

Property:	Number:	from the Cancellation Book	
Property Modern	Number: 32	93	
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Property Modern:	Modern Shop Name	Formerly Grays Now Bank of Ireland	
Landlord	Time Period from the Cancellation Book	Occupier	Comments
John Edwards 1853 John Oughton	1853 – 1860	Richard Ralph	House office yard and garden
	1868		

John Oughton		Richard Ralph	
John Oughton	1868-1873	Richard Ralph	
John Oughton	1874-1881 1879 1889	Richard Ralph Ann Ralph John Gray	Richard Ralph [merchant] died of TB in 1879 Ann Ralph died in 1888
John Oughton Wilhemina Oughton	1892-1898 1890	John Gray	John Oughton was the clerk of works in the Workhouse in Clonmel and he died in 1888

Wilhemina Oughton Thos Grattan Esmonde	1899-1904 1904 1905	John Gray Sophia Gray	John Gray died in 1904
Thomas Grattan Esmonde	1905-1915	Sophia Evans	Sophia Gray remarried in 1906
Thomas Grattan Esmonde	1915-1930	Sophia Evans	
Thomas Grattan Esmonde	1930-1941	Sophia Evans	

Thomas Grattan Esmonde In Fee	1941-1983 1940 1952 1963 1969	Sophia Evans Hilda Gray National Bank Bank of Ireland	Hilda Gray was Sophia Evans' daughter
In Fee	2018	Bank of Ireland	

Richard Ralph was born in 1814 according to his death cert. He married Anne Sandys on the 13th July 1848 in Monkstown Rathdown. They had the following children: Esther Ann 1849, Susan 1850, Catherine 1852, Richard 1854, John George 1856, Pricilla 1856, Richard 1857, Alicia, 1860 William 1862, Florence 1865. Richard born 1854 died in 1854, Ester Anne died 1869, Alicia died 1873 and Pricilla died 1874. Their daughter Florence married Anthony Booker from Deerpark in Meath at Chrischurch Gorey in 1871. Their son William became a minister of the church and moved to England where he married a widow but they did not have any children themselves. Richard was a member of the Select Vestry in Christchurch. He was a generous man having donated £10 to the Sustentation Fund of the Church of Ireland. Richard died 1879 and Anne died in 1888. In his will Richard left an estate valued at less than £5000.

John Gray and his wife Sophia took over the premises in 1889. They had married in Dublin in 1886 and they had Mildred in Dublin in Dec 1886. Johns father James was a merchant in Ballybay in Monaghan and Sophia's father, James Ellis was a decorator from Ballsbridge in Dublin. They had a drapery shop and won contracts to supply the Workhouse with Blankets .bedding and other materials. John Gray was sucked into the Coolgreany boycott of the new tenants. He was charged with conspiracy but the charge was dismissed as the Magistrate believed he was acting under duress to engage in the boycott. Sophia and John had 4 more children who were born in Gorey. They were Henry born in 1892, Herbert in 1894, Hilda in 1896 and Victor born in 1898. They had a busy

shop with 6 shop assistants including his daughter Mildred as well as his wife and himself. This was the situation at the time of the 1901 census. John Gray died in 1904.

From the 1911 census it can be seen that Sphia has married again, this time to James Evans who was the Master of the Workhouse and a widower. Four of her 5 children were with her on the Main St. Her son Henry was serving his time with James Davis draper in Drogheda. Mildred married George Hewitt of Tourmakeedy Co Mayo in 1922. Hilda continued to run the shop with her mother Sophia and brother Herbert till they both passed away, Herbert in 1941 and her mother in 1948 . Her mother had outlived her second husband by 20 years. Hilda sold the premises to the National Bank in the early 1960s. It now trades under the Bank of Ireland banner.