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| 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)  |

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| <p>Property Previous:</p> | <p>Previous Shop Names</p> | <p>Previously: Whyte's News agent & Stationers Previously: McDonald's News agency Previously: Byrne's News agency</p> |

| Landlord | Time Period from the Cancellation Book | Occupier | Further Details |
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| <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 | |

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| 97a = in fee | 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 | Prædget | 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".

McDonald, MRS. B; Wallpaper House, Fancy Goods, Stationery and Grocery, Agent for Liptons and other Teas.

| CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1911. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| FORM A. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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. | Number. | | | |
| | | | | Insert Age opposite each name:—the Ages of Males in column 6, and the Ages of Females in column 7. | State here whether he or she can "Read and Write," can "Read" only, or "Cannot Read." | | | | | | 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:— | 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. |
| Christian Name. | Surname. | | | Ages of Males. | Ages of Females. | | Whether "Married," "Widower," "Widow," or "Single." | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | Londonerry | | |
| 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 | ~ | Single | | | | Westford | | |
| 5 | Terence | McDonnell | Daughter | Do | Read & Write | 27 | ~ | Single | | | | Londonerry | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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



C. H. & T. H. FIELD

BRIDGET M. McDONALD

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HER HUSBAND

JAMES M. McDONALD

WHO DIED AT MAY 21ST 1910 AGED 36 YEARS

DEPARTED FOR KILKINING

AND AT BRIDGEVIEW LUCY MARY

WHO DIED 18TH JUNE 1936 AGED 30 YEARS

THE MOTHER BRIDGET M. McDONALD

DIED 1ST 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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