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## Fiants issued by the Tudor Monarchs 1521-1603 referring to Shee, Shethe Shea etc

### Notes

1. Fiant is short for "Fiant litterae patentes." They were warrants to the Chancery authority for the issue of letter patent under the Great Seal. They dealt with matters ranging from commissions for appointments to high office and important government activities to grants of "English liberty" and "pardons" to the humblest of the native Irish.
2. Fiants were generally issued by the Dublin bureaucracy and rarely directly by the Monarch.
3. In the tables all fiants refer to pardons unless otherwise stated.
4. Place names in the fiants are not readily recognizable. An effort has been made to locate them within modern counties. We would appreciate if readers could contact the website if they can help identify any of the locations.
5. Many of the fiants after 1570 refer to Richard Shethe or Rich Shee. This is Sir Richard Shee (c1540-1608) a lawyer and adviser to the Earl of Ormonde.
6. Tipp = Tipperary

### Fiants issued in reign of Henry VIII (1521-1546)

1543		Dermot O'Sheaghyn	?	?	Knight, captain of his nation	Grant and surrender of lands to hold in tail male by the service of one knight's fee. From the place names would look like O'Sheaghyn is nothing to do with O'Shea. Possibly O'Sheahan?
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### Fiants issued in reign of Edward VI (1546/7-1553)

1547	125	Richard, Robert, William, Nicholas & Edmund Shee	Kilkenny	Kilkenny	Merchants	
1549	324	Robert O Shee	Garrangybbone	Kilkenny	kern	A kern was a peasant foot soldier
1549	343	Adam Sheithe Philip Sheithe aliasMcAdam	Cloghran Kilbyrr		Gent	
1552	926	William O Sche m' Nicholas m' Downull John O'Sche m' Tege Richard O Sche m' Downull Robert O Sche m' William Downull O Sche m' William	Glaneskey Kylla Kylletle Cloghran Coreshillagh	Kilkenny	Footman " " " Horseman	Not sure if the O Sches are of the O Shea line but assume they are.
1551	927	Robert Shethe	Kilkenny		Merchant	Licence to alienate to James Walshe of Waterford, merchant, a moiety of the rectory of Kilmocahill, Co Carlow, held by John Langton, for a term of years. To be held forever.
1552	1107	Robert Shethe	Kilkenny		Merchant	A pardon (including others)

### Fiants issued in reign of Philip & Mary (1553-1558).

1557	181	Robert Shethe (Also David Rothe & Walter Archer)	Kilkenny			Commission to enquire of all chalices, ornaments, bells, houses and lands belonging to parish churches and chapels in the county of Kilkenny and in whose hands they now are and to return their inquisition into chancery.
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## Fiants issued in reign of Elizabeth I (1558-1603).

1567	1030	1 horseman, 3 husbandmen, 1 gent, 1 labourer & 1 shoemaker	Kilkenny			Pardon granted. An accompanying note signed by L.Dillon (the attorney general) & E.ff. Symon (justice of the liberty of Waterford) states that <b>Richard Sheth</b> indicated to them that your Lords required some details of the character of the persons being pardoned.
1570	1556	Richard Sheth			Gent	Licence to Christopher, bishop of Ossory, to alien to Richard Shee the manors of Aghoure & Omescourt - alias Uppercourt to be held for ever @ £10
1571	1831	Richard Shethe	Upper Court	Kilkenny	Gent	Included in commission to execute martial law in the co of Kilkenny
1571	1862	John O Shee William roth O Shee	? ?	Tipp or Kilkenny		Fined 10 shillings , ,
1571	1889	Philip duf O Shee	?	,		,
1572	2139	Richard Shethe	Kilkenny		Esq	Included in commission to execute martial law in county of Kilkenny
1572	2117	Richard Sheth ? Sheeth son of William	Kilkenny		Esq Gent	Included in commission to assess all inhabitants of Kilkenny to see how many horse & foot they should supply
1572	2140	Richard Shethe (Treasurer of the Liberty of Tipp)			Gent	Included in commission to execute martial law in the Liberty of Tipperary & the country of Ormounde.
1573	2282	Philip duff O Shee William O Shee	Grallagh ,	,		Fined one fat cow ,
1573	2329	Richard Shee	Kilkenny		Gent	
1573	2345	Rich Sheethe	Kilkenny		Gent	Included in commission to take the muster and array of the inhabitants of Co Kilkenny
1574	2424	Rich, Wm, Helias, Peter Arthur, Adam, Nich Henry, Balthaser Edw, Elias all Sheethes	Kilkenny		Gent	
1574	2444	Rich Sheth	Kilkenny			Included in commission with the Earl of Ormond & others to take the muster and array of the inhabitants of Co Kilkenny
1575	2673	Rich Shethe Henry Shethe	Kilkenny ,			
1576	2850	Rich Shee	Kilkenny		Gent	Lease of the tithes of corn & hay & other profits of the rectories of Galmoie & Glassare, diocese of Osserie, Co Kilkenny. To hold for 21 years; rent £17.6.8. Not to alien without license
1576	2906	Henry Shethe				Included in a high level commission to inquire in various counties, into concealed lands of monasteries and attainted persons
1577	?	Rickard O See	Galbally		Husbandman	A husbandman was a lower caste agricultural labourer also referred to as a 'Churl' or 'Ploughman'
1578	3328	Nich m' Donill O Shee Donagh m' Teige O Shee Rich fitz Rob. O Shee Donnell m' Robard O Shee	Gurtines Mongan ? Polkapell	?	Horseman , , Yeoman	
1578	3490	Henry Shethe				Included in a high level commission to inquire in various counties, into concealed lands of monasteries and attainted persons
1578	6791	Rich Shee (Note date destroyed)				Included in commission to survey etc and allocate doubtful shire lands throughout Ireland
1582	3888	Various non Shees	Tipperary			Pardoned at the suit of Rich Shee
1582	3897	Richard Sheth	Kilkenny		Gent	A commission appointed to replace a previous one that included Richard Sheth. To hear an appeal concerning the title to the treasureship of Christchurch, Waterford
1582	3918	Rich Sheath	Kilkenny		Esq	Lease of the rectory of Bawneonoghe or Bawneough alias Castledoghe, Disarte, Kilferanghe and one messuage in Thomastown Co Kilkenny & the rectory of Enoreilin in the Birne's country, possessions of the monastery of S. Augustin, near Bristoll in England, the rectories of Galmoy * Glassare, Co Kilkenny, possessions of the hospital of S. John of Jerusalem in Ireland. To hols for 21 years. Rent £31.16.4
1582	3995	Shane O Shee	Hollywood	Dublin / Kildare?	Husbandman	
1582	4099	Various non Shees				Pardoned by the suit of Richard Shee & others

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1583	4238	Rich Shee Henry Shee John Archdekin	Kilkenny “ “		Gent Gent Chaplin	Grant of custodian of all manors, castles & lands of Gerald late Earl of Desmond, attained, in Limerick, Kerry, Cork, Tipperary & Waterford. To hold for 3 years rendering the true yearly value according to the extent.
1583	4292	Rich Shee	Kilkenny		Gent	Pardon in consideration of good service - - having at different times being sent by Thomas Earl of Ormond to treat with the rebels in Munster
1583	4339	Rich Shee Rob Rothe	Kilkenny “		Gent Gent	Grant of the custodiam for 3 years of manors, castles and lands in Waterford, previously owned by various attained Fitz Gerald.
1584	4370	Rich. Shee Wm O Shee	Cloghran O'Shea CloneOShee	Kilkenny	Gent	Note the name of the district. A “Cloneoshee” is also mentioned in fiant 6564.
1584	4386	Riccard m' Adam O Shee Nich O Shee	Balliosker Glaneskegh	Kilkenny “	Footman Horseman	
1584	4433	Nich fitz Rob. O Shea	Glanskeagh	Kilkenny		
1584	4519	Conoghor og O Shea	Not clear	Possibly Cork		
1585	4617	Donogh oge O Shee Gallisha O Shee	“ “	“ “		
1585	4720	Tho. fitz Rich. O Shee Rich fitz Rob. O Shee Wm fitz Rob. O Shee Rob fitz Teig O Shee Nich fitz Rob O Shee Tho. fitz Rob O Shee	Balledave Kappaghe Ballelonegan “ Cloneskeaghe “	Probably Tipp or Kilkenny		
1585	4744	Mary Shea Thomas ruo O Shea John Fitz Richard O Shea Donald O Shea		Possibly Kerry		
1585	4781	Donell m' Shane Y Shee Jovan ny Teige Y Shee Donell m' Teige Y Shee Donell oge m' Donell dufe Y Shee Shane O Shee	Berynnyclehie Formvell “ Berynnyclehy “	Probably Cork	Husbandm an “ “ “ “	Many names in this pardon have the letter “Y” attached before the surname. I don't know the significance but others are described as “Galloglas” (mercenaries) so perhaps it has something to do with this.
1586	4933	Rich M' Rob O Shee	Clonenkeny	Tipp	Horseman	Pardon excludes anyone implicated in the murder of John Mac Cauglan Knt.
1587	5102	Rich. son of John O Shee	Killetle	Fethard Tipp?		
1588	5144	Elles fitz Rich.O Shee	Croran	Tipp		
1588	5292	Rich Shee Esq	Kilkenny		Sheriff of Kilkenny	On commission to execute martial law
1589	5368	Sir Rich Shee			Knt	Lease of the rectories of Gallmoye & Glassace, Co Killkenny, - - 21 years - £17.6.0
1589	5393	Sir Rich. Shee knt	Kilkenny			Permission to execute martial law in Co Kilkenny. [Note this while he was acting as Sheriff of Kilkenny]
1589	5394	Rich. Shee, knt.  Jasper Shee Philip O Shee	Kilkenny  ? ?	Kilkenny	Late Sheriff Kilkenny Serjeant Houseboy	Pardon
1590	5488	Ricard m' Rob. O Shee	Shaurenagh	Kilkenny ?		
1591	5553	Nich O Shee	Glanskaghe	?		
	5592	Elias Shee	Kilkenny		Gent	An individual pardon with fine of 20 s for an alienation made to him by Christopher, bishop of Ossory of lands on the river Nore close to Kilkenny city
1591	5688	Teige m' Philip O Shea Donill m' Shane m' Teige O Shea	Killaha Cloghran	? ?		
1597	6109	Rob fitz Wm. O Shee Owen O Shee Nich O Shee	? ? ?	Possibly Kilkenny		Pardon recommended by the Earl of Ormonde
1597	6122	Rich. m' Rob O Shee Nicholas O Shee	? ?	?		Pardon indicated Nicholas may have been in jail or out on bail
1597	6173	Walter fitz Rich O Shea John O Shea Owyn m' Morrough m' Shee	? ? ?	Not clear		
1598	6222	Teige O Shea Teige O Shea fitz Rob. Rickard fitz Philip O Shea	? ? ?	Sligo is mentione d in text.		

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1599	6309	Donogh O Shea	?	?			
1599	6344	Henry Shea	Kilkenny		Esq	Lease of the rectory of S.Columbe of Ennestiocke -- to hold for 21 years - -Rent £12	
	6431	John O Shea Honor ny David Donagh O Shea Joan Eryone William O Shea Katherine fitz David Brenagh	Ballencolly " " " "	Appears to be Cork	Yeoman His wife Yeoman His wife Yeoman His wife	Pardoned provided they appear before the president, chief justice or attorney of Munster within 6 months and give security for good behaviour	
1600	6441	Rich Shee His son Luke Henry Shee His son Rob	Kilkenny "		Knt Gent	Pardoned in conjunction with many senior Butlers including Lord Dunboyne, Sir Walter etc	
1601	6465	Teig O Shea	Ballim'murroghre	May be Cork			
1601	6467	Teige O Shea Shane m' Cnogher I Shea	Gyrane	May be Cork.			
1601	6519	Morish fitz Walter O Shee	Kilaha	Tipp or Kilkenny	Husbandman		
1601	6521	Wm. M' Tho. O Shee	Not clear	Probably Tipp			
1601	6522	Shane O Shea	Agh Ienise	Possibly Tipp			
1601	6534	Nich. fitz Rob O Shee Tho. fitz Rob O Shee Rob fitz Nich O Shee	Graiestown	Possibly Kilkenny / Carlow	Gent Gent Yeoman		
1601	6538	Adam O Shea Teige fitz Rob O Shea	Grauntstown Brickendowne	Possibly Tipp	Yeoman Yeoman		
1601	6555	Donell O Shea Donogh O Shea alias Donogh ny Brenan Donal oge O Shea Donell m'Shee alias Donell Cumuyghe O Shee Teig m' Shane O Shea Teig m' Cnoghor m' Rorie O Shea Shane m' Donagh O Shea alias Shane ny gealy Dermond glase O Shea Donough m' Dermond glase O Shea Donough Merigagh O Shea Teig Crone O Shea Tho. O Shea alias Tho. Crumpaine Donell m' Teig m' Donell Duliagh O Shea Conoghor oge O Shea Dermod m' Conoghor oge O Shea	District not clear for any of these people  Other place names mentioned in Fiant include  Kilcalloe, Castledrum, The Ilande, Dingle, Inche, Carkanyne, the Currins, Brasnath, Ballihebinagh	Kerry.			Pardon included hundreds of people, one of whom was Owen O'Sullivan alias O'Sullivan More. (He had supported the Earl of Desmond against crown forces. Some skirmishes took place in the barony of Iveragh where O'Sheas were numerous)  All these O'Sheas are obviously Irish speakers. The names differ significantly from those listed previously, the majority of whom came from the Tipperary / Kilkenny area.
1601	6558	Donell O Shea	Ballinhemony	?			
1601	6564	John fitz Wm O Shea Walter fitz Wm O Shee Tho. fitz Rob O Shee Katherine nyne Richard O Shee	Cloneoshee " Cappoge Grauntestown	Probably Kilkenny or Tipp	Yeoman Yeoman	Would Cloneoshee be the townland of Cloranshea in the Kilkenny barony of Crannagh?	
1601	6565	Daniel m' Rob O Shea Rob m' Donell O Shea	Clonashea Killake	Probably Tipp	Husbandman	Recommended by the Earl of Ormond. He relieved anyone who assisted in his escape from captivity of certain provisions of the Fiant	
1601	6569	Demod O Shea Conoghor O Shea	Killdrume Ballinora	Kerry?	Husbandman		
1601	6571	Teig O Shea	Killnehmy	Cork?		Hundreds were included in pardon	
1601	6576	Teig O Shea Connor O Shea Murtagh O Shea Teig O Shea Donogh O Shea Teig O Shea alias Teige crone Shane O Shea Teig m' Shane reigh O Shea Connor m' Shane reigh O Shea	Oghto Mallyny Rahkeane " Canaha Downlogh " Killarglande "	Kerry?			

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		Donell m' Teig O Shea Gullyssya O Shea Shane m' Shea Teig m' Shane M' Shea Donal duff O Shey	Kapygane " " Ballemullen " " Kilbonnan		
1601	6577	Although at least one expected. None located		Probably Dublin	Many hundreds included in pardon
1602	6583	Teige Mc Philip O Shea Wm fitz Rob O Shea	Ballecullin Comsy	Not clear	
1602	6622	Wm fitz Rob O Shee	Moneroe		Yeoman Wm may have been in jail or on bail
1602	6660	Rich m' Rob O'Shea	Ballisopp	Dublin?	Gent
1602	6706	Donogho O Shea Nich O Shea Teige O Shea Rich fitz Walter O Shea Donell m' Shane O Shea	Griagnowe Cappagh Moddessell Lismalin Clonihe	Possibly Tipp/ Kilkenny	Yeoman Yeoman
1603	6765	Michael Shee Rich oge O Shea Henry O Shea John O Shea fitz Tho. Teige O Shea Wm O Shea fitz Tho Teige fitz Rob O Shea Walter fitz Rob O Shea	Kilkenny Grantstoune " " Bellenennan Balleloneghan Cloran Cappoege Kilmanemmaine	Probably Kilkenny / Tipp	Burgess Yeoman Yeoman Yeoman Yeoman
1603	6772	Owen O Shee	Cotlandstoune	?	Yeoman