

Property:	Number:	No 65 Cancellation Book
Property Modern	Number:	No 5
Property Modern:	Modern Shop Name	Skyfall 
Property Previous:	Previous Shop Names	Previously: John & Dora Walsh Previously: Previously:

Landlord	Time Period	Occupier	Comments
Michael Hudson Thomas Vardy	1853 – 1860	Thomas Vardy	House Yard
Samuel Stewart	1869-1873	Cornelius Quinn	
Samuel Stewart	1874-1881	Cornelius Quinn, then Laura Quinn, then James Stokes	
Samuel Stewart	1884 – 1891	James Stokes	
Samuel Stewart	1892-1898	James Stokes	
William Stewart	1899-1904	James Stokes	House Yard
William Stewart	1905-1915	James Stokes	
William Stewart	1916-1930	James Stokes, then John Stokes	

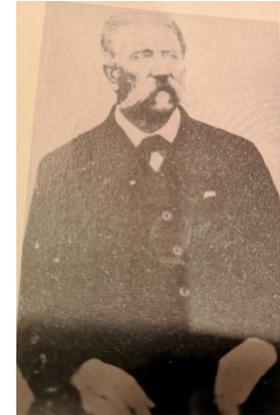
Mr. James Stokes married Margaret Sutton in Kilmuckridge 1879 and they had three sons, Thomas, John and Patrick and five girls, Catherine, Mary, Margaret, Teresa and Elizabeth. They were married for 32 years in the 1911 Census.

Residents of a house 4 in Main Street (Gorey Urban, Wexford)

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Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion	Birthplace	Occupation	Literacy	Irish Language	Marital
Stokes	James	61	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic	Co Wexford	Church and House Decorator	Read and write	English	Married
Stokes	Margaret	54	Female	Wife	Roman Catholic	Co Wexford	-	Read and write	English	Married
Stokes	Thomas	25	Male	Son	Roman Catholic	Co Wexford	Church and House Decorator	Read and write	English	Single
Stokes	John	23	Male	Son	Roman Catholic	Co Wexford	Church and House Decorator	Read and write	English	Single
Stokes	Margaret	20	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Co Wexford	Bookkeeper	Read and write	English	Single
Stokes	Teresa	18	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Co Wexford	-	Read and write	English	Single
Stokes	Patrick	15	Male	Son	Roman Catholic	Co Wexford	Scholar	Read and write	English	Single
Stokes	Elizabeth	11	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Co Wexford	Scholar	Read and write	English	Single

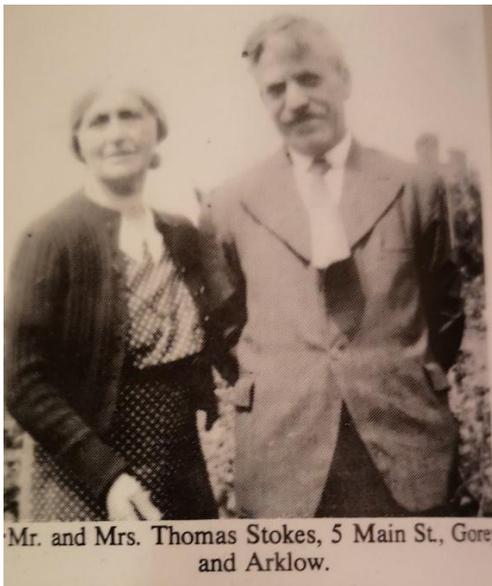
Mr. James Stokes was a quality decorator and sign writer whose speciality was Church decoration. He came to Gorey from Enniscorthy in 1870 just after the Fenian Rising and began working for the local business families as a self-employed painter.



James Stokes

The above notice is from the Souvenir Year Book 1934, Church of St Michael's Gorey

House painting & Decorating, Saturday 6th December 1879 – ‘James Stokes, late of Enniscorthy begs to inform the nobility, gentry and general public in the neighbourhood of Gorey, that he has opened an establishment at No. 5 Main Street, Gorey. Having long and extensive experience at the above business he undertakes to give general satisfaction to those who favour him with their patronage’



He was employed by the Doyne family who had a big house in the Ballymoney area. Mr Doyne was told he was a former Fenian and dismissed him from employment – the same day the old RIC surrounded the

Stokes home on Main Street and searched the house for firearms. James Stokes's wife Margaret made her husband hide a gun behind a window shutter.

Despite him being dismissed he built up a very good trade and became one of the most respected of men and prospered in his business. The Stokes family were painter decorators in St. Michael's Church, Gorey. His sons Thomas, John & Patrick were noted tradesmen and continued trade as Church decorators, sign writers and general painters

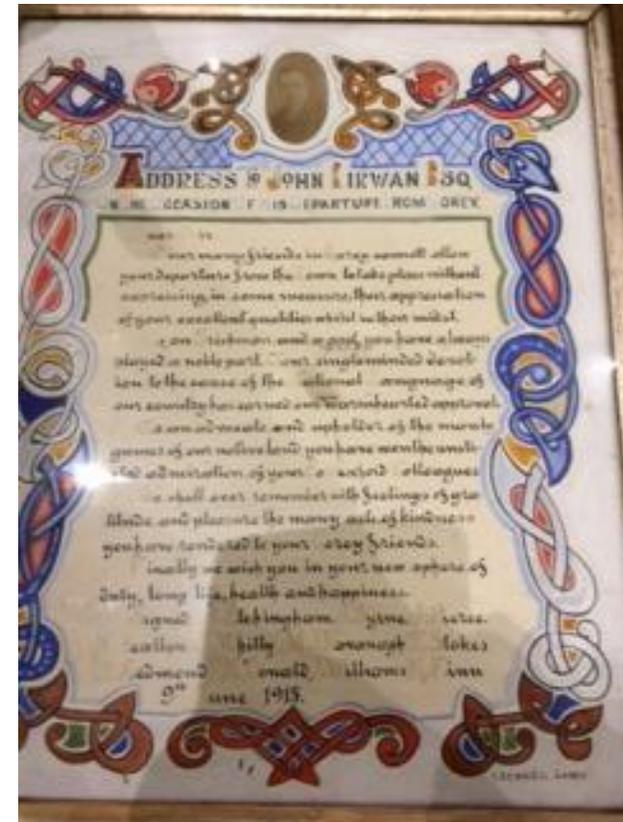
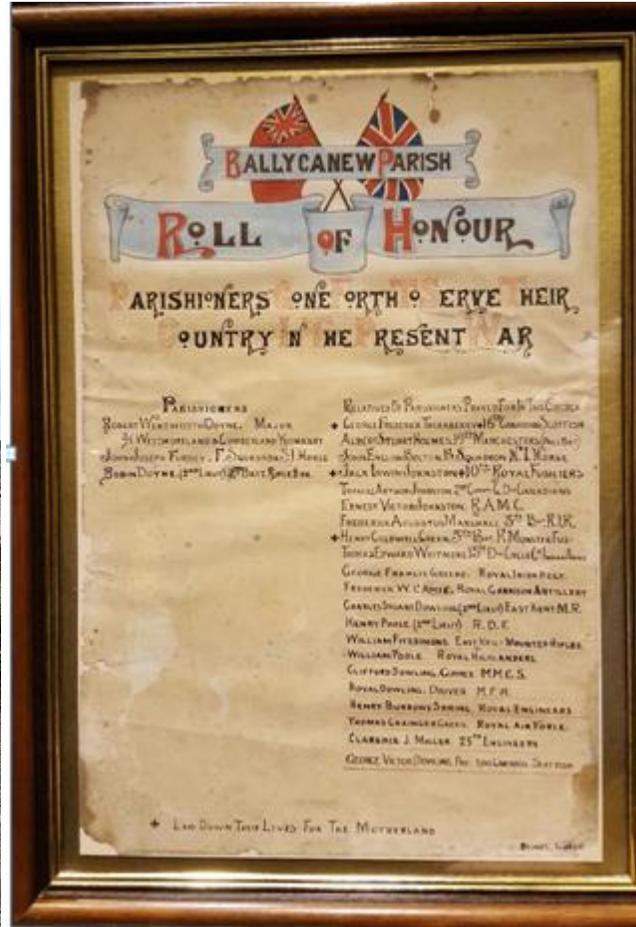
'The Lawrence Photographic Collection' of photographs of the early years of the century had several good traditional style shopfronts in Gorey and these were maintained and painted regularly by the Stokes Brothers. These surviving examples of shopfronts were surveyed in detail by An Forus Fortartha and recommended for inclusion in the Co. Wexford Development Plan in 1975.

Thomas, his son was the one who pioneered early photography in Gorey and with his brothers John and Patrick were part of the old Gorey Picture Co. 1917-1920 which was closed by the British for showing a film called 'The Heart of Caitlin'. The moving pictures were started by the Stokes Brothers in the Old Town Hall at the back of Maxol Station on the Arklow road – these were shown twice weekly.

Stokes Bros. were Electrical Contractors, Radio stockists at 5, Main Street – Gorey Business Directory 1934.

Thomas settled in Arklow, with his sons Jim and Tom who carried on the high-quality work of their ancestors at Gorey and Enniscorthy. John and Patrick lived out their lives at 5 Main Street and will be long remembered for their generosity and contribution to Gorey town. Patrick was also a member of the Gorey Brass Band.

James Stokes died 8th June, 1920 aged 72 years and his wife Margaret died 9th December, 1932 aged 77.



Some of the fine work of the Stokes Family on the right above.

Circa 1989 Mr. Jack Dunne had premises at 5, Main Street and later moved to 79, Main Street Gorey. He was a well-known in the Ballygarrett area and his involvement in the drapery trade goes back as far as 1947 but he spent most of his business life in Enniscorthy, before moving to Gorey. He also had a premises in 84, Lr. Main Street and it was painted in the black and amber colours of the Ballygarrett Realt na Mara GAA club. His son joined him in the business and their aim was to provide as wide a range of mens' and boys' wear as possible at highly competitive prices. The father and son partnership bring to the town a wealth of experience in the drapery trade.



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