

Do you have **IRISH ROSSITER ANCESTORS?**

Then there must be a good chance that they are mentioned in a massive 686-page book* - and it's one of three volumes! Their purpose "is to widely publish historical factual information on the Rossiters - there are several spellings - and those with which they were connected." While much of the world is embraced, the main focus is on those connected with County Wexford.

There are good scene-setting chapters on Ireland from its beginning to Home Rule, especially the origins of its people, Celts, Picts, Saxons, Welsh, Spanish et al. The Coat of Arms of the Irish Rossiters is almost identical to that of the Rossiters of Combe St Nicholas in Somerset, and identical to those of the Aslackby Rossiters of Lincolnshire, for example.

Chapter 5 is a series of Sections covering individuals, families, various historical information and records. There are sections listing the Christian names of all known recorded Rossiters, and of

connected families in alphabetical order although in this volume only A-F and W seem to be included.

This book is not your usual collection of information from the well-known records such as census and parish registers. This is a mass of information obtained from material rarely seen or understood by all but the few most dedicated scholars, of which author Kathleen MERRYWEATHER née GREEN from Backwell near Bristol is one such. Is there any interest among Somerset and Dorset researchers? The 1851 census indexes show Rossiters recorded in eleven Dorset and all fifty-four parishes in Somerset. This book may help to link them to their Ireland origins.

The Irish Rossiter; Ancestors and Their World-Wide Descendants and Connections, Volume 1 by Kathleen Merryweather née Green, published by Irish Ancestors 4U Ltd, [www.irishancestors4u.com] available from the author.



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