

Besides the doctors mentioned in this article, the following were born in Callan but are working in other parts:

Doctors Joe Heron, Joe Dunne, Martin Dunne, John Fennelly, Jim Fennelly, Tom Barry, Pierce Maher, Tom Meagher, Oliver Hennessy, Joe Gorman, Finola Walsh and Howel Walsh.

Dr. Milo Shelly worked in Waterford. Dr. Jack Pollard practised in Bristol. Both of these have gone to their reward.

It is interesting to note that there is only one lady in this list of doctors born in Callan, and only one lady doctor resident in Callan, both from the Walsh family. Bravo the Walshs! Maybe in the future, Callan will redress the balance.

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These notes are based on the remembrances of Dr. Flora Walsh, Mrs. Bridget Phelan, Miss Charlotte Heron and Mr. Thomas Hennessy, all citizens of Callan. Pigott's Directory, 1824 and Egan's and Bassett's 1885, were also consulted. The Diary of Humphrey O Sullivan gave information on the private lives of Drs. Thomas Butler, Abraham Cronyn and Patrick Keating.



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## *Progress Report on Rothe House*

In October 1981, South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation gave the Kilkenny Archaeological Society a grant of £2,500, with the stipulation that the money should be expended before the end of the year in stripping down the newly acquired Brennan Shop, and exposing the fabric, with a view to establishing how much of the original structure remained.

This work was completed under the expert guidance of Mr. Colm O'Coichlain, the Society's architect. Many interesting facts emerged, the first being that the building had undergone much restoration and alteration over the past four centuries. Mr. Timothy O'Hanrahan, owner of the premises at the end of the 19th century did much alteration work, using old beams and timbers to construct a link between the front and back of the building, as well as refixing fireplaces.

An original doorway with cut-stone facings has been discovered at the rear of the shop, as was an 18th century fire-place. The floor level of the shop has been considerably lowered. The large cellar mentioned in John Rothe's Will appears to have been divided in two, and an opening from it into the next door building has been located. There are other closed up doorways and windows.

These discoveries raise more questions than they answer, and an intriguing time lies ahead when reconstruction commences. It goes without saying that this work will involve our Society in enormous expenditure in the years immediately ahead, and funds are greatly required. We depend on the good-will of members of the Society and the public at large for continued support in this undertaking.

All donations will be gratefully received by the Treasurer, Kilkenny Archaeological Society, Rothe House, Kilkenny, Ireland.