The Cobbe Family

Charles Cobbe the Archbishop of Dublin born in 1686 purchased Newbridge co. Dublin for £5526.5s.6d. in June 1736 and started building the following year. He married Dorothea Levinge widow of Sir John Rawdon of Moira and daughter of Sir Richard Levinge, Speaker of the House of Commons and Chief Justice of Common Pleas in Ireland and had son Thomas Cobbe M.P. for Swords born in 1733 who married in 1751 Lady Elizabeth Beresford daughter of Marcus Beresford 1st Earl of Tyrone. His son Charles Cobbe born in 1756 M.P. for Swords at the time of the Act of Union - almost the only one among the Members of the Irish Parliament who voted for the Union and yet refused either a peerage or money compensation for his seat.

Irish Members of Parliament for the borough of Swords.

1761 Thomas Cobbe. Hamilton Gorges.

1769 John Hatch. John Damer.

1776 Thomas Cobbe. Charles King.

1783 Charles Cobbe. John Hatch.

1790 John Claudius Beresford. Lieutenant General Eyre Massey.

1797 Francis Synge. Colonel Marcus Beresford.

Charles Cobbe married Anne Power Trench sister of William Trench 1st Earl of Clancarty and had five sons the eldest Charles Cobbe born in 1781 married in 1809 Frances Conway daughter of Thomas Conway of Morden Park, Surrey and had daughter Frances Power Cobbe writer and critic of social issues.

The Athenaeum 1809 Charles Cobbe grandson of Thomas Cobbe esq of Marlborough Buildings, Bath to Miss Conway of the Crescent.

William Trench 1st Earl Clancarty married in 1762 Anne Gardiner and of his children:

Richard Trench 2nd Earl Clancarty married Henrietta daughter of Robert Staples of Lissan - his sister Mary Staples married Thomas Ahmuty. Ann Trench married William son of Robert Gregory and Maria Ahmuty daughter of a Bengal civil official of the East India Company Elizabeth Trench married John McClintock who by his first marriage to Jane Bunbury had daughter Catherine who married George Gregory Gardiner brother in law of William Somerville Ahmuty.

Richard Chaloner Cobbe brother of Charles Cobbe the Archbishop of Dublin married Mary Godolphin and his grandson Richard Chaloner Cobbe rector of Little Marlow Bucks married in 1776 Sarah Burslem daughter of Rev James Burslem. In 1800 the historical novel Julia St. Helen or Heiress of Ellisborough was published in London by Sarah Cobbe relict of Rev Richard Chaloner Cobbe rector of Bradenham Bucks and Chaplain to the Earl of Moira. Dedication to the Right Honorable Earl of Moira, Baron Rawdon &c. dated 15 June 1800. The Preface stated - Julia St. Helen is not mine but has been kindly obtained for me from the deceased's author's relatives through a friend and upon condition that I should publish it by subscription. The Subscription List was headed the Prince of Wales, Aristocracy and Gentry, Clergy and two Book Clubs and Subscribers included Mrs Ahmuty, Lady Elizabeth Cobbe, Mrs Cobbe, Mrs Charles Cobbe and Francis Cobbe esq. The novel in two volumes printed by J. Nichols of Leicester Square London and sold by Earle & Hemet of 47 Albermarle Street, Piccadilly London.

Members of the Cobbe family lived at No. 9 and later at No. 22 Marlborough Buildings, Bath and Thomas Ahmuty of 19 Marlborough Buildings who died in 1801 desired to be buried at Weston Churchyard near his friend Charles Cobbe.

All Saints Church, Weston Bath Monumental Inscriptions - recorded transcripts. Charles Cobbe died 9 July 1798 aged 41. his wife died 18 December 1835 aged 79. their son Henry William Cobbe died 23 March 1835 aged 37. Thomas Cobbe of Newbridge co. Dublin died 11 March 1814 aged 81. his wife Lady Elizabeth Cobbe died 6 May 1806 aged 69.

Monthly Magazine Obituary July 1798 At Bath, at his father's house in Marlborough Buildings, Charles Cobbe esq M.P for the borough of Swords in Ireland and nephew of the Marquis of Waterford. He was Captain of the 3rd Company of Bath Volunteers and a gentleman of the most engaging manners.

Gentleman's Magazine Obituary 15 July 1798 Interred in Weston Churchyard, Bath the remains of Charles Cobbe esq. The armed volunteers fired three vollies over his grave as a mark of respect for their very worthy, much beloved and much lamented officer. He was 41 years of age and nephew of the Marquis of Waterford and member in the Irish Parliament for the borough of Swords. Many thousands of people of all ranks were present at the funeral and a heavy storm of rain falling just at the time of internment, few escaped being wet to the skin. The volunteers were all dressed in their uniforms and made an appearance highly respectable.

Gentleman's Magazine Obituary 11 March 1814. In Marlborough Buildings, Bath at a very advanced age, T. Cobbe esq.

Gentleman's Magazine Obituary 1823. At his mother's house in Marlborough Buildings, Bath aged 37 Rev Henry William Cobbe, Rector of Moydon co. Longford Ireland.

Gentleman's Magazine Obituary 17 December 1836. Aged 80, Anne relict of Charles Cobbe esq of Newbridge co. Dublin and sister of the late Earl of Clancarty.