

CHAPTER XVI.

McLORINAN FAMILY.

MEMBERS of the family of McLorinan (pronounced McClarinan, and now spelt McClaranan) are found among the landed proprietors of County Antrim during the latter part of the sixteenth century. They were Protestants, like many of the gentry of that part of Ireland. Their arms, as appears by the seals attached to the original wills of several members of the family, and which are still preserved at the Public Record Office, Dublin, were: Sable, a chevron, or; between three cinquefoils, argent. Crest, a heraldic rose, gules.* They were not, however, recorded at the Ulster office, and the imperfect condition of the seals makes it impossible to discover any indication of the blazonry.†

Owing to the fragmentary state of the Irish records, the first one of the family of whom any mention could be found was the Rev. Hugh McLorinan, of Loch na Larke, in the County of Antrim, clerk in holy orders, who in his will, proved November 17, 1622, bequeathed all his property to his wife, with reversion to his cousin, Hugh McLorinan, of Ballywasna, in the same county, student,‡ who was in all probability the father of Patrick Moder McLorinan, of *whom hereafter*.

I. PATRICK MODER McLORINAN, gent., married Margaret Morris, (sister of James and aunt of Rev. John Morris,) who married, secondly, ——— McDorman, of County Tyrone, gent. In her will, dated December 15, 1696, and proved August, 1697, she bequeathed the town land of Ballywasna, in the Parish of Doormale, Barony of Toome, and County of Antrim,

* Will of Matthew McLorinan, 1719; Will of Matthew McLorinan, of Killcross, 1744; Will of Thomas McLorinan, 1769.

† Ibid.

‡ Diocese of Connor, District Registry, Belfast; Public Record Office, Dublin.