
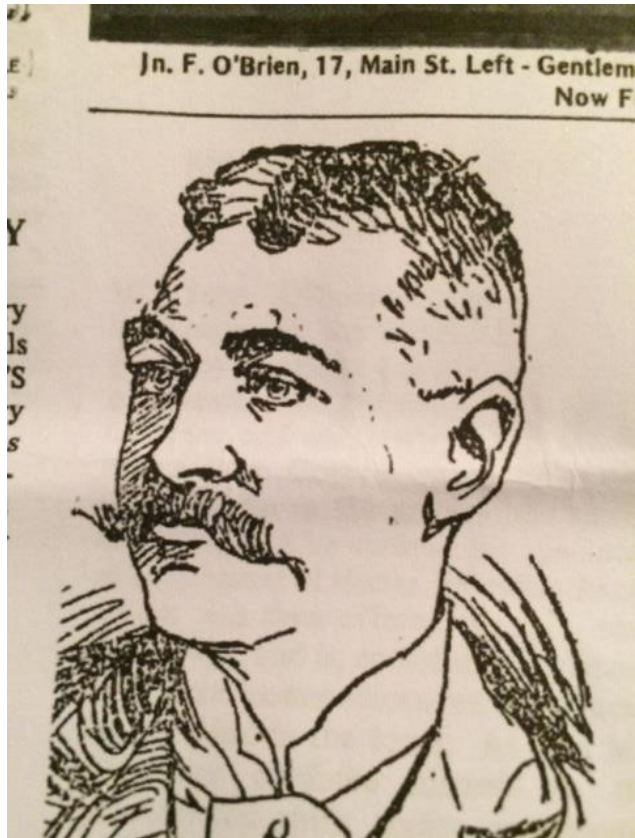


Property:	Number:	No 77 Cancellation Book	
FUNGES	Number:	No 17	
		Funges	
			
Property Previous:	Previous Shop Names	Aidan Mernagh John F.O'Brien	
Landlord	Time Period from the	Occupier	Comments

	Cancellation Book		
Stephen Ram	1853 – 1860	Mary Ann Furlong	
same	1868	Mary Ann Furlong	Ram Estate sold in 1870 Francis OBrien married Eliza Furlong 1862
Francis OBrien	1869-1873	Mary Ann Furlong	
Eliza OBrein	1874-1881	Eliza O'Brien	Francis OBrien died in 1878
In fee	1882 – 1883	Eliza O'Brien	
In fee	1884 – 1891	Eliza O'Brien	Eliza OBrien died in 1888
In fee	1892-1898	John O'Brien	John was a son of Francis and Eliza
In fee	1899-1904	John F O'Brien	John OBrien died in 1905
In fee	1905-1915	Mary O'Brien	
In fee	1916-1930	Aidan Mernagh	Aidan Mernagh, a vet took over in 1928

In fee	1931-1941	Tomas Funge	Tomas Funge bought premises in 1932
In fee	1941-1983	Tomas Funge	
In fee	2019	Funges of Gorey	

John F O'Brien was a member of an old Gorey Family and was educated at Blackrock College. On his return to Gorey he went into business on the Main Street in the same premises that his family had owned for many years. He established a Drapery, and also had a Grocery, Wines, & Spirits business. John F O'Brien lived at this premises with his wife Mary a native of Co.Tipperary in 1901. He died in 1905 at the age of 39. His wife Mary moved out in 1928.



John F O'Brien

The name Funge has been part of the drapery business in Gorey since 1927. The late Tom Funge was a native of Ballintray, Courtown, where his father was foreman of the Brick & Tile Works. The Funge family were originally from the UK. Tom served his apprenticeship in Kane's of Gorey and then went to work in

Arnott's in Dublin. In 1927 he started a Drapery & Footwear business at 63 Main St Gorey which he rented from the Smith Family. These premises are now Nell Sweeney's.

He specialised in made to measure suits. Prior to 1927 he travelled around the area by bicycle selling suit lengths from door to door.

In 1932 he purchased the present premises at 17 Main St, from Aidan Mernagh a vet.

Tom Funge was also involved in Local Politics and served on both Gorey Town Commissioners and Wexford Co.Council. Tom and his wife Eileen had 3 sons.



Funges in older times



Tomas Funge behind the counter

[Love Gorey]

Joe, Paul & Michael.

Joe who had also worked in Arnotts joined the business in the 1960's. Over the years many changes have taken place with extensions and extra floor space and the business has flourished. Top brands are stocked in all departments. A slogan which was used during the 1960's & 70's that "There is always a bargain at Funge's" is still true today.

Paul Funge was an internationally known artist, He studied at the National College of Art & Design and in 1967 was awarded an Italian Scholarship to study in Florence. A painter of portraits and landscapes he taught at the National College of Art & Design and later became an Inspector of Art for the Department of Education.

He was a founder director of the Project Arts Centre in Dublin, and also founded the Gorey Arts Centre and Gorey Arts Festival which ran from 1970 to the mid 1980's. The festival was held during July & August. Many of the country's top entertainers performed at this festival including Chris De Burgh, Makem & Clancy, Horslips, Christy Moore, Planxty, Niall Toibin.

In 1980 he brought a young band to the closing night of the Arts Festival that band was U2 . The Arts Centre was located at the back of Funge's shop . Paul Funge passed away on February 21st 2011.

Michael Funge is living in the USA.

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FURTHER REDUCTION IN ALL REMAINING STOCK OF MEN'S OVERCOATS.

20 Men's Overcoats, in Tweeds, Black and Navy. Worth 35/- each. All Clearing at 15/- each.
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14 Men's High-class Overcoats, in "Ardfinnan" and "Athlone" Tweeds. Were 57/6 each. All Clearing at 30/- each.

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WATERPROOF COATS.

24 Men's Heavy Waterproof Coats, with warm fleeco lining; worth 12/6 each. All Clearing at 7/11 each.

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THE HOUSE FOR VALUE

THOMAS FUNGE, 17 MAIN STREET, GOREY

(in 390-1)



Thomas & Eileen Funge's Grave St Michaels



Paul Funge Artist