

Property:	Number:	from the Cancellation Book	
Property Modern	Number: 34	95	
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Property Modern:	Modern Shop Name	Computer Doc	
Property Modern:	Modern Shop Names	Previously : Ben Kavanaghs Swords and Morrissey Halls	
Landlord	Time Period from the Cancellation Book	Occupier	Comments
Stephen Ram	1853 – 1860	Frances and J Hopkins	Although It Looks like Francis it should be Frances. The “J “ refers to Jane a sister of Frances’ who died in 1844

Stephen Ram	1868 1873	Frances Hopkins	
Stephen Ram Thomas Esmonde	1868-1873 1872	Frances Hopkins	
Thomas Esmonde	1874-1881	Frances Hopkins	
Thomas Esmonde	1892-1898 1899	Frances Hopkins Henerietta Hopkins	Frances Hopkins Died in 1898 aged 77 years and was succeeded in 1899 by her sister Henrietta who died in 1901 aged 85
Thomas Esmonde	1899-1904 1901 1905	Henrietta Hopkins Joseph H Steadman John H Steadman	John H Stedman was a nephew of Henrietta Hopkins
Thomas Esmonde	1905-1915 1912	John H Stedman Elizabeth Stedman William G Hall	John H Stedman went to the US in 1909 with Elizabeth and the Family following in 1912. Elizabeth Stedman was adjudged a bankrupt in 1912
Thomas Esmonde	1915-1930	William G Hall	
Thomas Esmonde	1930-1941	William G Hall	
Thomas Esmonde In Fee	1941-1983 1952 1959 1959	William G Hall Tully's Travel Swords and Morrissey	The ground floor was shared
	2018	Lir Bridal Compu Doc Lucky 7 Arcade	

Frances and J [Jane] Hopkins are listed as the occupiers in 1853 although there is evidence [headstone] to believe that Jane Hopkins died in 1844. According to the headstone in Hollyfort churchyard Frances and Jane were daughters of Henry Hopkins and his wife Mary . Henry and Mary were born in the late 1700s. The address given was Limbrick where Henry had a substantial

holding in 1828. Their daughter Isabella was a shopkeeper in Gorey when she married Francis Stedman a widower who was a farmer and shopkeeper from Woodenbridge in Wicklow in 1863. [more anon] Frances ran a drapery shop for over 40 years and was succeeded by her older sister on her death in 1899. Henrietta was succeeded by their nephew John H Stedman in 1901. John H Stedman was born in 1867 to Isabella Hopkins and Henry Stedman but Isabella died in 1868 and is buried beside her Hopkins family in Hollyfort. Elizabeth, John's wife was born to Anthony Tyndall and Jane Richards in Ballingarry Gorey in 1873 and married John Stedman in 1891 in Gorey. They had eight children over 18 years. Frances left £1900 in 1899 and Hennerietta left £1150 in 1901. The beneficiaries of these estates are unknown as the wills were proven in Dublin which were subsequently lost in 1922 with the destruction of the Four Courts. It was John H Stedman who ran the drapery business in Gorey till he emigrated on his own to the US in about 1909. His family followed piecemeal till 1912 when the entire family are living in Brooklyn. Elizabeth was adjudged a bankrupt at Gorey Main st in 1912. John is working as a salesman in a Drapery store when their child Isabella dies in a fire in the house of a wealthy banker where she had been nursing a member of the family. John Stedman died in 1945 and is buried in Evergreens Cemetery with his wife Elizabeth who predeceased him in 1942.

The premises were taken over by William G Hall who ran a successful drapery business there. William G Hall [the "G" is for Griffin, his mother's maiden name] was born in Poolaphuca Co Wicklow in 1887 to William Hall, a farmer and Elizabeth Griffin. William and Elizabeth had married in 1876 in Dublin. By 1901 they were living at Askinch Coolgreaney Co Wexford with 7 children ranging from 21 years of age down to 4 year old Lily. By the 1911 census they had moved to Barnadown [south of Gorey] but their son John had passed away at the age of 11 years. From the 1911 census Elizabeth informs us that she had 12 children born but only 6 of them alive. William G is not living with his parents but is living in Athlone where he is a live in drapery shopman in a large drapery store managed by Edward West employing 17 assistants. One of the assistants is Ella Boyd who had lived for a while on the Castleboro estate near Clonroche when her father was employed as a gamekeeper by Lord Carew. Ella and William met in Athlone and were married in Dublin in 1915. William gave his occupation and address as a draper from 34 Main st Gorey. Their daughter Gwendoline married Thomas Jones of Dungiven Co Derry in 1941 and their daughter Olive Ella married Thomas Webster of Hollyfort in 1946. William passed away in 1963 aged 75 years.

