

Newtownsandes,  
County Kerry

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Dear Cousin - I received  
your most welcome letter  
in due time; I was delighted  
to hear from you, and was  
delighted still more to  
learn from you that you  
intend coming to Ireland  
some day. You say you  
would wish to visit your  
father's and mother's old  
homes. Well I could show  
you the lovely spot on the  
banks of the Feale where your  
father spent his early days.  
However I could not show you.

the exact house in which  
he was born; the place is  
called Gavyanthanavalla  
(a name that must appear odd  
to you if your father has not  
made you familiar with it); I  
have very often passed along  
the road there; but I have  
never been through the  
place as none of our relatives  
live there now. The beautiful  
place which your father  
and his relatives left vacant  
when they went to Illinois  
some seventy years ago  
has never since been  
tenanted and has all the time  
been used as a grazing  
ranch. It is said that the  
landlord is likely to sell



the place in near future  
and I would like very  
much if one of our  
wealthy American  
Cousins would buy it  
back. If you or any other  
of our Cousins in America  
would think of doing so I  
could give you further  
information about the  
matter. None of your  
Irish Cousins could  
pay the price which it  
would cost; but I think  
we have many relatives  
in the U.S.A. who could  
buy it. I could not at present  
undertake to give you an  
estimate of the probable price  
But I could make inquiries if

any of you felt interested  
in my suggestion. You  
also say that you would  
like to visit your mother's  
old home. I do not know  
who your mother was  
or what part of Ireland  
she belonged to. So you  
will please let me know  
when you write next. I  
happen to know your wife's  
maiden name. It is an  
Irish name and is found  
in my native County (Limerick)  
but it is spelled a little  
differently there. Your father's  
home that I have said so  
much about is situated  
about six miles from Newtown-  
Saunders. About four miles from



here is the birthplace of your  
 father's mother whose  
 maiden name was  
 O'Sullivan; her nephew  
 lives there and he is  
 one of your nearest  
 relatives in Ireland  
 Another of your most  
 immediate Irish cousins  
 is Edmund Woulfe who  
 lives about seven miles  
 from here at Fingale,  
 Listowel, Co. Kerry. His  
 father was Patrick Woulfe,  
 brother of your grandfat.  
 At Tralee in this County you  
 have a second cousin Mrs. O'Leary  
 whose maiden name was Mary  
 Woulfe and whose grandfath  
 was James Woulfe, your father

uncle. This same James Wolfe  
as a grandson Maurice  
Wolfe who lives at Invermore  
about eight miles from  
Newtownsaunders and is also  
a second cousin of yours.  
Thomas Naughten of Killybeg  
Castle, Mullinahone, Ireland  
is a second cousin of  
yours; his paternal grandmother  
was Johanna Wolfe, your  
father's aunt. In the  
county book there is a  
large and prominent family  
of the Moyrihans; they  
are second cousins of  
ours; their maternal grand-  
mother was your father's  
aunt Johanna Wolfe. You  
have an immense number of



more distant relatives in  
Ireland, nearly all in  
the adjacent Counties of  
Limerick and Kerry. My  
father is a second cousin  
of your grandfather. My  
relation to you through  
my mother is not so  
distant. My mother's maiden  
name was Maher; she is  
a niece of the late John R.  
Woulfe, Judge P. B. Woulfe's  
father. Judge Woulfe and  
my mother are first cousins;  
his son John L. Woulfe and  
I are second cousins. Your  
father and my mother are  
second cousins; you and I  
are third cousins; so that  
John L. Woulfe and I are

nearer to each other than  
 you are to either of us.  
 I was born in 1885 at  
 Cratloe, near Abbeyfeale  
 in County Limerick. In  
 May 1911 I graduated  
 in Medicine and Surgery  
 from the National University  
 of Ireland; in October 1911  
 I was elected (unopposed)  
 as Medical Officer of this  
 district, a position of  
 considerable importance.  
 I sent you a cutting from  
 the press containing  
 an account of my election.  
 It was however addressed



to Boise and not to  
Mountain Home. I  
would deem it a  
great favour if you  
would write from  
time to time at your  
leisure. I would be  
delighted to hear from

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You and any of the  
others at any time and  
would be still more  
delighted to see any of  
you who may come to  
Ireland. Hoping to hear  
from you soon again and to  
see you in Ireland some day  
I remain, Dear Cousin,  
very sincerely yours  
Timothy Wolfe.