



## 1798 in Review through the Freeman's Journal

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## The Freeman's Journal

- Microfilm copy at the National Library of Australia
- 10 September 1763 – 1924 MFM X278 also MFM X 650 reel 921 Sep 1770 - Aug 1771
- There is an index for 1763 – 1771 (\$US400 from Norman Ross Publishing Inc in New York, US)

## Some cameos from 1798 and following events

- Capture of Lord Edward FITZGERALD
  - ▶ See *Citizen Lord*, Stella Tillyard (1997)
  - ▶ See *J Royal Soc Antiquaries of Ireland Vol 41* (1911) pp 376–379
  - ▶ See Sir Richard Musgrave
- Vinegar Hill
- James Napper TANDY (various dates 1790+)
- Dr Richard WADDY (30 December 1799)
- Patrick WARD (11 June 1801)

## Capture of Lord Edward FITZGERALD

- A key event in the 1798 rebellion — 18 May
- Capt Daniel Frederick RYAN (died of his wounds d30 May 1798), Capt Mr Justice William Bellingham SWAN (wounded), Henry Charles SIRR (professional & effective)
- Lord Edward died from an infection in his wounds 4 June 1798
- Bill of attainder passed 27 July 1798



## My family history association

- William Bellingham SWAN
  - ▶ Inspector General of Excise
  - ▶ Capt of Militia at time of capture
  - ▶ Assistant Town Major from 1798
  - ▶ Freeman of Limerick 1801
  - ▶ died without issue 12 January 1837 near London will Admon PCC
  - ▶ Wife Grace COOTE sister of Deborah COOTE second wife of Edward Abraham CROKER
  - ▶ Uncle of my ancestor Thomas Swan CROKER

## Vinegar Hill

- Another key event of the rebellion 15 June 1798
- An association through those transported to Australia — recall the report on the trip to Ireland last year
- Reporting at time sketchy in the *Freeman's Journal*
- 17 April 1800 Laurence CLONEY convicted of the murder of Marcus HAWKINS on Vinegar Hill

## James Napper TANDY

- Anti government activity in early 1790s
- Fled to America — Citizen TANDY in Boston in 1794
- Came to join the rebellion in 1798
- Tried to return to US but was captured at Hamburg and returned to Ireland

**Dr Richard WADDY  
(30 December 1799)**

- Account of a attack on Dr WADDY by a Roman Catholic friar
- Dr WADDY survived
- BURN died under the portcullis
- A coroner inquest returned a verdict of accidental death

**Patrick WARD (11 June 1801)**

- Indication of suppression of dissent
- Charged with uttering seditious words
- Escaped conviction as there was some contradictory evidence