Alexander Cosby, of Stradbally Abbey, Esq. (eldest son of Francis Cosby, Esq. of Evan, co. Kildare, and Stradbally Abbey in Leix, Queen's County," General over Her Majesty's Kerne" (Carew MSS). To this Alexander Cosby, Esq. and Dorcas, his wife, Queen Elizabeth granted certain lands in the Queen's Co. to be held in capite by Knight's service, and Cosby covenanted to attend when required with the greater part of his servants and tenants armed in warlike manner to serve against the Irish (Patent Roll, 35 Eliz.): slain by Anthony O'More of Leix 19 May, 1596, at the battle of Stradbally Bridge.

= Dorcas daughter of William Sydney of Otford, Kent, Esquire Maid of Honor to Queen Elizabeth: wardship of her grandson, William Cosby granted to Dorcas Cosby, alias Sydney 12 Sept. 1596 (Wardships 38 Eliz.)

= Sir Thomas Louche: 2nd husband.

Francis Cosby, Esq. of Stradbally born 1 Jan. 1571: baptized at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, the Lord Deputy being sponsor: Captain of the Kerne: slain a few minutes after his father, 19 May, 1596.

= Helen, daur of Robert Harpole of Shrule, Queen's Co. Esq.

= Sir Thomas Loftus, of Killyan, King's Co. Knt: died 1635.

William Cosby, 2d son, born 1573

John, 3rd son: died young

Humprey, 5th son: d. young

John, 7th son: died young.

William Cosby of Stradbally Hall: born 16 March, 1596: died young: nine weeks old at his father's death: his wardship granted to his grandmother, Dorcas Cosby, alias Sydney, and to his mother, Helen Cosby, alias Harpole without fine 12 Sept. 1596 (Wardships 38 Elizabeth)

Alexander Cosby of Stradbally Hall, Esq. had livery of his lands 18 May, 1632 (Pat. Roll 8 Chas. I.) born 8 Feb. 1610: died 6 Aug. 1636.

= Anne, daur of Sir Francis Slingsby, of Kilmore, co. Cork, Knt.

Francis Cosby, Esq. of Stradbally Hall: only son: died before 8 Feb. 1638: livery granted to the next heir, Francis, 2nd son of Richard Cosby (4 Chas. I. 5 P.R.R. 2)

Anne Cosby

Alexander Cosby of Stradbally Hall, Esq. signed address to King Charles II. 31 July, 1683: died 1694.

= Elizabeth, daur of Henry L'Estrange of Moystown, King's Co., Esq. died 1692.

Anne, daur and heir of Sir Andrew Owen Knt. died without issue 21 Aug. 1698: 1st wife.

= Dudley Cosby of Stradbally Hall, Esq. son and heir: Lieut. Col. M.I. for Queen's Co: died 24 May, 1729.

= Sarah, daur of Sriam Pole of Ballyfin Queen's Co: 2d wife: will pr. 20 Nov. 1704.

Thomas Cosby, died young

Henry Cosby, Capt. of Foot: died in Spain, 1715.

= ------ daur of Higgins

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Richard Cosby, of Stradbally Hall, Esq. Captain of the Kerne, 4th son: gained the battle of Dunnamace over the O'Mores 1606: heir to his nephew, William: had livery of the lands 2 Dec. 1608 (6 Jas. I. Roll 52): died 5 Dec. 1631.

= Elizabeth, daur. of Sir Robert Pigot of Dysert Knt: she died 1669.

= Barnaby O'Dunn, of Brittas, Queen's Co. 2nd husband: pardon granted to Elizabeth Cosby, alias Pigot for marrying Barnaby O'Dunn without licence (Patent Roll, 8 Charles I.)

b

Richard Cosby: d. unm.

Francis Cosby, Esq. M.P. for Carysfort: next heir to his nephew Francis: had livery of the lands 8 Feb. 1638: born 5 July, 1612.

= Anne, daur of Sir Thomas Loftus of Killian Knt: died 1673.

Sydney Cosby of Ballymanus born 2 Oct. 1613.

= Leger: died 11 July, 1663.

Thomas Cosby, of Vicarstown, Esq. died 1713: 2nd son: obtained a lease of lives renewable for ever of Vicarstown from his cousin Dudley Cosby of Stradbally 1 May 1695.

= Elizabeth, daur of William Smith Esq. got a renewal of the lease of Vicarstown as widow and executrix of Thomas Cosby from said Dudley Cosby 13 April 1719 for her own life & that of Francis Cosby, son of Thomas Cosby, dec.

Sydney Cosby of Ballymanus: died 1716: 3rd son.

= Sarah Hardin

Issue extinct.

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d

Thomas Cosby, Esq. Major in the army died May, 1735.

= Jane, daur. of Henry Loftus, Esq. sister of Nicholas, Viscount Loftus of Ely: died 3 March, 1734.

Loftus Cosby, 5th son: Capt. of Foot died at Marseilles 3 Jan. 1726.

Seymer, died young

Sydney, ditto.

Harpole, ditto.

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