

repeated commands of the Queen, be committed those faults for which he hath now forfeited, his country, his titles, and his fortune, he no more conceived himself to be acting high treason than he did when he was wounded, and a prisoner for his King, William, or when he took and burned the enemy's fleet at Vigo".

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## Theobald Blake Butler

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Theobald Blake Butler was born on 8th September, 1888 in Lancashire. He came of a branch of the house of Dunboyne who were transplanted to Clare in Cromwellian times. His ancestor was a brother of the famous Sir Toby Butler who was draughtsman on the Irish side of the Treaty of Limerick. Blake Butler collaborated with Sir Henry Butler, Blackhall in the writing of: "The Butlers of Co Clare", (reviewed in O.K.R. No 9, '56). He was himself author of numerous learned articles in the "Irish Genealogist", including "Henry VIII's Army List", "The Barons of Dunboyne", biographical notes on the Seneschals and Sheriffs of Co Tipperary and "The Origin of The Butlers of Ireland".

A few years ago Blake Butler presented to the National Library, Ireland, a copy of his valuable collection of Butler records. They consist of 15 large volumes (ref. M.SS. No 12022-36). These volumes contain a great deal of information about the Butlers of Kilkenny and other Kilkenny families.

Blake Butler who was son of the late Theobald Fitzwalter Butler DL., died on January 1, 1965.

(Details for above note supplied by Sir Henry Butler, Blackhall, Cyprus).

*Note:* We may relevantly add to the above note a reference to the Wandesforde M.S.S. of Castlecomer house for these manuscripts were the most valuable acquisition secured by the National Library of Ireland in 1965.

As well as providing much information on Kilkenny Coal-mining they contain considerable Butler material and dove-tail into the Ormond Deeds.

Blake Butler did valuable work for the National Library of Ireland in transcribing uncalendared Ormond Deeds.

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