

Pue Family From Stourbridge-Glassmakers in Dublin

This notable exception brings us to the story of T. & R. Pugh. In the year 1854 the brothers Thomas and John Pugh in partnership with George Collins from Cork and Joseph Meash from Bristol set up a glass-house at 13 Lower Liffey Street,⁶ the facade of which still stands, the premises now being occupied by the wholesale and retailing firm of the Dublin Glass and Paint Co. Ltd. These four partners were no newcomers to the glass industry as all had previously been employees of the Erwins of Potter's Alley who ceased to make flint glass about 1855. The father of Thomas and John Pugh came originally from Stourbridge to Cork where he worked in Foley's Waterloo glass-works⁷ which began production in 1815 and closed in 1835. Joseph Meash died in the 1860's; and after the Pughs left to take over the Potter's Alley concerns, George Collins carried on the business in Liffey St. until 1865 when he was registered bankrupt.⁸

In 1863 Thomas Leetch, Thomas Pugh and Richard Pugh took over the lease of the Potter's Alley glass-works at a yearly rent of

£80; this was with the consent of Frederick Kettle Barff a stained glass manufacturer who had occupied part of the premises for a short period. A few years later, in 1868, Thomas Leetch, the two Pughs, James Munkittrick and William Whyte agreed to purchase the premises for £300⁹ subject to the payment of a yearly rent of £80. The Pughs, William Whyte and James Munkittrick also agreed that should they fail to complete the purchase, Thomas Leetch and William Whyte were to complete the purchase and "take the full benefit and advantage". These premises are described as follows: "... the premises known as 'The Dublin Flint Glass Works', Potter's Alley, Dublin together with the out-houses and warerooms erected thereon formerly in the possession and occupation of Mr. Edward S. Irwin containing from North to South one hundred and eleven feet, and in length from east to west one hundred and sixty one feet, bounded on the North by Dairy premises, on the South by a stablelane, on the West by Potter's Alley and Marlborough Place, and on the East by Northumberland Square, excepting a small house near the corner of Stable Lane on the South side of the said premises . . ."¹⁰

The firm of T. & R. Pugh as it was mainly called in the Dublin Directories was assured of a ready outlet for their products, since Thomas Leetch had a shop in Dame Street which sold china, glass and earthenware, and in some instances is referred to as "Glass Warehouse Manufacturer". William Whyte likewise had an "Irish Glass Warehouse" at 3 and 4 Marlborough St. This was situated where the Abbey Theatre now stands.

John Pugh, this is Thomas's elder brother, was born in 1805¹¹ and died in 1879,¹² and his son (also John) and another Richard Pugh, whose relationship has not been established, all lived and died in the vicinity of the glass works; they were mostly illiterate, married servants, and died in the North City Workhouse. This was in sharp contrast to Thomas and his son Richard. Thomas owned a house at 5 Alexandra Terrace, Clontarf from the late 1870's to 1892 and from then until his death in 1903¹³ at the age of 84, at 46 St. Alphonsus Rd., Drumcondra. His son Richard was born in 1840,¹⁴ married Martha O'Brien in the Pro-Cathedral in 1868,¹⁵ and they lived at 102 Amiens St., from 1885-1892¹⁶ at which period this part of the street was mainly residential, in contrast to the Custom House end of the street. After the closure of the glass works in 1893¹⁷ they moved to 9 Charleville Mall, North Strand where descendants of the family still live.

Richard Pugh and Ellen - residence Cork in 1866. They had a son John. Richard was a widower when he married Ellen Carr 1866. They probably also had son Thomas, b in Scotland.

John¹Pugh and Ellen-Three children- George Pew (1833-unk), Ellena Pew (1840-unk) m Francis Heller, and John Pugh (1841-1899) m Elizabeth Hackett. Son John was with him at his death. John was married twice. Appears that both wives were Ellen. Possibly Ellen Scott as 1st wife? There is a Thomas Pue who married Ellen Scott in Cork in 1828 and later a birth record of a son John Pue m to Ellen Scott, son Ben born 1830- it seems clear there was a mistake with the names...maybe it was John¹.

Occupation: glassmaker, per son's birth records.

John Pugh (1809-1879) died of paralysis and softening of the brain (occupational hazard?).

Ellen Pugh (1831-1891) living on **Tyrone Street**. 1891 admitted to North Dublin Workhouse- died Dec 2, 1891. Her stepson John also lived on **Tyrone Street**.

There is a **Richard Pugh**, apparently married to **Bridgit**- not sure where he fits in. He could be a brother of John and George or a son of John, but he would have only been 15 when Richard was born.

*Richard Pugh 1824 Glassblower RC married Res. **Potters Alley** 1890 Admitted to Workhouse Daughter lives on **Bride Street**. FMP*

John² Joseph Pugh and Elizabeth Hackett

John Pugh 1841-1899 Married 1870, address Talbot. **Occupation:**bottle blower, widower, died of general debility in the N Dublin workhouse, address **Tyrone**.

Elizabeth Pugh, 1831-1887, glassmakers wife, husband John, died at **Marlborough St**.

Son John J Pugh m Alice Curran in 1899, born on **Marlboro Street**

I think this is John Pugh above, dates and age are not always consistent. In and out of workhouse:

- John Pugh b 1834 age 56 RC flint glass maker widowed R.**24 Marlboro Street** admitted 1890 South Dublin Union WH
- John Pugh 1833 age 60 RC glass blower widowed R.**107 Marlboro Street** admitted 1893 South Dublin Union WH
- John Pugh DOB 1834 age 60 RC glass blower widowed R. **21 Marlboro Street** admitted 1894 North Dublin Union WH
- John Pugh DOB 1841 age 58 RC bottle blower widowed R. **Tyrone Street** admitted 1899 North Dublin Union WH

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Family of John³ J Pugh, m to Alice Curran in 1899- address **Leinster**. They had the following children: John Joseph (1900-1947) m. Esther Murphy, Frances Mary (1902-1902), Alice Leo (1904-1904), Thomas (1906-1912), Frances Mary (1909-Unk.), m. Andrew Lynch 1930.

Occupation: **tea porter**. Wife Alice (1874-1913) died in the workhouse, age 39. Lived on **Marlboro**

1911 census: they had 5 children and 3 living, John, Frances and Patrick. They can both read and write.

Possibly in the service, there is an Alice who got a pension living in Ireland 1913. In 1913 she entered the work house North Dublin Union, wife of porter, RC, birth year 1874, "cab case". Living on **32 Upper Gloucester St**.

Family of John⁴ Joseph Pugh (1900-1929). m. to Esther Murphy. John C Pugh (1929-unk) and Thomas Christopher Pugh (1942-1943). **Occupation:** **laborer**. They lived on **Ferns Road, north by Harold's Cross**

1858 Post Office Dublin Directory and Calendar(FMP)

1858 Pugh, John glass manufacturer **Liffey Street Lower**

1858 Pugh, Thomas glass manufacturer **Liffey Street Lower**

Family of Thomas¹ (1819-1903) and Agnes Mary Linn (1820-1892) m 1839 South Leith Scotland *FMP*

July 3, 1894 - *Dublin Evening Telegraph - Dublin, Dublin, Republic of Ireland*

Pugh: In sad and loving memory of Agnes Mary, beloved wife of Thomas Pugh, who departed this life 3rd July 1892. May she rest in peace.

According to Ancestry, their first son Richard was born in **13 Canongate Edinburgh Scotland** on 1840, and they are in the 1841 census. He was born about 10 yrs. before the rest of his siblings.

Ellen Jane (1851-1905)- spinster, housekeeper, brother Richard present at death. She died at **Charleville Mall**. His address is **Innis fallen Parade**.

Agnes (1852-1911) – spinster-lived with her brother Thomas on the census 1901 **Innis fallen Parade, Inn's Quay**

Isabella (1855-1899)- spinster- sister Agnes present at death-address **Innis fallen Parade, Inn's Quay**- she is a shop assistant. Thomas is present at her death, his address **20 Portland Row**

Thomas Galtering-possibly Walter (1857-after 1911)

Richard²Pugh (1840-1912)m. Martha O'Brien(1844-1916 per O'Callaghan Family Tree). Living on **Gloucester** when married in 1868. **Occupation:** **Glassmaker** according to his death record, **commercial traveler** per 1901 census and **commission agent for glass** per 1911 census. Son Richard's birth records show him as a **plumber**. Census records show them at **Charleville Mall**. Richard was born in Scotland. Two sons live with them, Thomas Walter and Richard Charles. Per 1911 census, married 43 years, 4 children born and 2 living however records show five children total. The first two sons were born on **Talbot Street**:Richard Walter (1881-1881), Thomas Walter (1883-1968). Richard Charles was born on **Amiens Street** (1885-1963?), m Lucy McKeag, Mary Alice (1886-unk) m. James Andrew Abbott in 1906 and William Joseph (1887-1888), son of a glass manufacturer, also born on **Amiens Street**.

Richard³Pugh (1885-1963)m 1918 Lucy McKeag. Occupation: was also a plumber- they had 4 children. Richard's death record does not match his date of birth. 1892-1963, but his son Richard P was present.

Thomas Richard 1918-1918-"**plumbers son**", born on **St Patrick Ave**, Alice (1919-unk) and Richard Pierce (1921-unk) b at **Charleville Mall**, Lucy (1929-2018) m Dan Andrijeski and moved to Ft Worth, Texas.

Irish Prison Registers: Richard Pugh 1885 age 31 b. Amiens Street Res. Charleville Mall-Plumber 1916 Steal a cart value 4 pounds. Other name Martha Pugh-discharged. FMP

Richard ⁴m Bridget O'Reilly in 1948 they had Mary PD (1949-unk), Rena (1949-unk) and Yvonne (1952-unk).

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Thomas³Walter (1883-1968) married Margaret or Martha Dillsworth in Cork. There is a Martha who died in 1930, she was wife to a commercial traveler but shows her as a widow at her time of death? Her sister in law Lucy Pugh was present so I assume the record is wrong. They had a daughter Maire in 1920. There is a Martha Pugh who was born in 1923, not sure if that could be a daughter but naming pattern and date would fit. Thomas died in St Michaels Nursing Home, Ballsbridge. Wife still alive at that time-he must have remarried. His date of death is supported by the Ireland Military Service Pension Index 1916-1923.

Dublin Electoral Rolls

Thomas Walker Pugh 1913-1915-lodger. Listed as an unemployed clerk in 1911

Thomas Pugh 1908 -1909-1910-1911 **Terrace Inns Quay**

From FMP Ireland Military Pensions And Medals 1916-1922

Easter Rising Location Place Saint Stephen's Green, Dublin Fumbally Lane, Dublin Jacob's Biscuit Factory, Bishop Street, Dublin

File relates to Thomas Pugh's receipt of a military service pension in respect of his service with the Irish Volunteers during the week of 23 to 29 April 1916, his subsequent internment until December of that year and his service with the IRA from 1920 to 1921 during the War of Independence.

Applicant also claimed unsuccessfully for service from 1917 to 1920 during which time he worked as a polling/counting agent for the Eamon De Valera campaign for election to the East Clare seat in 1917. During the 1916 Easter Rising Pugh claims to have acted as Richard McKee's orderly for a day and to have been put in charge of prisoners including a number of policemen and a G man. During the War of Independence subject was a member of the Labour Board working under the direction of IRA Intelligence to further IRA penetration and control of the Trades Union Movement as well as helping to identify union members of use for various military purposes - claimant was particularly linked to the Irish Clerical Workers Union. File includes: typed statement signed by Thomas Pugh regarding the setting up, aims and activities of the Labour Board; printed notice issued by the Easter Week Memorial Committee signed by Seán Colbert inviting signatures to the Easter Week, 1916 Roll of Honour inviting the unnamed addressee to add their signature to the Roll for Jacob's Garrison; signed handwritten statements regarding subject's service from P. Maclonraic (Frank Henderson) and Joseph Toomey; handwritten copies of the Statutory Declaration of Secrecy required to be signed by polling agents during the East Clare election in 1917 and notice appointing Pugh as a counting agent to the De Valera campaign; typed transcript and summary of sworn evidence given by subject (13 December 1937) before the Advisory Committee, Military Service Pensions Act, 1934; handwritten notes of evidence given by Frank Henderson and Gearoid O'Sullivan regarding claimant; reference to subject's membership of the IRB; material relating to subject's receipt of 1916 Medal and Service (1917-1921) Medal with Bar; and material relating to subject's widow and daughter - partly closed.

Thom's Irish Almanac and Official Directory of Ireland (FMP) - list of civil servants, politicians/ruling classes

1868 Pugh, Munkittrick and Co. Flint Glass Alley -Potters Alley

1868 Pugh Thomas Seville Place

1880 Pugh, Thomas, Alexandra-Terrace, Clontarf

1880 Pugh, T&R flint glass manufs

1884 Pugh, Thomas, Alexandra-Terrace, Clontarf

1884 T&R flint glass manufacturers, Potter's Alley

1894 Pugh, Thomas, Alexandra-Terrace, Clontarf

1910 T&R Glass Manufacturers

1910 Richard Pugh Charleville Mall

1870 Slaters Royal National Commercial Directory of Ireland (principle residents, gentry, tradesmen, med and large farmers, professionals and clergy)Pugh, Thomas and Richard, flint and colored glass-manufacturers, Potters Alley

1881 Slaters Royal National Commercial Directory of Ireland-Glass Manufacturers- Flint and Cut

Pugh, Thomas and Richard, Potters Alley

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