

*AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF POLE COSBY, OF
STRADBALLY, QUEEN'S COUNTY.*

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LOFTUS COSBY my Gr Fa Cosby's 5th son was born y^e 3rd of June 1677, he was called after my Father's mother's maiden name. Soon after my Grand F's death he resolved to go in army, one way of getting into y^e army at this time was this, a gentleman y^t wo'd carry over a number of recruits, 20, 30, or 40, to Flanders where y^e war was, at their own expence, they were sure of being rewarded with a insigny or Lieutenancy, so my uncle with my Father's help got 30 men, wh were maintained here & lay in y^e barn till he had compleated 30, and then he went to Cork with them & went to flanders & there got a insigny & soon after got by my fathers interest a Lientenancy in y^e same Regiment that my Father was in, in Spain, so he was in Spain all the time my Father was, at Dijon in Burgundy all the while my Father was there too, & in Spain he got a Capts. Commission, after y^e peace of Uterecht the Reg^t was quartered in Scotland & England, and in 1721 it came to Ireland wh my father was glad of, for y^e sake of having my Uncle Loftus's company for he was his best beloved Brother & my uncle then lived mostly with my Father at Stradbally, in 1726 y^e regiment was commanded to Portmahone and so he went with it, he was much chagrined at his serving so long without his rising higher, for he was but Capt. of the Granadiers, & it made him very malancholy, wh to prevent he used to use y^e bottle & drams too much, wh threw him into a dropsey, and went to Montpelier from Portmahone to recover in Autumn 1726, but y^t did him no good, so he went to Marseilles in the south of France in order to go back to Portmahone but his time was and he died y^e 3rd Jan. 1726, & was buryed in y^e Swiss burying place at Marseilles, My Father lamented him much & was heartily grieved for his death. He was a tall well shaped neat limbed man & very handsome, he had a gentile spirit, wo'd not for any consideration do a little thing, knew perfectly well when to spare & when to spend, was perfectly well breed & knew y^e world & mankind very well & a most agreeable companyon when he pleased. He was a perfect honest man & worthily deserved better fortune, but his ill fortune made him sometimes Pevish, humoursome, and fretfull & he never marryed tho' was often near it, for to his cost he loved y^e fair sex too well. He was a very great manager,

He made both ends meet. He owed nothing nor had nothing to speak of when he died.

My Grand F: Cosby's 6th son was stillborn 1678.

Sidney my G: F: Cosby's 7th son was Born 1679, he was called Sidney after his Father's great grandmothers Maiden surname, he dyed at about 18 months old.

Hartpole my G: F: Cosby's 8th son was Born in 1681, he was called after Sir Rob^t Hartpole knight of Shreule in the Q: C:, my G: F:'s most intimate friend, he dyed at 2 years old.

Alexander my G: F: Cosby's 9th son (born) the 14th of May 1682, he was called after his Father. Like all the rest of my uncles & aunts (except my aunt Wall and aunt Phillips y^t were married) he lived with my father at Stradbally after my G: F: dyed, and when he was old enough my Father Bound him apprentice to a merchant in Dublin, but some intimacys hapning between his master's wife and he, he was forced to run away and forfeited his indentures, and so his master came on my father who was bound for him for £300, and in 1710 there was a writ after my father for y^e £300, but he got off to England & Will Lewis compounded it after for £100 which was p^d. My uncle Alex^r when he run away went a soldier into y^e army & was commanded to America, & in the voyage the ship he was in was taken by y^e Spaniards, and they killed many, but he & some more they spared their lives & fed 'em for some weeks with nothing but raw Beans steeped in water & in their sailing they came to an uninhabited Island & so gave my uncle Alex^r & one more their choice to be shot or be put on shore on y^t Island, they chose the latter, & so he and one more was put on y^e Island with some powder and shot, a gun and some little things else. When my Uncle had been in y^e Island but 8 days his companion died and he buried him in y^e sands, and 2 days after y^t was the 10th day he spied a sail, made a smoke and the ship came to & sent their Boat and took him a Board. It was a french Vessel going to france, and there they landed him, and then he made y^e Best of his way to Stradbally and was but in a Bad plight when he came here, & now there was no way left to provid for him, but like my Uncle Lofty y^t was to carry over recruits to flanders wh by my Father's help he did, and there Got a post and so advanced from one to another till in 1718 he got to be Major to my Uncle Phillips' Regiment which was then at Portmahone, and there he went, but y^t was but a dull place for a man of his Gay temper & so he went to Partake of the Delights of Naples & there he took a great Palace and lived very expensively wh he felt for many years after, for the Debts he then contracted were not paid in some years. When my Uncle

Phillips's regiment went to Anapolis, he went soon after it, in 1722: he was in London in 1721 when my Father was carrying me to Holland and there we often saw him. I never saw him before but onst for two days he called at Stradbally as he passed through Ireland to take shipping to Cork for Portmahone. In 1722 he went to Anapolis where he has been ever since except one summer y^t he was at New York with my uncle Willis. About 1725 he was Made Governor of the city of Canco and in Autumn 1728 he marryed a young creature of 15 years old, one *Winnit* originally of y^e county Killdare near Killcullenbridge, her father is a marchant in Annapolis and her mother a French-woman whom her father married at Quebeck, my uncle wrote my father word of this Marriage which did concern him most heartily to think y^t at 46 years old he should marry for Love, for his whole letter giving an acc^t of his marriage (which my Father received about 2 months before he dyed) said a great deal of her beauty and her charms, but that she had no fortune but her very great Merit, My uncle wrote me a letter of condolance, a very affect kind & long entertaining letter on my father's death about May 1730. In y^t letter he told me y^t he had one son, & did hear after that it was 2nd son that she had, and they say he has more children but w^t they are is uncertain. I have wrote to him but never had any more than y^t one letter I have heard y^t he & his father in law were joyned in y^e fish trade and y^t it was said y^t he wo'd make a good deal of money, my uncle Sandy is a man who has been in as many scenes of life as most men, he has had many Great pleasures and lived in great delights Grandeur and affluence, and he has had very great troubles and, in y^e first part of His life especially, gone throug great difficultyes, in his Person he is a lusty portly tall Gentleman and has a very agreeable good face well proportioned in his Body, and a very good mein. He is a man of a great and Generous spirit, exceeding good sense, talks very well and vastly agreeable in his conversation, and he is perfectly well bred and very entertaining and very obligeing and agreeable tempered.

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Dorcas my G. F. Cosby's 4th daughter was Born y^e 30th of Aprill 1688, she was called After her Father's Great Grandmother Dorcas Sidney, she Marryed but ordinarily against all her friends Consent in 1705 one Magragh by whom she had children, and they did not agree, and parted, and she lived mostly with her relations in y^e Kings County, my mother gave her Constantly £5 per an. to buy her cloaths. Magragh dyed in 1725

and she soon after married with my Father's consent one Mr. Forbes with whom she lived very Well for he had a good substance, but he dyed in 1727 about 18 months after she married him, she got w^t he had which with y^e £5. my mother gave her & £23. p. an. which my uncle Will allowed her from May 1732 made her live better than before, 'tho she lived from her last Husband's death with her cousin Germain y^e Revd. Mr. George Warbut, I made her some few gifts of pieces of Gold about £11. in all, I w^d have given her very plentiful but she disoblged me & to tell y^e truth I never liked her nor Cared for her, she was very unhealthy y^e latter part of her life, she dyed of a mortification of the bowels the 31st of Sept. 1735 in Dublin where she went to y^e Physitians for advice, she was buried in St. Brides church. She was a very Pretty fair woman and very genteel in her person, she was a very good humoured woman too and well liked by most all her friends but y^e House of Stradbally.

William my Grandfather Cosby's 10th son was Born y^e 26th of June 1685, was Called after an uncle of his fathers. My Father was resolved to do by him as he had Done by my uncle Tom and Sandy, bind him apprentice to a trade in 1702 when he was but 17 years old, he was a mighty pretty sprightly youth and my Mother was very fond of him, he had no mind at all to go apprentice but was for going into the Army, but my father would not hearken to it, my uncle Beseech and begged and prayed my mother often and often y^t she w^d prevail on my Father to Put him into the army but she co^d not prevail, and away my Father went to Dublin in order to seek out and agree with a tradesman for him & many a tear my Uncle shed for it and importuned my Mother so violently that he might not be put to a trade but into y^e army, for he was positive and sure y^t if he went into the army he should be a great man, this he often and often said, and his entreaties were so urgent y^t my Mother wrote to my father in a most earnest manner and Prevailed, and my father then bought him an insigny and the Regmt went immediately to Flanders and very soon after y^e Regiment got to the English Army. They Besieged Tournay and my uncle Will not more than 17 years old behaved at an attack so Gallantly Boldly and Courageously, that General Keltum took particular notice of him and immediately gave him a Lieutenancy & finding him young & y^t he had no polite Education, sent him to the academy at Utrecht and kept him there 2 years at his own expence & excused his not being with the Regm^t. Before 1708 he got a Capt. Commission, the next rise he had was Major of Dragoons & in 1710 my Father gave him £300. a free gift

to help to buy him a Col. in the Gaurds, the next rise was to be Lieutenant Col. of Horse y^t was about 1711 and then he married Mrs. Grace Mountague sister of the present Earl of Hallifax with whom he got £2000. after he married her. In 1712 1713 y^e Regiment was quartered in Ireland so that he lived in Ireland with his wife one year, on y^e Death of Q: Anne in 1714 y^e Regiment went Back to England and he and she went with it.

Lady Augustus Fitzroy¹ was born in Dublin in the Beginning of 1714. In 1716, he got the Royal Regiment of Irish wh was then Quartered at Portmahone and then thither he went and stayed there for some time ; and it was now while he was there that *Sandy* Cosby went to him,—before this it was y^t he purchased a house in Soho Square London where My Aunt his wife lived, and he when he Came over again, about the year 1720 he purchased a small Estate in Windsor Forest Called Hermitage Castle where was but an indifferent House, but about the year 1725 he Built a handsome Large House, but as I heard the Duke of Mountague his wife's cousin Germain who Designed it bore a good deal of the expense. About y^e year 1726 when Geberaltar was besieged by the Spaniards 500 men of his Reg^t was commanded from Portmahone there, and they were of his regiment and he went to Geberaltar to command 'em about the latter end of 1731, he got the Government of the Leeward Islands and he to keep his regiment, but y^e Governor of New York dying before he was actually appointed or fixed so as to get his pattent or commission for the Leeward Islands he put in for it and got it (y^e Government of New York) but was obliged to quit his Regiment which Mr. Charles Hotham got and so May 1732 he and his whole Family went to New York. He had not been long there before Lord Augustus Fitzroy (2nd son to the Duke of Grafton) who was Lieut^t: aboard a man of war that was stationed there, asked his Eldest daughter (Elizabeth) in marriage, he would not Consent and so they stole a match and she did not cost my Uncle a groat, y^e Duke of Grafton his Father was very angry at first, but is now perfectly reconciled and has settled an estate of £600. per ann: on him, there was, just after my uncle got to New York, a young gentleman one Mr. Freeman who came there from Jemaca for his health, he fell in love with his other daughter Grace and married her and made a very handsome settlement on her & did not ask or get a farthing with her, so his two daughters were cheaply and well married. Mr. Freeman has an estate in Jamaica some years £1000 p. an. and some years

¹ His daughter Elizabeth.

£2000 p. an. as my Aunt wrote me word in 1737. She also wrote me word y^t she had two sons William and Henery, the eldest 17 years old last March 1730 and the youngest 16 years old, y^t the eldest is now 1737 a Lieutenant in an independant Company at New York and y^t he himself is now 1737 at an accademy in France, and the youngest is aboard Lord Augustus's ship which he got last Spring, and that my uncle by his living at New York had p^d off a great many debts but that Hermitage Castle was mortgaged for £3000 which was all he owed when he dyed, but that as soon as her son wo'd come of age it was to be sold and she hoped it wo'd yield £6000, so that was all her sons had, and that she had £500 p. an. portion from the Crown during her life, My Uncle Will being Col. of a Regiment and married to Lord Hallifax's sister who is very Nearly related to the very first and prime nobilaty of England Cousin Germain to

Duke of Newcastle, and y^e same

Duke of

Montague and so on nearly akin to y^e very first, wh constrained him to live at a much higher rate than he ought, for had he lived more saveingly & I main as savingly as he ought, he might have left at least, y^e very least a £1000 p. an. behind him, for from the year 1716 to 1722 he had by his Regiment (as he assured me himself when I was in London 1724) £1500 p. an. and in 1722 his Majesty King George y^e 1st settled y^e £500 p. an. portion on my Aunt during her life so y^t from 1722 to 1731 he had £2000 p. an. and from 1731 to his death wh was in 1735 he had at least £4000 p. an., so had he been so good a manager as only to have lived on half his income he would have dyed worth £20500 this at y^e very least, but he was a true Cosby for it is remarked that there never was one remembered (of the men) to save. He was a very low man but very sprightly and handsome, full of vivacity, witty and comical, very neatly and Genteely made, he was very Generous spirited & was very much caressed by her great relations. To his Irish relations he behaved with no kind of affection though to a Bro^r or sis^r just while they were with 'em he showed y^e very utmost fondness & affection unto 'em, but when they were out of his sight He never thought of 'em, he was very kind to Sandy Cosby his Nephew as before related, and to Will Cosby of Garrymaddock his 2nd cousin who went over to New York to him Aprill 1733 & his wife and children soon after followed him there, and my Aunt as well as my Uncle were very kind to him. My uncle lived mostly from 1709 in London, had y^e very top acquaintance there and partook of all the very top and greatest deversions, so y^t he lead by far y^e Gayest pleasant and most Elegant life of any of his kin.

Issabella my G: F: Cosby's fifth daughter was Born 1686,

she was called after her Fathers Grandmother Issabella Pigot she dyed very young.

Celia my G: F: Cosby's 6th Daughter was Born the 30th of May 1687, she was called after her Godmother Celia Weldon alias Kidder alias Loftus a Welsh Neice of my Grandfathers. She was married to Robert Welldone of Roscomrow in the King's Co ; Esquire, at their first Marrying she lived in the town of Stradbally for 4 or 5 years, after y^t they always lived at Roscomrow she had by him 15 children, but those y^t lived were William the first child and eldest son, Katherine Elizabeth, Celia and Ann. William the eldest son on the 15th of October 1730 married Miss Elizabeth Westenra 2nd sister to Warner Westenra Esq. They made y^e Match between themselves so y^t not a soul knew of it, and he & she went off together from Rathleigh unknown to anyone on y^e 15th of October 1730 and were married that night beyond Mountrath at one Chanders a Quakers. They have a good Many children.

Katherine y^e Eldest Daughter married 1736 one Sterlin not worth a groat, she was, one would have thought, wise enough not to have thrown herself to wretchedly away. Elizabeth the second daughter threw herself away much worse for she married a shoemaker one Fell.

Celia y^e 3rd daughter married very well one Brown.

Anne y^e 4th Daughter is still a maiden and lives with her Brother.

Dorothy my Grand Father Cosby's 7th daughter, was born y^e 2nd of August 1689. She was called after an aunt of her Mothers. She dyed at 2 years old. The fortune my Grandfather made for his children was by his last will and testament thus :

to my aunt Wall	...	...	£500
to my aunt Phillips	...	...	500
to my aunt Forbes	...	...	300
to my aunt Welldone	...	...	300
to my Uncle Henery	...	...	300
to my Uncle Thomas	...	...	300
to my Uncle Loftus	...	...	150
to my Uncle Alexander	...	...	150
to my Uncle William	..	...	150

£2650

which £2650 was a debt on y^e estate when my Grandfather dyed. My aunt Wall and my aunt Phillips as they were Married before my G: F: died they had their fortunes secured by mortgage on

y^e estate before his death, all the Education y^t my G: F: gave to his children (except my Father) was in the House, he had one Mr. Douglas in the House to teach 'em to read and write, and to teach y^e Boys Latin Mr. Thomas Douglas came to live with my Grandfather Midsummer 1682, and after my G: F: dyed my Father still kept him to teach his Brothers y^t were young and in 1700 though he had no more Busyness for him he kept him on and made him seneschal, and so he always lived at Stradbally with my father, and when my Father was abroad he lived in y^e town and kept school in the church, and kept himself very well and when my Father returned in 1716 to live at Stradbally Mr. Douglas came again to live with him and used to be very servisable in keeping the workmens accts and y^e keys of Store Room and Granaries, and when my Father was going to live at Esker (after he had given up Stradbally to me) in October 1728 my Father had a mind he sho'd go to live with him, but Mr. Douglas hemmed and hawed and was loath to deny my father for fear he should be angry, so one night he called him into the parlour and told him he wo'd not take it ill and desired he might choose sincerely which he wold go with him to Esker or stay with Poley at Stradbally, then Mr. Douglas said then truely since you give me my choise and won't take it ill I had rather stay where I am with Mr. Poley for he was always good to me and I like Stradbally better than Esker. My Father joked with him on his forsaking his old freind for a new one, &c., and so Mr. Douglas Continued with me as long as he lived, and I had him used with a great deal of respect. He was for some years before he died not capable of being in the least serviceable in taking care of anything, not that his senses were in the least impaired, but he had a wooden leg, for his left leg was cut off a little below the knee when he was 12 years old, so y^t when he grew feeble he co'd not stir about as he used to do. When we went to England he lived here & I did leave y^e strictest Orders y^t he sho'd have all possible care taken of him & y^t he sho'd want for Nothing, for some years before he dyed he was not seneschal, but we obliged the seneschal to give him £3. p. an. wh served him for pocket money and as for all Manner of Clothing, we allways bought it for him. He went most gradually as co'd be imagined, at last in Autumn 1734 he took to his Bed and was bedrid about 6 weeks before he dyed, wh happened on y^e 6th of October 1734, and then ended his Good well spent life, he was a Scotchman Born near Edinborough, came into this Kingdom a child, his father was a wealthy man but when he dyed his mother marryed again and so what fortune he sho'd have had, was made away with. He had had a very good Education &

was a very good Latin scholar, and had read a great dale, he had a very Good Memory and good judgment so that he was a very conversable man, he had a very great knowledge in the scriptures and understood 'em mighty well and talked as well on them, he was a sweet mild tempered man, and a very agreeable handsome pleasing countenance, he was low and Pretty Boulky, a large round face. He never was like most old people, pevish and often out of humour, but allways good humoured and very Easily pleased, he was y^e most contented man I am sure y^t ever was in y^e world, he was never known to repine in his life, but ever ever thankful to God for his Goodness to him. I don't know anyone vice y^t he had, nor never at all could hear that he ever was addicted to any y^e least. He was vastly and truely honest, and just, upright in his life and, conversation, he had a good Consience towards God and men, very religious and pious, spent many hours daily in his Devotions, in which he was both constant and regular, he was a charitable principled man, very Moderate. He was greatly compassionate tender and Humain, 'tho God did not Endow him with much of this worlds goods still he lent some part of it to the Lord, who did greatly endue him with a very large portion of his Grace. Few knew all his vertues, for he had not one bit of ostentation in him, but a most lowly Humble-minded man. In short this most Excellent good man left very few I believe like him in this world, he was most greatly loved by us but Especially by my Good mother who used to have many Holly and long conversations with him about heavenly things, and used to Pray and praise y^e Lord together.

He came to live with my Gr F: Cosby y^e 24th of June 1688 and he died y^e 6th of October 1734 so y^t he lived in this family 51 years and a quarter; he was 52 years old the 15th of March before he came to live with my Grandfather so then he was Born the 15th of March 1680 so y^t he was 108 years 6 months and 21 days old when he died. He had been a dissenter of y^e Presbyterian Communion, the reason he did not continue of y^t religion was only because there was no meeting house within his reach, he was a constant Churchman and Communicant. He had a pleasing handsome grave reverend countenance.

There was one John Rotheram son of Sir Thomas Rotheram who was one of the Lord Justices in 1641, he left his son, his only son a very Great fortune, but he was a very great spend-thrift and spent every groat. He was a cousin germain of my Grand Mother Cosbys and a merry sort of man and hit my Gr: Father's Houmour, so for many years he lived with My Gr: Father and was a great help to my G: F's extravagances he

had a wife and 2 daughters who lived in a cabbín on the land and were mostly maintained out of my Grandfather's house. He made a Will wh for the curiosaty sake I kept, he bequeathed wt he never had not. He died the 10th of Feb: 1692. Anne his eldest daughter married and Never had children. Jane y^e youngest daughter a sad Idle wandering sort of woman might have been maintained Comfortable, wo'd she have abided in one place but as she w'd not no one took any Notice of her, but was a miserable terrible object of Charity, and in 1725 when I found she was so Near a relation to my F as 2nd Cousin I had great Compassion for her and endeavoured to get my Father to build her a little, very little House and allow her something weekly, but he w'd not for he said that he was sure she w'd not live in it a week, but would wander as she had done all her life, so all I c'd do for her was to cloath her from top to toe and told her I would give her 5d p. week, and soon after June 1725 my Father fell ill of y^e gout, so soon as he took to his bed I knew it w'd be a long fit, I fixed on a spot just beyond y^e East end of the church, and in about 3 weeks time built a little House 12 feet long and 9 feet Wide with a chimney and gleased window, neatly plastered and Whitewashed within and without and all as neat and clever as it co'd be, y^e whole with some timber I stole from my Father cost me £1. 17. As soon as my Father was up and rode out he saw y^e white chimney and could not imagine wt it was and made all haste round y^e church to see it and I did happen to be there when he knocked at y^e door to know whose it was, so I came out and told him y^e whole, and he was in as great delight as co'd be, and so contributed 8d p. week to keep her which with my 5d. was 13d. and I paid it her every fryday night and here she lived very happily to what she ever had Done. She lived in this house till 1726 when I brought her to my Hermitage, for for want of constant fires it used to be Damp, and I added a closet to it for her to retire to when we used to go there to Drink a Bottle of wine or tea, and then we always found a fire there and found it dry and warm, she had all necessary furniture there and most extream pretty it was, and she was happy there for y^e 13d p. week was only for to find herself in Victuals for I found her in cloaths and used to give her many things beside. She died of y^e Palsey the 15th day of X^r 1730 by wh I saved at least £5 p. an.

As before told I took y^e fort from Bror Meredith May 1727, it was in a very Ruinous condition so I set about repairing it, now built y^e kitchen Dary, sellar and servants room, almost new Roofed y^e dwelling house and New Thatched it, and built up part of y^e walls y^t were droped down, rebuilt y^e stable, mended

y^e floors, Built a new sergants hall, new plastered and White washed the whole House and out Houses within and without. I also widen'd and made y^e fosse deeper by two thirds more than it was, made a new draw Bridge, took all the large fruit trees out of y^e garden on y^e inside of the fort which choaked it up and new lay'd down y^e garden, planted the two English Elm hedges round y^e garden, planted 200 Yews and 200 Beech on y^e rampart, y^e Big fruit trees I planted in y^e little park on y^e south side of y^e avenue and made an orchard of it. I laid out this summer 1737 £34. 17. 4 on the fort, and lay there about 4 or 5 weeks of the time to see my improvements carrying on.

In summer 1736 I built the House by the new Bridge for Cos Frank Cosby which cost me £200.

August 1738 Margret Countess of Cavan dyed, she was wife of Richard Lambert Earl of Cavan, she was born in Barbados in America and had £7000 to her fortune, she bore him 17 children, but 3 of which survived her, viz. Gertrude, Hester, and Lord Lambert, she had been a beautyfull woman, had much wit, most sweet tempered affable mild and patient wh. last she had much occasion for. She was vastly pious and good, humane and compassionate, delighted to do good and oblige everyone very chearfull and pleasant in conversation, had vast good temper and prudence, in short she left few behind her like her she excelled most all I knew, and every one's sense of her was y^e charecter I have given her.

She Buryed a Daughter (her eldest) Lady Castiliana 11 years before she dyed who was about 23 years old, she was just y^e counterpart of her mother nothing but Goodness and Swetness.

Lady Gertrude Lambert her eldest Daughter at her Death, was marryed the 29th of June 1738 to William Lord Fitzmaurice eldest son to Fitzmaurice Earl of Kerry, Lord Cavan gave her £3,000.

Lady Hester Lambert was marryed to Warner Westenra on y^e 12 of X^r 1738 and Lord Cavan gave her £3,000.

July 1738 I was first acquainted with Capt. John Welldone and his wife at Portarlinton and my wife went with me soon after to Visit them.

February 1738 I gave Colonel Hum. Bland spruce	
firs 6 years old 	90
Do. time Coz. Wheler Barrington do. ...	512
and Lewis Moore Esq. 	12
and to my tenant at Grange Michael Broomshill	
(60 were spruce the rest Scotch) ...	222

and Feb & March 1738 I planted by making			
good y ^e grove at top	...	...	...
Feb 1738 the quarry in Knockcarroll	Scotch	...	185
	Spruce	...	10
Do. in the upper wood wall	Scotch	...	264
Do. in the clump at Braitweit	Scotch	...	69
Do. Sarahs Grove	Scotch	...	932
Do. Sarahs Grove	Spruce	...	1915
Do. in y ^e Star	Scotch	...	55
Do. in y ^e Hop pole plantation	Spruce	...	800

5040

Lady Hester Westenra was brought to bed of her first daughter Elinor in Dublin the 20th of December 1739

1739 October, this month my Wife I and Family went up to Dublin to winter there, we took a whole House on Arran Quay and paid £55 for it for 6 months. We bought a great Number of fine things, both for ourselves and y^e house, bought a most extraordinary good coach Jan. 1739, cost me £80, had 5 servants in compleate livery besides my own man, lived very handsomely, had Sally taught to dance sing, and write.

Augst. 1740 Miss Julia Brown my wifes neice came to live with us, Sister Brown died the 26th of Ap. 1739.

The 10th of May 1740 Laurance Parsons Esq. Grandson to Sir Willm Parsons Baronet of Birr in the Kings County sent me a present of 12 brace of fresh water craw fish, 3 brace of 'em died on y^e way, ye other nine brace I put into the Ponds of Grutnegoe.

The 1st of May 1740 I set Esker and Esker Mooney to Warner Westenra Esq. for 74 years at a little more than my own rent, but he gave me £600 fine.

The Lord Chancellor Windham of Ireland dismissed George Hartpole of Sherule Esq. his Bill against Hunt Walsh of Ballykillcavan Esq. on y^e 27th of July 1738 and Mr. Walsh sent his people to my town of Stradbally to buy drink, and drink about a bonfire which they made in y^e town but Cos Francis Cosby kicked and put it out, and would not suffer a Bonfire in the town at all, Mr. Walsh conceived (being a very great prince) mighty wrath agst me for that it was he sd by my orders, and so we fell out to a great degree and never shall visit or have any Neighborhood again, y^e 17th March 1739 the House of Lords affirmed w^t y^e Lord Chancellor had done the 27th of July 1738 between Hartpole and Walsh and y^e news of it came to Mr. Walsh to Ballykillcavan friday y^e 25th of Aprill 1740 at

10 o'clock of y^e night, and the next day Saturday Mr. Walshes servant and people came to Stradbally with Garland, piper and Long Dance, and the townsfolks, particularly Stephen Roberts, and Abel Roberts met 'em on ye Bridge, bid 'em go rejoyce on Walshes estate, and not come into Stradbally, and bid 'em go back wh. they refused, but were rushing on, on wh the townsfolks brook y^e Bagpipes and y^e Garland all to pieces, Beat all the Ballykillcavan folks very Heartly and made 'em return very shamefully, the great prince was more enraged at this than ever, but he was obliged to bear it, for he co'd not help himself, and I verily believe that his uneasiness and fretting at finding y^e Stradbally folks did not care for him, took off vastly from y^e joy of getting the better of Mr. Hartpole, had Mr. Walsh lost he w^d have lost every foot of land he had in the world, and been a beggar.

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On y^e 28rd of October 1738 my aunt Ann Wall Dyed at her son Lovets in Clarendon Street Dublin.

The 11th of Feb: 1739 I recd a letter from my uncle, his Excellency Major General Phillips Governour of New Scotland giveing me an account that his wife my Father's second sister dyed the 24th of January 1739, his letter was most exceeding affect and kind. She dyed of a dropsy at his seat Hanwell on Hounslow heath near Stains and Windsor, she was a most affectionate loving woman to me, was most vastly kind and civil too, and more particularly the last Summer 1739 when I was in England at her house at Stanwell.

Warner Westenra Esq^{rs} first son was Born December 1741 in Queen Street Dublin, my Wife Mary Cosby alias Dodwell dyed y^e 9th January 1741 on Saturday at a Q before 8 o'clock, was buried at Noughvall church y^e 1st of January, Gerald Fitzgerald died July 1741.

Mrs. Issebella Hetherington dyed y^e 19th Feb 1741, she was extream old at least 94

[The Autobiography ends here abruptly.]

NOTE.

On the preceding page are shown the Cosby arms and crest, viz. :—

Argent, a chevron between three leopards faces sable; on a canton or, a saltire vert, between a cross-crosslet in chief gules, a lizard erect in the dexter and a salmon in the sinister fess-point of the fourth (vert), and a dexter hand couped in base of the fifth (gules).

The crest is :—

A griffin sergeant, his wings erect, gules, supporting a broken spear or headed argent.

This stone may have been in the former mansion; it is now built into the wall over a gateway leading into the garden at Stradbally Hall.

The initials F. C. stand for Francis Cosby (see Pedigree, p. 317).

The stone, before it was photographed, was rubbed over with chalk to show up the portion which is carved in relief.
