None" in column 11.				Total Children born alive.
Christian Name.	Surname.	State whether "Head of Family," or "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," or other Relative; "Visitor," "Boarder," "Servant," &c.	State here the particular Religion, or Religious Denomination, to which each person belongs. [Members of Protestant Denominations are requested not to describe themselves by the vague term "Protestant," but to enter the name of the Particular Church, Denomination, or Body to which they belong.]	State here whether he or she can "Read and Write," can "Read" only, or "Cannot Read."	For Infants under one year state the age in months, as "under 1 month," "1 month," "2 months," &c.	Before filling this column you are requested to read the instructions on the other side.	Completed years the present Marriage has lasted. If less than one year, write "under one."	Children born alive to present Marriage. If no children born alive, write "None" in column 11.	Total Children born alive.	Children still living.	If in Ireland, state in what County or City; if elsewhere, state the name of the Country.	Write the word "Irish" in this column opposite the name of each person who speaks Irish only, and the words "Irish & English" opposite the names of those who can speak both languages. In other cases no entry should be made in this column.	Write the respective infirmities opposite the name of the afflicted person.	
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
1	Bridget	McDonnell	Head of Family	Catholic	Read & Write	36	Shopkeeper	Widow				Londonderry		
2	Lucy Mary	McDonnell	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Cannot Read	6	Scholar	Single				Westford		
3	Bridget Mary	McDonnell	Daughter	do	Cannot Read	11	Scholar	Single				Westford		
4	Mary Kate	McDonnell	Daughter	do	Cannot Read	2	do	Single				Westford		
5	Terence	McDonnell	Servant	do	Read & Write	27	do	Single				Londonderry		
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Headstone: St. Michael's Cemetery, Gorey; St. Bridgid's section:

Erected by BRIDGET MCDONALD Gorey

In loving memory of her husband JAMES MCDONALD who died 24th May 1910 aged 36 years interred Kilninoor;

also her daughter LUCY MARY who died 18th June 1936 aged 30 years. The above BRIDGET MCDONALD died 1st Jan 1940 aged 76 years.

Her daughter Mary Catherine died 17th February 1987, The Avenue

Her daughter Bridget died 9th October 1992, The Avenue



BRIDGET M. DONALD

IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND
JAMES M. DONALD
WHO DIED IN MAY 1910 AGED 36 YEARS

DEPARTED FOR KILKINOR
AS A DAUGHTER OF LUCY MARY
WHO DIED 1867 AGED 30 YEARS

THE MOTHER BRIDGET M. DONALD
DIED 1 JAN. 1949 AGED 76 YRS.

Meet our newsagents

15 May 1971



Misses Bridie and Kit McDonald pictured in their newsagency at Main St., Gorey. It is one of the oldest newsagency's in the town. Before being acquired by the present owners' mother, the shop was also a newsagency owned by people named Byrne. However, even before that it was also a newsagency and, by a strange co-incidence, it was owned by two Miss McDonald's in succession—no relations of the present owners.

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