Maurice FitzGerald Stephens Townsend [263]



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Maurice's
Biography in 'Cork and County Cork in the Twentieth Century'

Townsend.—PIERS TOWNSEND, J.P., Whitehall, Church Cross, co. Cork; son of G. W. Hughes, of Ely, Wexford; educated at St. Bees, and University College, Durham. Justice of the Peace for co. Cork. Assumed the name and arms of Townsend in 1879. Married Caroline, only daughter of the late Major Noel Shore, Connaught Rangers.



Mr. C. L. U. Townshend.

Townshend.—CHARLES LOFTUS UNIACKE TOWNSHEND, The Castle, Castletownshend, and 46, Lansdowne Road, Dublin; eldest son of Charles Uniacke Townshend, of Dublin, and his wife, Annie, eldest daughter of the Rev. Robert Loftus Tottenham; born in Dublin, January 7th, 1861; educated at Repton. Late Captain 5th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles. Recreations: yachting, and shooting. Married, April 27th, 1895, Beatrice Margaret, only child of the late Carl von Bunsen, of Mein, Genügen, Biebrich, Germany, and granddaughter of Baron Bunsen, formerly Prussian Minister at the English Court, and has issue Charles Richard de Bunsen Loftus, Frederick William Chisholm Loftus, Charles Maurice Waddington Loftus, Edward Arthur Penderell Loftus, Walter Bevil Granville Loftus, and Bernard Hugo Uniacke Loftus. Clubs: Sackville Street, Dublin; and Royal St. George Yacht, Kingstown.



Mr. M. F. S. Townshend.

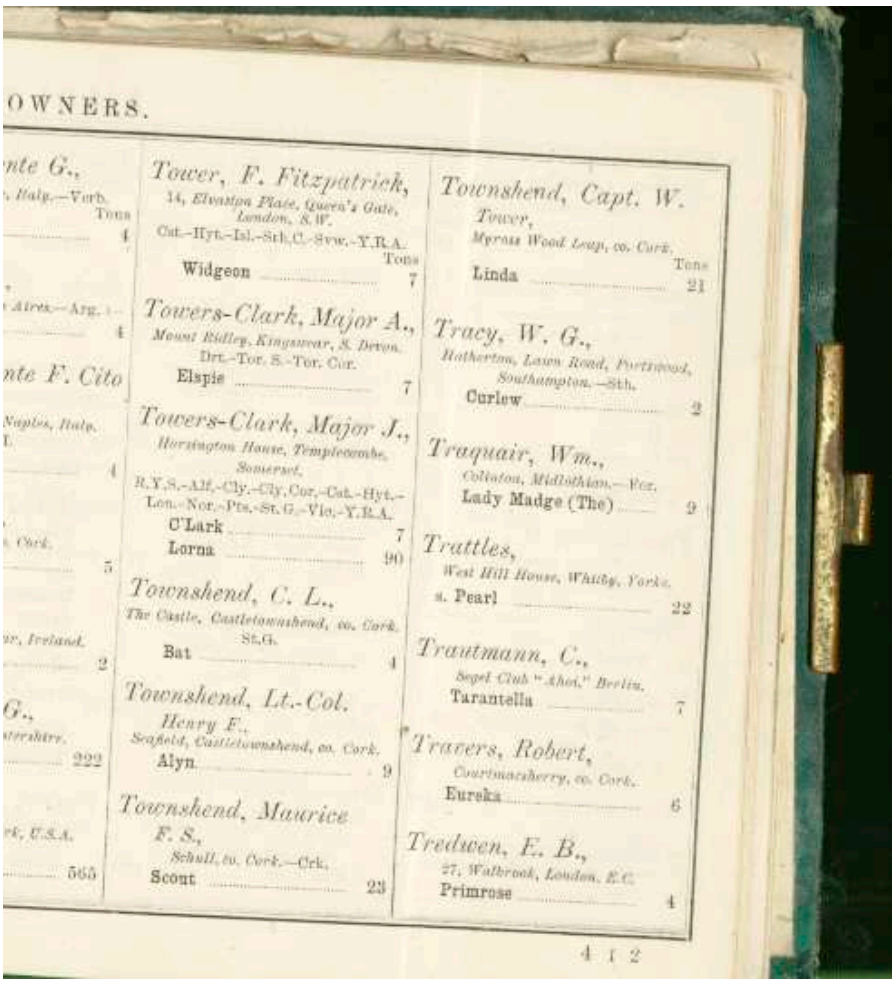
Townshend.—MAURICE FITZGERALD STEPHENS TOWNSHEND, Riviera Lodge, Glandore, and Iron Acton, Gloucestershire; elder son and heir of the late Henry John Townshend, J.P., 2nd Life Guards, whose wife was Jane Adeliza Clementina, eldest daughter of John Hamilton Hussey de Burgh, J.P., of Kilfinnan Castle, co. Cork; born at Castletownshend, November 4th, 1865; educated at Stubbington House, Hampshire. Lord of the Manor of Iron Acton, Gloucestershire. Mr. Townshend is the representative of the great family of Townshend, in Ireland, which traces descent from the ancient House of Townshend in Norfolk (see Shepperton House).



Captain H. de B. F. T. S. Townshend, J.P.

Townshend.—CAPTAIN HUBERT DE BURGH FITZGERALD TOWNSHEND STEPHENS TOWNSHEND, J.P., Shepperton Park, Leap; younger son of the late Henry John Townshend, J.P., 2nd Life Guards; born at Castletownshend, April 4th, 1867; educated at Stubbington House, Hampshire, and under military tutors. Justice of the Peace for co. Cork; late Captain 4th Battalion Essex Regiment; served in the Boer war, 1901-02; Queen's Medal and four clasps. Has travelled in every part of the world, sometimes in association with Sir Henry Lunn's cruising tours; takes keen interest in yachting; promoter of regattas round the south coast of Ireland. Recreations: yachting, shooting, and fishing. Clubs: Royal Cork Yacht; Royal Munster Yacht; Alpine Sports; and the County, Cork. Captain Townshend is younger brother to Maurice Fitzgerald Stephens Townshend, present representative of the Townshends in Ireland.

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Cut.–Hyt.–Isl.–Sth.C.–Svw.–Y.R.A.
Tons
Widgeon 7

Towers-Clark, Major A.,
Mount Ridley, Kingswear, S. Devon.
Drt.–Tor. S.–Tor. Cor.
Elspie 7

Towers-Clark, Major J.,
Horsington House, Templecombe, Somerset.
R.Y.S.–Alf.–Cly.–Cly. Cor.–Cut.–Hyt.–Lon.–Nor.–Pts.–St. G.–Vic.–Y.R.A.
C'Lark 7
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Townshend, C. L.,
The Castle, Castletownshend, co. Cork.
St.G.
Bat 4

Townshend, Lt.-Col. Henry F.,
Seafield, Castletownshend, co. Cork.
Alyn 9

Townshend, Maurice F. S.,
Schull, co. Cork.—Crk.
Scout 23

Townshend, Capt. W. Tower,
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Linda 21

Tracy, W. G.,
Hatherton, Lawn Road, Portswood, Southampton.—Sth.
Curlew 2

Traquair, Wm.,
Colinton, Midlothian.—Ver.
Lady Madge (The) 9

Trattles,
West Hill House, Whitby, Yorks.
s. Pearl 22

Trautmann, C.,
Segel Club "Ahoi," Berlin.
Tarantella 7

Travers, Robert,
Courtmacsherry, co. Cork.
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Report of Maurice's wedding

The wedding took place yesterday at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, of Maurice Fitzgerald Stephens, elder son of the late Henry John Townshend, J.P., 2nd Life Guards, of Castle Townshend, County Cork, and Chavenage, Gloucestershire, and Blanche Lillie, only daughter of the late Brigade Surgeon-General Ffolliott, F.R.C.S.I., Royal Army Medical Corps. The wedding was a quiet one, only relatives and intimate friends attending. Miss Daphne FitzGeorge acted as maid of honour, and the bride was given away by Mr. Vincent Cotterell. Captain Hubert Townshend, the brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The bride wore a going-away dress of champagne cloth and rich skunk furs. After the wedding the bridal party returned to 76, Grosvenor-street, where luncheon was served. Among the many guests were Lady FitzGeorge, Mrs. Hoskyns, Mrs. Moor-Radford, and Lieutenant-General Sir James Hills-Johnes. Unfortunately Mrs. Vincent Cotterell was unable to be present on account of illness.

Letter from Charles Townshend [678] to his mother about Maurice's arrival in Peace River

Grand Haven Post Office,
Peace River Block, B.C.
23rd September 1924.

Dear Mama,

Many thanks for your last long & interesting letter. Things have changed a lot since I last wrote, both in weather conditions and in other ways…..Cousin Maurice is with us now at last, and very disgruntled with the weather, the Ranch, and things generally. Apparently he only paid Hart £100 on account and was to clear the rest (which by the way was not £1800 but only £900) gradually. And he (Maurice) having received Flatt's £300, cannot now account for it. Maurice said that he intended to cut his loss with Hart and get out of it. But when asked to refund, Flatt said that he couldn't or wouldn't, neither did he intend to pay me anything for all the work we've done, - (to no purpose now that he's broken contract). So he meant to leave us with the Winter coming on, no occupation and no money, minus capital, and minus what has been spent up to now on food &c. Well, we just faced him with the facts, and said that if he didn't pay, right up, we should put it in the hands of the police. He also meant to dodge all bills for timber for the House &c with people up here. Well we've scared him into cabling for Money, and the rest he will have to pay with note of hand to be collected in England. Even when we've been squared up to that extent, he has left us in a rotten position, with all kinds of means of employment gone, by the board……With love to all and lots to yourself from your very loving Son **Charlie**.

Letter from Captain Thomas Flatt to Edward Mansel Townshend [630]

Fort St. John, B.C.
December 16th 1924

My Dear Mr. Townshend,

Many thanks for your kind letter & for your cheque for 10/6 for my son Tony. I'm sure I thank you very sincerely on his behalf…..As regards the mix up with Maurice Townshend, I consider he and his wife have sailed perilously near the edge of the law, the way they went to work never intending to put a penny into the place is really dirty, also they still owe me $1500 odd, also Charlie $275 to say nothing of several folk about here, who supplied timber etc., who collectively they owe about $600. I sincerely trust you will get after the old reprobate, he has signed notes of hand for all of us which he should honour this 1st Dec 1924; whether he has or not I don't know, as my solicitor is presenting them. He did not want to pay Charlie any wages, but I set about when he was here, and made him sign the note of hand for Charles for $275. If he has not paid up please tackle him, & her, because I am more afraid she will not play the game than he. As regards this place Twin Springs, its useless making any plans about it, for we don't yet know what action Hart will take. He may settle with Maurice out of Court, or he may fight, if so the case won't come up before next Sept. 1925, or the Crown may step in and sieze his soldiers Grant, because he (Hart) committed perjury; it's impossible to say. And if Maurice gets it the sooner I get out the better, as I won't have any more dealings with the old humbug…..You will please forgive me if I have expressed myself rather strongly of Maurice T. I assure you I'll do my best to help Charlie & pass on any information I receive. With many thanks for your kind letter, the cheque for Tony and the papers, & all good wishes for Xmas, & the New Year to You and Yours. I am Yours V Sincerely **Thomas W. Flatt.**

Letter from Maurice to Edward Mansel Townshend [630]

Freshford Lodge, Freshford, Somerset.
12th August 1925.

Dear Mr. Townshend,

I am sorry to hear about Noel, we suspected he was not very well as he did not answer our first letter for a long time but did the second; perhaps he was not strong enough to fulfil the position. My solicitor in Peace River, is

working the case against Hart and hopes to recover sufficient money to pay off all the money spent on the house which these bills represent. Captain Flatt has of course given them approximately and I also hope to get enough in the shape of damages to pay off Captain Flatt. Charlie of course had no share in the venture but by his own suggestion was to receive 10% of the nett profits before a division between Capt Flatt and us, instead of any wage; all this was his own suggestion and it was very bad luck that it turned out so badly for us all. Of course my wife's £50 and my £50 will come last. I have told my solicitor in Peace River who is a Limerick man to keep Capt Flatt acquainted with the position and any progress and shall write him again today, but it takes a long time to get an answer. I return Capt Flatt's letter. It is hard to follow your figures as Charlie had no share in the ranch. Does Charlie mean to take over the ranch? but as Capt Flatt suggests it does not belong to any of us, as the title was not good which was not discussed until after he had gone out and Charlie. With kind regards Yours sincerely **Maurice F.S.Townshend.**

Extracts from Samuel Lewis' Topographical Dictionary 1837

CASTLE-TOWNSEND, a village, in the parish of CASTLEHAVEN, East Division of the barony of WEST CARBERY, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, 4 1/2 miles (E.) from Skibbereen; containing 901 inhabitants. This village, which derives its name from Castle-Townsend, the seat of **Col. Townsend*** *(Colonel John Townsend [230])*, is situated on the north side of the harbour of Castlehaven, and consists of one long street, with a shorter one diverging from it, comprising 150 houses, which are mostly small but well built. It contains the custom-house for the port of Baltimore, and is a coast-guard station in the district of Skibbereen, and a constabulary police station. It occupies a gentle declivity, which descends to the bay, and is well adapted for an extensive trade, but has none, except a little in fish. The harbour, which is half a mile wide, is well sheltered, and vessels of 500 tons' burden can anchor within the haven. There is a ferry to the opposite parish of Myross, affording a ready communication with the village of Union-Hall, on the harbour of Glandore. The fine seat of Castle-Townsend was attacked, in 1690, by about 500 Irish troops in the interest of Jas. II., under young O'Driscoll, who were so warmly received by the proprietor and a garrison of 35 men, that in two assaults they lost 40 of their number, with their commander and two other officers. It was attacked again, soon afterwards, by Mac Fineen O'Driscoll, at the head of 400 men, who, having slain five of its garrison of 30 dragoons compelled the rest to surrender. Col. Culliford subsequently retook the castle, after killing ten and capturing five of the Irish garrison. The elegant church of Castlehaven stands on a bold eminence above the village; and the parochial and infants' schools are also situated here. --See CASTLEHAVEN.

* *Maurice's great uncle.*

CASTLEHAVEN, a parish, in the East Division of the barony of WEST CARBERY, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, 4 1/2 miles (W.) from Skibbereen; containing 5619 inhabitants. This parish, anciently called *Glanbarrahane*, derived that name from a deep rocky glen dedicated to St. Barrahane, and its modern appellation from the castle that protected the haven. This parish is situated on the harbour of the same name, on the southern coast, and contains 10,421 statute acres, as applotted under the tithe act, and valued at £6336 per annum. About two-thirds of the land are cultivated; the remainder is waste, consisting of high barren rocky ridges, or bog. Cultivation is principally performed by the spade, or the heavy old wooden plough. The harbour is more than half a mile in width, and is very secure and well sheltered: it is adapted for vessels drawing 10 feet of water, which can lie about a quarter of a mile above Reen Head, with the rocks called the Stags in sight. The coast here is bold and picturesque, with several small islands lying off it, the principal of which are Horse Island and one called Blackrock. The Stags are three very conspicuous rocks lying four miles (S. W. 1/2 W.) from the entrance of the harbour; and Toe head is a broad promontory, between which and Gokane point is a small but well sheltered bay. The principal seats are Castle Townsend, the residence of **Col. Townsend** *(Colonel John Townsend [230])*; Point House, of R. B. Townsend *(Richard Townsend [221])*, Esq.; Drishane, of T. Somerville*, Esq.; Smithville, of T. Townsend *(Thomas Townsend [319])*, Esq.; and Shepperton, of M. Townsend *(Jonas Morris Townsend [222])*, Esq. The living is a rectory and vicarage, in the diocese of Ross, and in the alternate patronage of the Crown and the Bishop: the tithes amount to £600. The church is a large and very handsome edifice, with a lofty square tower supported by buttresses and crowned with pinnacles: it stands in the demesne of Castle Townsend, and was built in 1827, of hewn fawn-coloured freestone obtained from the quarries on Horse Island, at an expense of £1500, of which £1250 was granted by the late Board of First Fruits, and £250 was contributed by **Col. Townsend** *[230]*. There is an elegant glebe-house, standing on a glebe of 15

acres. The male and female parochial schools are in Castle Townsend, and are aided by the rector and **Col. Townsend** *[230]*. An infants' school was established there in 1835, and is supported by subscription. There are also four hedge schools and a Sunday school in the parish. The ancient castle, the walls of which are still visible near the mouth of the harbour, was built by the O'Driscolls, and subsequently belonged to the family of Touchet, of which George Touchet, Lord Audley, who had been governor of Utrecht, and was wounded at Kinsale in 1602, was created Earl of Castlehaven, in 1616: this title was enjoyed through five generations, but became extinct in 1777. Not far distant from the castle are the remains of the old church of Glanbarrahane; and near it is a well, dedicated to St. Barrahane, still frequented.

* *Somerville connections here at Elizabeth [225], Henrietta [234], Jonas Morris [237], John [316] and Mary [506].*

Maurice's Grave in St Barrahane's Church



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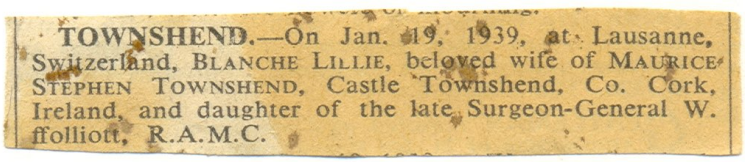
MAURICE FITZGERALD STEPHENS TOWNSHEND

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE

19 NOV. 1948

AGED 84 YEARS

Announcement of the death of Maurice's wife, Blanche



TOWNSHEND.—On Jan. 19, 1939, at Lausanne, Switzerland, BLANCHE LILLIE, beloved wife of MAURICE STEPHEN TOWNSHEND, Castle Townshend, Co. Cork, Ireland, and daughter of the late Surgeon-General W. ffolliott, R.A.M.C.