

A Butler Story

(Irene retelling what she had heard.)

I heard this story from my uncle (mother's side) in August 2005. It may pertain to the search of our family history. I have vague recollections also hearing this from my Dad a long time ago also, but hadn't paid attention back then. In 1981 my folks went on a trip to England and Ireland with Mom's two sisters and their husbands. Uncle Jack served as tour guide. He has a good and I believe reliable, memory. One of the places they visited in Ireland was Killkenny, partly because Dad had heard that Gran's family was from there. They were staying at the Killkenny Castle (which is now owned by the state and run as a Bed and Breakfast). Dad asked about Butlers. Dad was told he was in the "Butler Castle". They said the heirs had sold the castle to the state in the early 1930's and apparently Dad said "ah ha", because he remembered his mother getting a small inheritance/check from the family estate about the same time. I don't have any paperwork and have no idea how to verify it, but it might be yet another clue and is sort of interesting. Too bad Dad isn't alive to ask