

FITZPATRICKS
OF
COUNTY DOWN

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The DNA study suggested the
existence of a “genetic
family” whose roots can be
traced back to County Down.

Surname Distribution 1890



- Total births: **249**
- Total Ulster = **64**
Total Leinster = **103**
Total Connaught = **20**
Total Munster = **62**

Source: Robert R. Matheson's Special Report on Surnames in Ireland

Surname Distribution mid-C19th



- Cavan = 323
- Down = 205
- Antrim = 8
- Monaghan = 60
- Tyrone = 24
- Londonderry = 6
- Armagh = 10
- Donegal = 12
- Fermanagh = 58

Source: Griffiths Valuation & Tithe Applotment Survey

Surname Distribution in Co. Down Mid 1800s

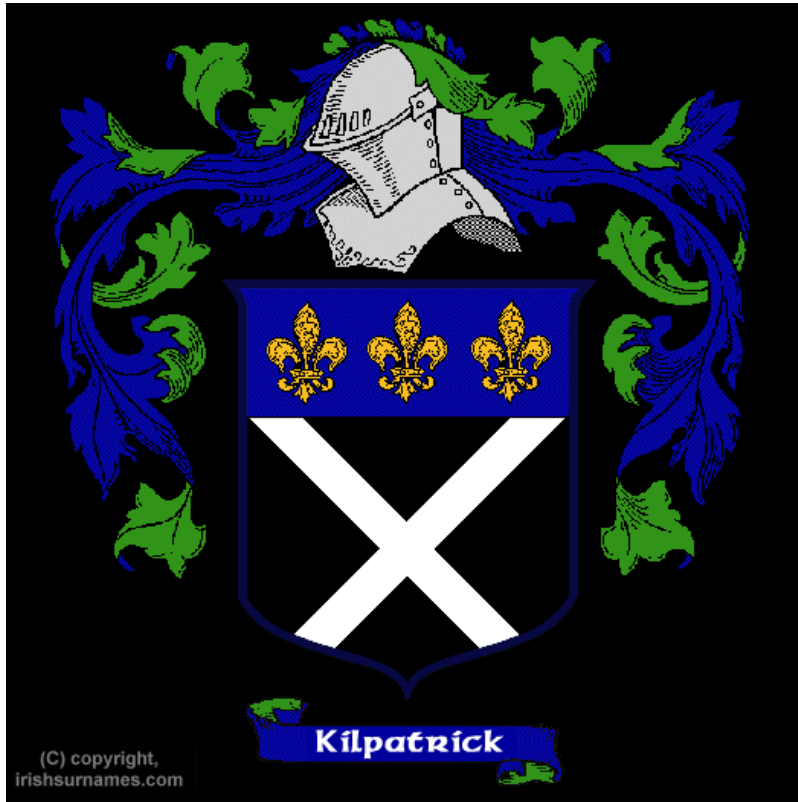


- Clonduff = 46
- Kilcoo = 23
- Kilkeel = 16
- Clonallon = 12
- Newry = 10

KILPATRICK

The Kilpatrick's descended from
the Gilpatricks or
MacGillapatricks which came
from Ireland

Kilpatrick



The Irish names Kilpatrick and Gilpatrick are usually derived from the same native Gaelic Sept as Fitzpatrick. The Gaelic Mac Giolla Padraig Sept literally means 'a devotee of Saint Patrick'. The Sept was located in the County Laoise region. Kilpatrick is sometimes a variant of the Scottish name Kirkpatrick.

Shera/Sheridan Connection

MacLysaght mentions a Fitzpatrick changing his name to Shera in honour of his uncle Jeffery (Shera being the Irish for Jeffrey). Shera-dan might be a derivative of Shera.

Historical link between Down & Leinster

- seven septs of Leix - “ a heap of murdering theeves”
- Kilcoo

WAY FORWARD

- DNA evidence
- Historical Research
- Family History
- Website