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*Antarctic explorers & travellers and others associated
with the Antarctic born in Ireland.*

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Robert Barber (1749-1783) Quartermaster, *Adventure* Cook's 2nd voyage 1772-75. *Born:* Kilkenny.

Mike Barry (ca. 1950-?) Explorer, mountaineer. Member, South Aris Expedition 1996-9. First Irishman to reach the South Pole 2003-04. *Born:* Tralee, Co. Kerry.

Clare O'Leary Bandon (1972-?) Explorer, mountaineer. First woman to ski overland to the South Pole 2007-08. *Born:* Co. Cork.

Sir Francis Beaufort (1774-1857) Royal Navy Hydrographer, scientist and creator of Beaufort wind scale, instrumental in Ross Expedition 1839-43. *Born:* Navan, Co. Meath.

Edward William Bingham (1901-1993) Doctor, British Graham Land Expedition 1934-37; FIDS in various capacities at various locations. *Born:* Dreemore, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone.

Edward Bransfield (1785-1852) Commander of the *Williams* which set out from Valparaiso on December 20, 1819, to chart the newly discovered South Shetland Islands. Landed on King George Island and discovered Trinity Land and the Bransfield Strait. Landed on Clarence Island, February 4, 1820. *Born:* Ballinacurra, Co. Cork. *Buried:* Brighton Extra-mural Cemetery, Brighton, UK.

Arthur Charles Burgoyne Bromley (1847-1909) Lieutenant, *Challenger* Expedition 1872-76. *Born:* Dublin.

Rorke Bardon Bryan (1939-?) Meteorologist, FIDS. Wintered-over at Base T, 1962, 1963. *Born:* Dublin.

Cecil Douglas Buchanan (1889-1947) Artificer, *William Scoresby* 1930-32; *Discovery II* 1932-39. *Born:* Ireland.

Tom Crean (1877-1938) Able Seaman, *Discovery* Expedition 1901-14. Petty Officer, *Terra Nova* Expedition 1910-13. Second Officer, *Endurance* Expedition. Proprietor, *The South Pole Inn*. *Born:* Annascaul, Co. Kerry.

John Croneen (1749-1783) Able Seaman, *Resolution* Cook's 2nd voyage 1772-75. *Born:* Limerick.

Jarlath Cunnane (1949-?) Explorer, mountaineer. Member of South Aris Expedition 1996-97. *Born:* Ireland.

William Cunningham (1809-90) Marine Sergeant, HMS *Terror*, Ross Expedition 1839-43. *Born:* Dublin.

Francis Rawdon Moira Crozier (1796-1845?) Commander, *Terror*, Ross Antarctic Expedition 1839-43. Perished with Franklin in the Arctic on *Terror*. *Born:* Banbridge, Co. Down.

Brian C. Dalton (1931-?) **Lieutenant**, Leader, Byrd Station winter of 1957. *Born:* Ireland.

Dennis Robert Herbert Davis (1931-?) Ionosphere Physicist, FIDS. Wintered-over at Port Lockroy. *Born:* Dublin.

Francis William Desmond (1888-1917) Able Seaman, *Aurora*, Australasian Antarctic Expedition 1911-14. *Born*: Ireland.

D. Donovan (1882-?) Fireman, *Nimrod* Expedition 1907-09. *Born*: Kinsale, Co. Cork.

Patrick O. Dornan (1899-?) Crewman, *Jacob Ruppert*, Byrd Antarctic Expedition 1933-35. *Born*: Ireland.

Pat Falvey (1957-?) Leader, Beyond Endurance Antarctic Expedition on South Georgia 2006. Leader, first Irish expedition to reach the South Pole 2007-08. *Born*: Cork.

James Edward Butler Futtit Farrington (1908-2002) Radio Operator, *William Scoresby*, Discovery Investigations, 1935-38. Produced the *Pelagic News*, the ship's journal. Radio Operator, Port Lockroy, Operation Tabarin, 1944. *Born*: Dunmurry, Co. Antrim.

Hartley Travers Ferrar (1879-1932) Geologist and seawater chemist, *Discovery* Expedition (1901-04), FIDS, 1960, 1961. *Born*: Dalkey.

Robert Forde (1875-1959) Petty Officer, Royal Navy, *Terra Nova* Expedition, 1910-13. *Born*: Moviddy, Co. Cork.

Henry Franceys Porter Herdman (1901-1967) Hydrologist, oceanographer and chemist. *Discovery*, 1925-27; *Discovery II*, 1929-31 and 1933-35; Scientific Leader, 1937-39 and 1950-51. *Born*: Carnalea, Co. Down.

Mark Pollock Hollywood (1976-?) First blind Irishman to reach the South Pole. *Born*: Co. Down.

Patrick 'Patsy' Keohane (1878-1950) Petty Officer, *Terra Nova* expedition 1910-13. In the party that found Scott, Bowers and Wilson. *Born*: Lickowen, Co. Cork.

George Larmour (1929-2003) Meteorologist, FIDS, 1955-57. Wintered-over at Base D and Base Y. *Born*: Bangor, Co. Down.

Mortimer McCarthy (1882-1967) Able Seaman, *Terra Nova* expedition, 1910-13. In 1962-63 he visited Antarctica as the oldest man ever to set foot on the Southern Continent. *Born*: Kilbrittain near Kinsale, Co. Cork.

Timothy McCarthy (1888-1917) Able Seaman, *Endurance* expedition 1914-17. *Born*: Kilbrittain near Kinsale, Co. Cork.

Hugh McGown (1875-?) Third Engineer, *Nimrod* expedition 1907-09. *Born*: Armagh.

Charles John 'Nomad' McGuinness (1893-1947) First Mate, *Eleanor Bolling*, Byrd Antarctic Expedition 1928-30. *Born*: Derry.

James Archibald McIlroy (1879-1968) 2nd Surgeon, *Endurance* expedition 1914-17. *Born*: Ulster.

Oswald William McNeice (1892-1946) Able Seaman, *Aurora*, Australasian Antarctic Expedition 1911-14. *Born*: Belfast.

Stephen St. Clair McNeile (1925-?) Surveyor, FIDS, 1947. Wintered-over at Base D in 1948. *Born*: Dublin.

John Marra (ca. 1745-1783) Able Seaman *Resolution* Cook's 2nd voyage 1772-75. Anonymously published the *Journal of the Resolution's Voyage in 1772, 1773, 1774 and 1775*, which preceded Cook's official narrative. *Born*: Cork.

Norman Cooper Mateer (1885-1979) Able Seaman on *Discovery*, second half of the British, Australian, New Zealand Antarctic Research Expedition (BANZARE) 1929-31. *Born:* Belfast.

Clarence Charles Mauger (1892-1963) Carpenter and shipwright, *Aurora*, 1914-16. *Born:* Cleggan Station, Co. Galway.

Robert Blair Mayne (1915-1955) FIDS, second in command at Base B 1946-47 but hospitalized in Stanley and returned to Northern Ireland. *Born:* Newtownards, Co. Down.

Cecil Henry Meares (1877-1937) Manager of dogs & ponies, *Terra Nova* Expedition, 1910-13. *Born:* Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny.

William John Meehan (1927-?) Radio Operator, FIDS 1951-53). Base G leader winter of 1952. *Born:* Belfast.

Frank Nugent (1949-?) Explorer, mountaineer. Member of South Aris Expedition 1996-97. *Born:* Dublin.

William Henry O'Connor (1884-1927) First Officer, *Discovery* 1925-27. *Born:* Waterford.

Maurice Joseph Paul O'Donnell (1957-?) Communicator, British Antarctic Survey. Wintered-over at Rothera Station. *Born:* Ireland.

Hugh Magee O'Gorman (1923-1990) Radioman, British Antarctic Survey. Wintered-over at Halley Bay, 1963, and Base F, 1964. *Born:* Co. Donegal.

John Lawrence O'Hare (1912-1995) Radio Operator, FIDS, 1947. Wintered-over at Base D, 1948. Diesel Electric Mechanic, FIDS, 1951. *Born:* Ireland, probably.

Francis Kennedy Pease (1908-1987) Midshipman, *Discovery* 1925-27. *Born:* Curragh, Co. Kildare.

William Peters (1879-?) Able Seaman, *Discovery* expedition (1901-04). *Born:* Kilbrittain, Co. Cork.

Joseph Anthony Quinn (1937-?) Radio Operator, FIDS, 1959. Wintered-over at Base F in 1960 and Base E in 1961. *Born:* Portadown, Co. Armagh.

Henry Kean Rea (1797-1862) Commander, *Hopefull* Expedition 1833-34. *Born:* Ireland.

Lee Rice (1927-2010) Joined FIDS 1956. Surveyor & Leader, Base D, 1957. *Born:* Bangor.

Sir Edward Sabine (1788-1857) Scientist, astronomer, and magnetics expert. Influential in the Ross Expedition 1839-43. *Born:* Dublin.

Cecil Dagwell Scotland (1928-1997) Meteorologist, joined FIDS, 1955. Wintered-over at Base Y in 1956 and Leader, Signy Station in 1957. *Born:* Belfast.

Ernest Henry Shackleton (1874-1922) Sub-lieutenant RNR on *Discovery* Expedition (1901-04); Leader, *Nimrod* Expedition (1907-09); Leader, *Endurance* Expedition (1914-17); Leader, *Quest* Expedition (1921-22), on which he died. *Born:* Kilkea House, Co. Kildare.

Ferdinand Spiller (?-pre-1836) Mate then Skipper of the *Indian* in the South Shetlands for the 1820-21 sealing season. *Born:* Almost certainly born in Ireland, probably Cork.

Rupert de Burgh Trouton (1897-1965) Founder of the Hector Whaling Company 1928 and with Erling Naess the United Whalers 1935. Leader, *Balaena* whaling expeditions in the waters of East Antarctica 1947-48. *Born:* Ireland.



