


<b>Property:</b>	<b>Number:</b>	<b>No 44 Cancellation Book</b>
<b>Property Modern</b>	<b>Number:</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Property Modern:</b>	<b>Modern Shop Name</b>	<b>Byrne's Bookstore</b> 

<b>Property Previous</b>	<b>Previous Shop Name</b>	Previously: John Nolan Previously: Davis
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<b>Landlord</b>	<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Occupier</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Sir John Esmonde	1853 – 1860	Thomas Sharpe	<b>House, Office &amp; Yard</b>
Sir John Esmonde	1874-1881	Thomas Davis	
Sir ThosEsmonde	1884 – 1891	Thomas Davis	
Sir Thos Esmonde	1892-1898	Thomas Davis	
Sir Thos Esmonde	1899-1904	Thomas Davis	
Sir Thos Esmonde	1905-1915	Thomas Davis	
Sir Thos Esmonde	1916-1930	Thomas Davis	
Sir Thos Esmonde	1931-1941	Thomas Davis	
Mrs Maria Davis In Fee	1942-1983	Thomas Davis, then Capt. Peter Ashworth, then	<b>Fish Shop</b>

		Mrs. Maria Davis	
	2018 2019	John Nolan Byrne's Bookstore	

Thomas Davis, 88 Main Street, married Maria Sarah Taylor on the 14<sup>t</sup> July, 1927, in St Mogue's Church, Ballycanew. Her father was Thomas Taylor of Ballywalter. She was the last of the Taylors. They had one son Thomas and one daughter Frances.



Thomas Davis



Frances Davis

## 1901 Census

### Residents of a house 84 in Main Street (Gorey Urban, Wexford)

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Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion	Birthplace	Occupation
Davis	Thomas	60	Male	Head of Family	Methodist	Co Wexford	Plumber
Davis	Fanny	60	Female	Wife	Methodist	Co Wexford	Plumber
Davis	Thomas	32	Male	Son	Methodist	Co Wexford	Shopkeeper

## 1911 Census

### Residents of a house 83 in Main Street (Gorey Urban, Wexford)

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Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion	Birthplace	Occupation
Davis	Thomas	43	Male	Head of Family	Methodist	Co Wexford	Hardware Merchant

Thomas Davis was a Hydraulic Engineer, Plumber, Gasfitter, Lamp Manufacturer and Oil Merchant. 'Chance Davis' as he was known because of his wonderful array of oil lamps. There was a bell above the door to alert him about customers entering.

Thomas Davis Snr subscribed £5-0-0 to the fund for the planting of Trees in the Township of Gorey.

Davis families were long-time residents of 88 Main Street and many generations are buried in the Market Square Cemetery, Gorey.

Thomas (Tom) Junr before leaving Gorey to get work was a member of Gorey's St. Michael's Brass Band. He went to Dublin and worked in an Engineering Firm.

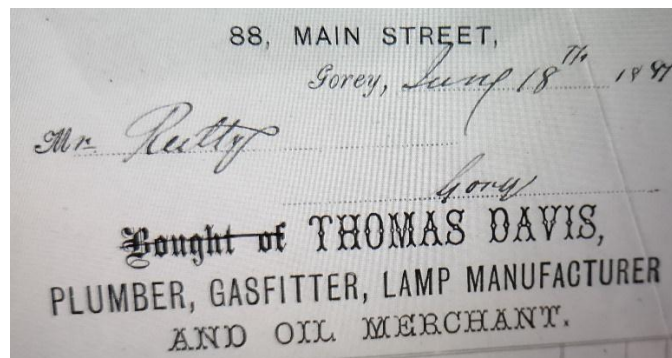
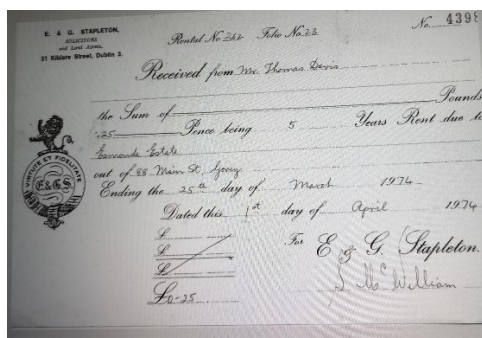
Thomas Davis (Jnr) married Ada (nee Hatchell). They lived in Finglas. Thomas died 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2014, Service at St. Laurences's Church, Chapelizod followed by cremation at Mount Jerome. Ada died 23rd March, 2013, Service at St. Laurences's Church, Chapelizod followed by burial in Kilternan Parish Churchyard.

The shop was set in the 1940's to a Captain Ashford who had a business called 'Courtown Fisheries'.

Frances ran the fruit and vegetable business until her retirement. She was still in business in 1998. Her Mother sat in a chair in the corner of the shop.



A photo of Frances Davis in the premises 88, Main Street



Maria Davis died on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1970 buried in Christchurch, Gorey. Thomas Davis died 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1945 aged 80 and was buried in the Old Gorey Churchyard with his parents and was one of the last burials in the graveyard. Frances Davis died on the 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, aged 86 and buried in Christchurch Gorey.





Thos 1911 and Frances Davis 1910



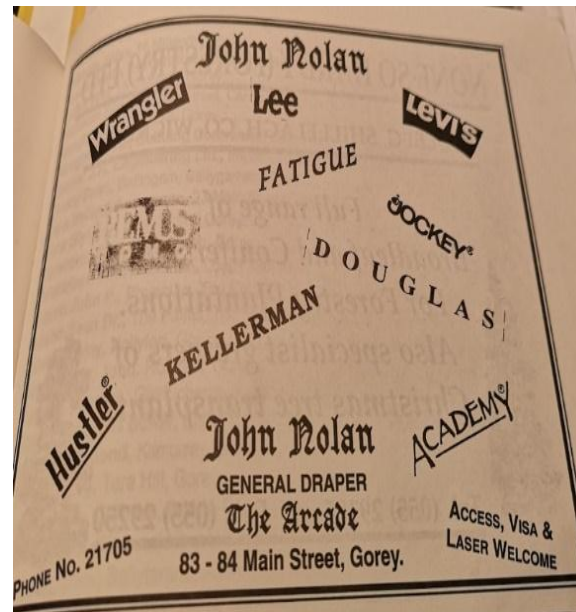
Their daughter-in-law Sophia and granddaughter Frances



John Nolan, having previously worked in Kelly's Drapery Shop, and his wife Irene opened their first shop in 1968 at The Arcade, 84 Main Street. In 1984 they bought The Arcade and in 2006 moved to 85/86 Main Street and finally bought 88 Main Street in 2006. They opened their business in 88 Main Street on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007 and finally closed the doors of 'John Nolan' the end of May 2018. They were in business for 41 years in Gorey. In 1985 John Nolan was a prizewinner in a competition for Shopfront Design undertaken by An Taisce.



The above items were used by the Davis family. Credit John Nolan



Old photos of Nolan's situated at 88, Main Street and advert for 83/84 Main Street, Gorey.



Over the left- hand door of the premises a White Horse Sculpture was visible in the fan arch. The present whereabouts of the sculpture is thought to be in Dublin.

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