

Eliza Place

The Markets, Belfast

Celtic fields



Family Names of Eliza Place Over The Years

Belfast, the capital city of Ulster lies mostly in Antrim and partly in Down. It lies on Belfast Lough and takes its name from the two rivers upon which it stands. The castle, town and manor of Belfast and the surrounding lands belonged to the O'Neills of Clondeboy, a branch of the ancient family who ruled Ulster before the plantation of English and Scottish settlers. This district was, in the early seventeenth century granted by James 1st to Sir Arthur Chichester who built a castle here. Ballymurphy townland consisting of 1,433 acres in the west of Belfast lies in the ancient Parish of Shankill from the Gaelic *Sean Kill* meaning Old Church.

The 30 years before the World War One were years of commercial and economic prosperity for Belfast. The products of the cities mills were much in demand by world markets. By 1900 West Belfast was a densely packed industrial area overshadowed by mill chimneys. During the 1870's and the 1880's there was an influx of rural people from Antrim, Down and Armagh and there were a few migrants from the south of Ireland. More women than men came to the city as women could find work in the linen industry and in service. The latter part of the 19th century saw the city engulfed by riots and demonstrations.

In 1901 there were three houses and a forge in Eliza Court and 100 houses in Eliza Street. In Eliza Place there were only two houses. Both houses consisted of six rooms and had three windows to the front. Antrim born carpenter Patrick Quinn 40 lived with his Belfast born wife Catherine 40, their children Mary 16, a cashier in a boat shop, Hugh 15, a joiner's apprentice, Margaret 12, Arthur 9, John 7, Patrick 5, Patrick's widowed brother Hugh 56, also a carpenter, widowed mother-in-law Margaret Boyland 60, sister-in-law Margaret Boyland 37, a machinist and unmarried 'aunt-in-law' Anne Boyle 54, a reeler. County Down born house painter Alexander Vint 32 lived with his wife Catherine 28 and their children William B.H. 5, Catherine 3, James 2 and David A. aged 3 months.

In 1911 in Eliza Street Antrim born Colin McAllister 49 lived with wife of 22 years Catherine 44. They had eleven children 'born alive' to them but only nine children were living. In the McAllister family home at this time were John 17, a stockbroker's clerk, Colin 15, an Irish speaker, Nellie 12, Margaret 10, Charles 7, Daniel 6, boarders James Mulvenna, a joiner, Lizzie Mulvenna 19, a shorthand typist and machinists Mary McGimerty 35, Mary Dowds 22 and Margaret Dowds 17.

In 1924 there were only two houses in Eliza Place occupied by Miss J. Donnelly, a dressmaker and Jane Doran. By 1934 Miss J. Donnelly and Mrs Susan Wood were the householders and Torney Bros stables had become a garage.

In 1901 Thomas Conlon lived at No 69. Verner Street. Rathfriland born Thomas Conlon 29, a butcher lived with Belfast born wife Mary 29, children Charles 4, Margaret 3, William John 2, Rathfriland born brother William John 36, a fowl dealer and Belfast City born brother Daniel 17.

In 1911 at No 28 Welsh Street Portaferry born blind widow Mary McAllister 60 lived. During her 39-year marriage Mary had twelve children 'born alive'. Only seven children were living by April 1911. In the family home were Cornelius 26, a carter, Patrick 18, a bottler and William 16, also a carter. At No 69 Verner Street Thomas Conlon 48 lived with wife of 16 years Mary 38. Thomas and Mary had six children 'born alive'. Only five children were living. In the Conlon home were Margaret Mary 14, William John 12, Charles 10, Roseanne 8, Thomas 6 and relative William Conlon 46, a fowl dealer. At No 72 Eliza Street widowed lithographer Patrick Loughran 68 lived with daughters Kate 26 and Mary 24, both book folders, married daughter Sarah 23, son-in-law Joseph Mount 25, a collector for Peal Burial Society and grandchild Rose aged 1.

William McAllister of Welsh Street married Rose Anne Conlon, the daughter of Thomas Conlon and his wife Mary (*nee* Mount) between October and December 1921 in Belfast. William and Rose made their home in Eliza Place, The Markets.

There are many references to various McAllister families in St. Malachy's church registers over the years. On 23rd November 1878 Daniel McAllister, son of John McAllister and Mary Cauley was baptised. On 16th December 1878 Elizabeth McAllister, of Charles McAllister and Isabella Magee was baptised. On 18th January 1879 Elizabeth McAllister of John McAllister and Margaret McVeigh was baptised. On 3rd April 1877 Elizabeth McAllister of John McAllister and his wife Margaret McVey was baptised. On 23rd August 1876 Alexander McAllister, son of Charles McAllister and Isabella McGill was baptised. On 3rd June 1875 Joseph James McAllister, son of John McAllister and Margaret McVey was baptised. On 6th October 1879 Patrick Joseph Conlon, son of John Conlon and wife Margaret Moore was baptised.

1889 Eliza Place off Eliza Street	1901 Eliza Place
2. Ritchie, H., horse dealer	Patrick Quinn
4. Bunting, S., horse dealer	Samuel Bunting
Bowden, Wm., yardman	
Eliza Street Cromac Street to Stewart Street	1924
1. Lavery, Edward., car owner	Miss J. Quinn
3. McHugh, Anthony, labourer	Jane Doran
5. Hanna, Saml., grocer	Torney Bros Stables
.....Eliza Court intersects	
7. Donnelly, Miss, dress maker	1934
9. Smyth, John, hair dresser	Miss J. Donnelly
11. McCrisken, P., ship carpenter	Mrs Susan Ward
13. McMullan, John, stable man	Torney Bros Garage
13a. Cantrell & Cochrane's stables	
.....Eliza Place intersects	1942
15. O'Connor, Mary	William McAllister
17. Davey, Henry, dealer	Mrs Susan Ward
19. Murphy, Jas., plumber	Torney Bros Garage
21. Clarke, M., dress maker	
23. McAllister, Colin, R.I.C.	1930-1960
.....New Bond Street intersects	Eliza Place
27. Hamill, John, moulder	William McAllister
29. McKernan, Jas., plasterer	Rose McAllister
31. McMullan, Michael, labourer	William McAllister
.....Welsh Street intersects	Cornelius McAllister
33, 35, 37. Inglis & Co. Ltd., Bakers, Confectioners and Flour Merchants	Thomas McAllister
2, 4. Cooke, John, fruit dealer	Patrick McAllister
6. Magee, John, seaman	Charles McAllister
.....Market Street intersects	Joseph McAllister
8 to 16. Wheeler & Co. Ltd.,	Mary McAllister
.....Murphy Street intersects	Rose McAllister
18. Lannaghan, Agnes	Anne McAllister
26. Bell, Mrs., dress maker	Margaret McAllister
30. Glenore, Mary	
32. Cush, Edwd., carpenter	1970
34, 36. McMaster, A., builder	Eliza Place
St. Colman's National School	Joseph McAllister
40. Craig, Alice, weaver	Rose A. McAllister
42. Cooper, Wm., carpenter	Margaret McAllister
44. McLavery, John, sawyer	Mary Ward
.....Welsh Street intersects	
46. Turley, M., publican	
48. McKavanagh, J., labourer	
50. McMullan, H., foreman labourer	
52. Savage, Patk., brick layer	
54. Ward, John, railway guard	
56. Kelly, Patk., labourer	
.....Staunton Street intersects	
58, 60. Kane, J., family grocer	
62. Beattie, Thos., horse dealer	
64. Smyth, P. A., clerk	
66. Frizell, James, clerk	
68. Magee, James, labourer	
70. McKay, Jas., foreman	
72. Doyle, Catherine	
74. Lindsay, Alice	
76. O'Neill, Jas., hair dresser	
78. Scott, B., hair dresser	
80. Doyle, Mrs.	
82. Murray, H., ex-sorg. R.I.C.	
84. O'Neill, C., horse dealer	
86. Quinn, Mrs.	
88. Lundy, John, dealer	
90. Morgan, D., butcher	
92. Mannery, E., carpenter	
94. McNamara, W., seaman	
96. McKeown, Lizzie	
98, 100. Devlin, W., mechanic	