

Guerins, MacCurtins & Evans

James (Jim) Guerin and Margaret (Babe) had a first son on 14th March 1923, Joseph Liam around the time they moved in to 3 St. Joseph's Place. The rates books show that James Guerin was responsible for the rates at both addresses until 1927. They must have had both properties for 3 to 4 years.

One possibility for keeping both addresses is that Michael Freeman must have come to Limerick around this time. He, if you recall, was Hanora's youngest brother and had been a hansom cab driver in Waterford in 1901 and 1911 census. But he is buried in the second Guerin grave alongside Hanora and Michael Joseph. He must have come to Limerick at some time before his death (not as early as 1923 though) so why not to Wolfe Tone Terrace?

A second son, Francis Dominic, was born on 4th March 1927. The picture on the right is of the visit Annie Evans (nee Curtin) paid in 1927 to visit her sister Babe after the birth of Francis. The front row are Jim, Michael and Raymond. Behind are Joseph Liam with his mother Babe holding Francis. Auntie Annie on the right. Francis was born with a problem with his feet and he had to spend some time in hospital in Dublin to sort them out.

Annie was, if you recall, now living with her sister Eileen McCurtin in Whitby. You recall Annie had gone to Whitby late in 1919 to live with her sister. But around three years later she was ill and came back to Limerick to recuperate with Jim and Babe. She was in Limerick when Joseph Liam was born. On her return to Whitby she married a local man Arthur Evans on 17/9/1923.

Present at the wedding were Patrick and Rita. They were courting (married in 1924)

Annie had modified her surname to include the "Mac". Her marriage licence records her as "Anne McCurtin". Interesting to note that her sister Eileen was recorded at her marriage in 1936 as "MacCurtin". Annie and Arthur were blessed with two children, Terry (1/12/1924) and Patricia (13/7/1926).



1927 St. John's Hospital Limerick



*Patricia Evans in Limerick 1931
with cousin Paul Guerin*

Eileen MacCurtin married Charles Ernest Collins on 1st June 1936 some 13 years after her sister and at the second time that Charles asked her. 10 years her senior, he had 6 children by his first marriage and had asked Eileen to marry him after the death of his first wife. She had declined and he married a Mary Simmonite. When Mary died after only a few years of marriage, Charles asked Eileen again. She was now incapable of working due to a back injury and in need of support so she accepted. They married on the first of June 1936. The marriage was witnessed by the 9 year old Patricia Evans. The registrar was a little concerned by her youth and when he/she pointed this out was told that Pat had a very wise head on her young shoulders and she was more responsible than a great many adults. This satisfied the registrar who then continued with the marriage.

In 1931 Annie and Arthur took Terry and Pat to Limerick to visit Jim and Babe and their cousins. They stayed at St. Joseph's place with Jim, Babe, Jack, Joseph Liam and Francis. The other three brothers, Michael, Jim and Raymond were by this time boarding at St. Joseph's College, East Cowes, Isle of Wight. Jack had suffered a sporting injury when 13 (1928) that meant his right leg was shortened. He did not join his brothers on the Isle of Wight.

The picture on the right was taken during this visit. It is in the People's park which was at the end of St. Joseph's place. The tall figure of Jack (16 years old) with his smaller brothers and cousins in front. In the front Paul Guerin (rising 4). Paddy Guerin (6) shielding his eyes. The golden haired Terry Evans behind him. On the right Joseph Liam (8) and his little brother Francis (4) with his callipers just visible in front of him. Patricia Evans (7) in their midst.



Eileen and Charles Wedding. Patricia Evans Bridesmaid



Cousins in the park 1931



Jack in the peoples park. Top of St. Joseph Pl.

On the right in 1933(?), a year after his fourth son Eugene was born, is Patrick Joseph taking a dip at the newly opened pool in Whitby. Known as 'The Spider's Web', it was closed due to subsidence which led to a large crack appearing one night and all the water drained out. Ironically for a Guerin, it was on Mulgrave Road. Patrick visited Whitby for a month to recover from illness.



1934 Patrick Joseph at Whitby Pool



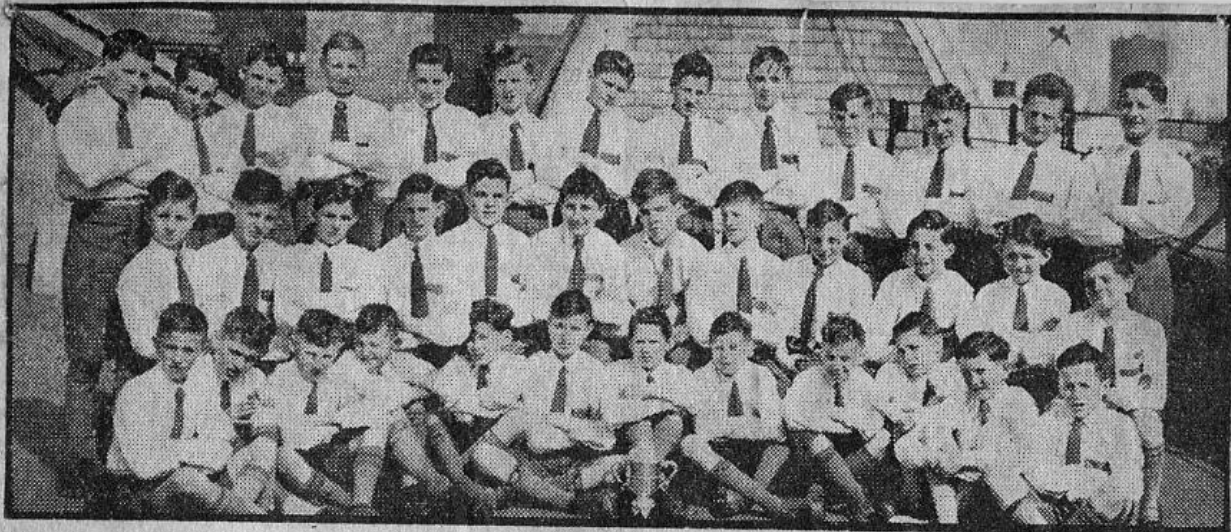
Jim and Babe



Jim and Babe outside 2 Lord Ed. Terr.



Eugene Guerin with his parents 1940's



Limerick Christian Brothers Secondary Schools' Choir who won the Three-Part School Choir Competition at the Feis Ceoil.

