


Property:	Number:	No 63 Cancellation Book
Property Modern	Number:	3
Property Modern:	Modern Shop Name	€UROGIANT Aroy-D Thai Restaurant 
Property Previous:	Previous Shop Names	Previously: G.W. Comerford Previously: Edward Travers Previously:

Landlord	Time Period	Occupier	Comments.
Stephen Ram Sir John Esmonde	1853-1860 1860-1872	John Bolton John Bolton	
Sir John Esmonde Thomas Esmonde	1874-1881	John Bolton	
SirThomasEsmonde	1884 – 1891	John Bolton	
Sir Thomas Esmonde Sir Thos H Grattan	1892-1898	John Bolton, then Elizabeth Bolton, then Edward Travers	(Widow)
Sir Thos. Esmonde	1899-1904	Edward Travers	House Office Yard Garden
Sir Thos. Esmonde	1905-1915	Edward Travers	
Sir Thos. Esmonde	1916-1930	Edward Travers	
Sir Thos. Esmonde	1931-1941	Edward Travers	House Shop Office Yard Garden
Sir Thos Esmomde	1942-1983	Edward Travers,	

Sir John Esmonde		then Vacant, then Matthew Travers, then James Carton, then G. W. Comerford	
	2018	€UROGIANT Aroy-D Thai Restaurant	Separate door for upstairs

James Bolton was a Saddler in 3 Main Street, Gorey and appears in Griffith's Valuation of Householders in 1853, Parish of Kilmakilloge, Gorey. John Bolton, Saddler, died 18th November 1892 aged 87 years. John Bolton sat in pew No.39 in Christchurch Gorey.

Samuel Stewart on the 25th March 1859 leased a plot of ground to John Bolton, 3 Main Street from week to week for 3s – 3d. John Bolton Jnr died 6th July, 1887 aged 40. Shortly after his death Bolton's was rented to Edward Travers.

Edward Travers (Snr) 3, Main Street Gorey was born on the 1st May, 1840 and died on the 27th October, 1929 aged 89 years. The Travers family were shoemakers by trade.

Edward Travers shoemaker, died 27th October, 1929. Probate was granted the 8th January, 1930 and effects listed at £439-19-6.

Edward Travers married Margaret Wafer (Gorey Hill) in 1871 at the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra, The Liberties, Dublin. They had 7 sons Mylie, Jim, Ed, Andrew (called Pat) Din (called John), Matt (called Sally) & Tom and four daughters Alice, Mary Ann, Kit & Elizabeth.

Elizabeth died 16th December, 1880 aged 20 years. Thomas suffered a back injury from falling from a high gate, the property of Timer Byrne and died 24th October, 1887 aged 13. Matt died 1900, one of the last wakes to hand out snuff.

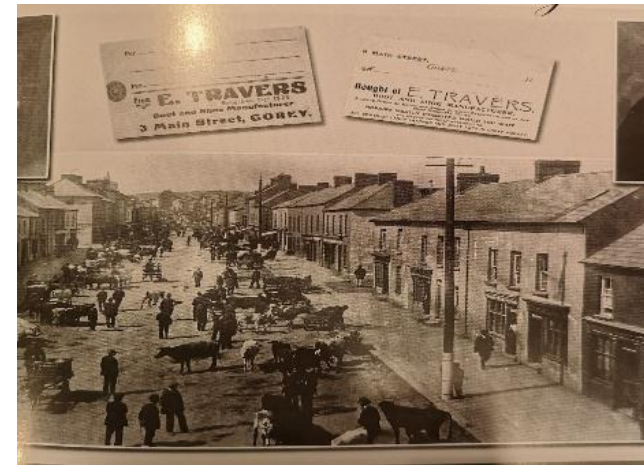
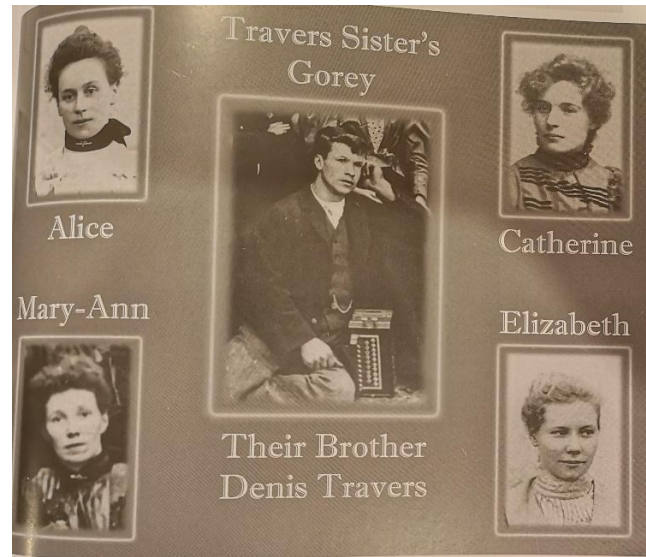
Alice Travers (later Mrs. T. Williams) Principal of Loreto National School in 1910 – her favourite poem ‘Tell me now’ can be found in Historic Gorey 2 by Michael Fitzpatrick.

Edward bought 3, Main Street in 1886. He specialised in hand sewn boots and shoes for ladies and gents. His daughter MaryAnn sewed the shoe uppers. The business also employed shoemakers from the town. Tom Breen ‘Dutcher’ served an apprenticeship with Edward, (Jnr) also Paddy Lacey shoemaker of St. Patrick’s Place. Edward became a very wealthy man buying up properties in Gorey. He owned Redmond Electric, Miss Lambert, Bridgie & Statia Graham and Redmond’s Dry Cleaners. He bought land on the left hand side of Esmonde Street and Ballytegan. He also bought a farm at Ramstown which later became the property of his son Matt.

He was a non-smoker and a non-drinker and lived a very reserved life.

The family of Travers flourished and expanded in many places throughout the world, Ireland and especially Gorey.





The Travers families were Sculptors, House Painters/Carpenters, Shoemakers and Butchers.

Advert -

Edward Travers & Sons, 3 Main street and 2 Esmonde St. Gorey 1892 respectfully invite public attention to their superior stock of Boots and Shoes and fancy tops, also shoe findings of every description style and

charges suitable for all classes. Children's boots and shoes of first - rate quality. Youths Boots and sizes. All repairs neatly executed on the shortest notice. Supplies of Leather from Frank Long, Capel Street and Stephen's Green, Dublin.

One of his sons Denis (Din) was the last member of the family to repair shoes at 3, Main Street in the 1940's, he was said to be a fine craftsman in the business and made nine pairs per week. Boots were costing approximately ten shillings.

Mr. James Doyle of Gorey Bridge(demolished No.2 & No.3) rebuilt No.3 Main Street in the early 2,000's.

His son Edward (Scut) who had two champion greyhounds – 'Limerick Jimmy' who won 3 stakes and 'Banogue Lass'. He was also a champion cyclist.



Edward (Scut) Travers, 3 Main St, with his two Champion Greyhounds 'Limerick Jimmy' who won three Stakes and 'Banogue Lass'.

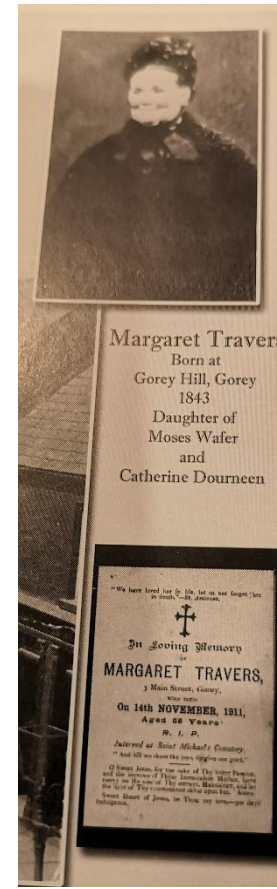
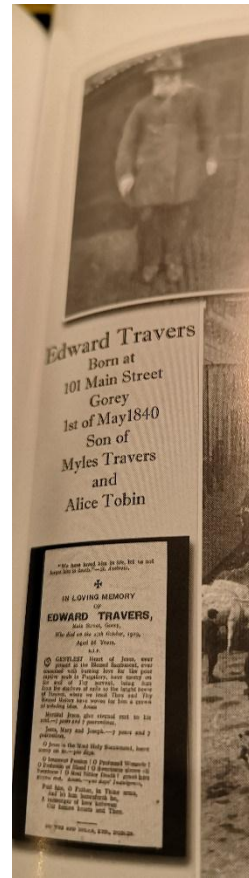
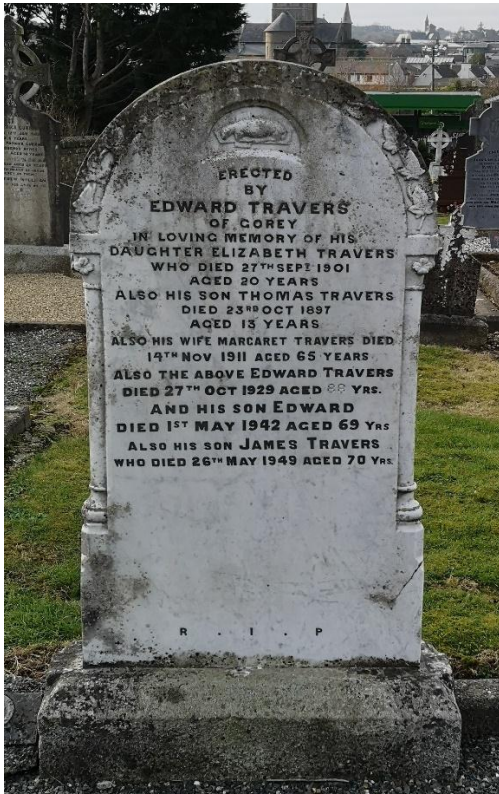
Edward lived throughout the famine era but was reluctant to speak of the dreadful years in Gorey. He recalled being of a large family who were well known shoemakers for many generations.

Edward was a kind and strict man, was blind in later years and Mai (Granddaughter) would read the newspapers to him.

His daughter Kit (Cox) lived in America and became senile in later years.

Edwards' sons Ned, Tom, Aidan, Jim & Dinny were in the Navy in 1939. Edward gave all his sons and one daughter a trade and the three other girls became teachers. The Travers' sons played Gaelic football with Shamrocks, School & Town Blues & Gorey teams.

Edward Travers and family members are buried in St. Michael's Cemetery, Gorey



Thomas Masterson (Butcher), had his business in 3, Main Street – Thom's Directory 1949

Mr G W Comerford, who died in 2001, from Rathdrum, spent from 1956-1963 in New Zealand working in all areas of the meat business and the new Comerford business in Gorey was opened by Mr & Mrs Comerford in 1964 and was one of the town's bright new establishment. He always wore a leather belt with his tools. He had his own abattoir situated up Lar Murphy's lane and into the back of his shop. It was one of the few abattoirs in the county that was attached to the business. They killed their own stock and ran the premises as traditional family butchers.



The property was sold on the 9th January 2004. On Saturday 31st July the Comerford family closed the doors for the last time after 40 years in the butcher business. Mrs Comerford recalled a lot of changes were seen over the years in the town.