

The following are the entries for Shea, Shee and O'Shea from the Inner Temple, Middle Temple, Gray's Inn and Lincoln's Inn, England.

Middle Temple

From the admissions register, (which is a published volume by H.A.C.Sturgess) five people were listed as being admitted under the names Shea and Shee.

George Shee - admitted 6 November 1862 at the age of 19. He was of 5 Sussex Place, Hyde Park Gardens and the eldest son of William Shee of Serjeant's Inn, Middlesex., Queen's Serjeant. Called 30 April 1867.

Marcus Shee - admitted 24 May 1669. He was the son and heir of Richard Shee of Wasesheyes, County Kilkenny, Ireland esq.

Martin Archer Shee - admitted 13 April 1836. He was the second son of Martin Archer Shee, knight of Cavendish Square, Middlesex. Called 19 April 1839.

Alexander Shea - admitted 8 April 1842. He was the eldest son of Alexander Shea of Gibraltar, esq. Called 18 April 1845.

Henry Shee - admitted 20 June 1849. He was the second son of Alexander Shea, late of Gibraltar esq., advocate, deceased.

The Middle Temple website lists a useful bibliography at:
http://www.middletemple.org.uk/Library/The_Archive.html

Lincoln's Inn

Here are the details from published records of those who were Lincoln's Inn men:

Richard Shee - admitted 24 April 1669 does not appear to have been called to the bar

Sir William Shee (1804-1968) - admitted 31 May 1823, aged 19, first son of Joseph Shee of London, merchant. Called 18 June 1828. Serjeant 19 February 1840 (therefore left the Society and joined Serjeants' Inn) wife: Mary (nee Gordon) (1816-1861) died on 11 October 1861, daughter: Edith (1857-1862) died on 5 December 1962 at 5 Sussex Place, Hyde Park Gardens

James Shee - admitted 6 May 1828 "of Trinity College, Dublin", aged 21 third son of John Shee of Sheestown, Kilkenny. Called to the Irish bar Easter 1831 (Kings Inns published admissions registers states that his father was a colonel in 32nd Foot who was deceased at the time of his admission to KI in Hilary 1825 and gives his mother as Honoria O'Connor. They give his date of birth as 10 June 1805 whereas Lincoln's Inns records have 1807

John Goodwin Shea (1856-1921) - Admitted, aged 52, on 22 October 1908 a "MD, JP of Durham University and of Eastwood House, Chesterfield, son of William Askin Shea of Ellenville, Garville Avenue, Rathgar, Dublin, JP, DL" Our records show that he died in 1921

Patrick Gordon Shee (1879-1938) - Admitted, aged 20, on 26 January 1899 "of London University and of 55 West Hill, Wandsworth son of George Shee of Landguard Lodge, Felixstowe, Suffolk, barrister of law, deceased." Called 17 November 1902, Died 9 October 1938

George Gordon Shee (b 1924) - Admitted, aged 23, on 7 January 1947 "of Letterfourie House, Banff, son of Patrick Gordon Shee"

Peter John O'Shea - Admitted, aged 21, on 13 September 1963, son of Matthew John O'Shea of Milan, Italy"

Gray's Inn

Thomas Shee, gentleman, an Irishman from Staple Inn, admitted May 9 1593

William Shee, of Kilkenny, Ireland, gentleman, admitted Aug 23 1605

Edward Shee, son and heir of Peter Shee of Kilkenny, admitted Aug 13 1639

Richard Shee, son and heir of Richard Shee of the City of Kilkenny, admitted May 13 1640

George Shee, eldest son of Sir George Shee of Dunmore, Ireland, Baronet, admitted June 23 1802

Hatton O'Shea, aged 21, second son of Luke O'Shea of Cork, admitted July 2 1829

Luke Joseph Shea of Trinity College Dublin, aged 22, only son of Luke Shea of Britfieldstown, Co.Cork Esq., Admitted May 4 1833

None of them were called to the English Bar and there is no further information on them in the Gray's Inn's records. It was quite common in former times for the sons of gentry to spend some time at an Inn of Court as part of their general education. If any of them did become barristers they must have joined the Irish Bar: membership of an English Inn was a prerequisite for intending Irish barristers. They also joined the King's Inns in Dublin (see other data).

Of the Gray's Inn members it is possible that Thomas Shee (1593) was an attorney as he joined the Inn from Staple Inn, an Inn of Chancery or lesser Inn associated with Gray's.

Inner Temple

Inner Temple admissions up to 1850 are available on the web: a search of the site reveals only three entrants by the name of Shee see: <http://www.innertemple.org.uk/archive/>

Mark Shee (gentleman), Kilkenny, Ireland, admission date: 31/08/1609
Second Address: Clifford's Inn, City of London, England
Notes: Pledges: Harecourte Leighton, Johannes Hore

Robert Shee (gentleman), Dublin, Ireland, admission date: 02/11/1687
Father's Name: John Shee, (esquire). Father/son relationship: son and heir apparent

William Shee, (esquire), Lincoln's Inn, Holborn, London, England, admission date: 07/09/1829. Notes: admitted to Lincoln's Inn 31/5/1823. Father's Name: Joseph Shee (esquire). Father/son Relationship: eldest son, address: Laurence Pounteney Place, City of London, England