

Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland's Historical Records as recorded on Betty Murphy's Archives site

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Archival material related to the Irish Wolfhound, featuring early works of Capt. G, Graham, Fr. E Hogan, S.J., Mr. John Baily and others, collected by Betty Murphy and now available on-line





Betty Murphy and Hounds



Document Sources

Capt Graham



- The Irish Wolfhound
- Notes
- Show reports
- Scottish Deerhounds

Fr Hogan



- Research
- Letters
- The Irish Wolfdog

Dr May



- Old Pedigrees
- IWC Minutes
- IWC letters
- Photos
- Letters

Dr Roach



- Manuscript
- Notes

Mr Baily



- Breeding
- IW notes



Fr Edmund Hogan SJ

January 1831 to November 1917

Educated at the Jesuit College Rome

Lecturer on Irish Language & history at UCD

Todd Professor of Celtic Studies, Royal Irish Academy

Published

1894 London Distinguished Irishmen of the 16th
Century

1897 Dublin **The Irish Wolfdog**

1899 Irish Phrase book

1910 Onomaticon Goedelicum - An index to Irish
place names and tribes



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P R E F A C E.

The Christmas number of Good Words, 1896, has an article on "Notable Dogs of the Chase: the Irish Wolfhound. Illustrated By R.H.Moore."

The writer, who signs himself "St. Bernard," says: What manner of beast this giant of his race was no one knows, and there is now nothing to assure us, except that he was used for the destruction of wolves."

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The subject seems to have a great attraction for Englishmen, as is evidenced by the establishment in Britain of the Irish Wolfhound Club, and by the space devoted to Irish wolfhounds in the works on dogs which are continually issuing from the press. These books are written with such enthusiasm, and are read with such avidity, that "they go off like hot cakes," if I may be allowed a familiar expression. This interest in the subject is quite natural, for, as Byron sings:-

"The poor dog is in life the firmest friend,
The first to welcome, foremost to defend,
Whose honest heart is still his master's own,
Who labours, fights, lives, breathes for him alone."

Manuscript
for Fr
Hogan's
book
The Irish
Wolfdog

signed
'Given to Dr
Roche with
affection
from Joyce
Talbot de
Malahide'



Hugo O'Kelly of the branch of Kilconnell or Aghrim
last titular prince of Imaney died in the year 1767
buried at Kilconnell.

(His family had been reduced to misery by the confiscations
of 1641 and 1691.)

He used to travel to and fro in ancient Imaney, visiting
the ruined abbeys and his kinsmen and friends, with
a white greyhound for his travelling companion
and a staff in his hand, representing the war staff
or Baul (pellain of his ancestors. He was
usually styled "the Prince"

(Cf. St. Denis O'Kelly, Fanel.)
mss.

REV. PERCY BROWN, rector of St
James' Episcopal Church, Roxbury,
Mass., who died on Oct. 1, was a native
of Ireland, a man of charming personal-
ity and high character. He owned a
magnificent specimen of the Irish wolf-
dog, one of the very few now extant in
the whole world.

Boston Field

With Richard J. Kelly's Compliments.

(1797)

In the Spanish Grammar of the Rev. Don Felipe Fernandez, A.M.
a Native of Spain and Founder of the Royal Economical Society of
Heres de la Frontera, ^{at p. 106} the word "labral" is explained "a sort of
fierce dogs, resembling the greyhounds, common in Ireland"; the word
now seems to mean 'greyhound' simply; labron = hare.

From Fr Hogan's notebook

...Whence, with lapse of time, they make even the
islands which, as many affirm, had not existed
from the world's creation, while they divide the
neighbouring headlands from the continent by
intervening tracts of sea.

It is readily understood from this that those
beasts which are confined to islands, have
evidently not been transported thither by man's
care but were there at the severance of the
islands from the mainland.

For instance, who brought to Ireland
wolves, stags, wild boars, foxes, badgers,
~~h~~ hares and field-mice (?)

Opera S. Augustini, Basileae
AD 1569, col. 714 A.

NB
Squivalos unidentified
probably field-mice or voles



Captain George A. Graham

Born Bathampton 1833 Died 1909

Educated at Cheltenham College

1851 Joined Bengal Infantry, India

1863 Married Lydia. Started breeding Irish Wolfhounds

1879 Breed class definition for Irish Wolfhounds

1884 Elected Chairman of Dursley Parish Council

1885 Founded Irish Wolfhound Club

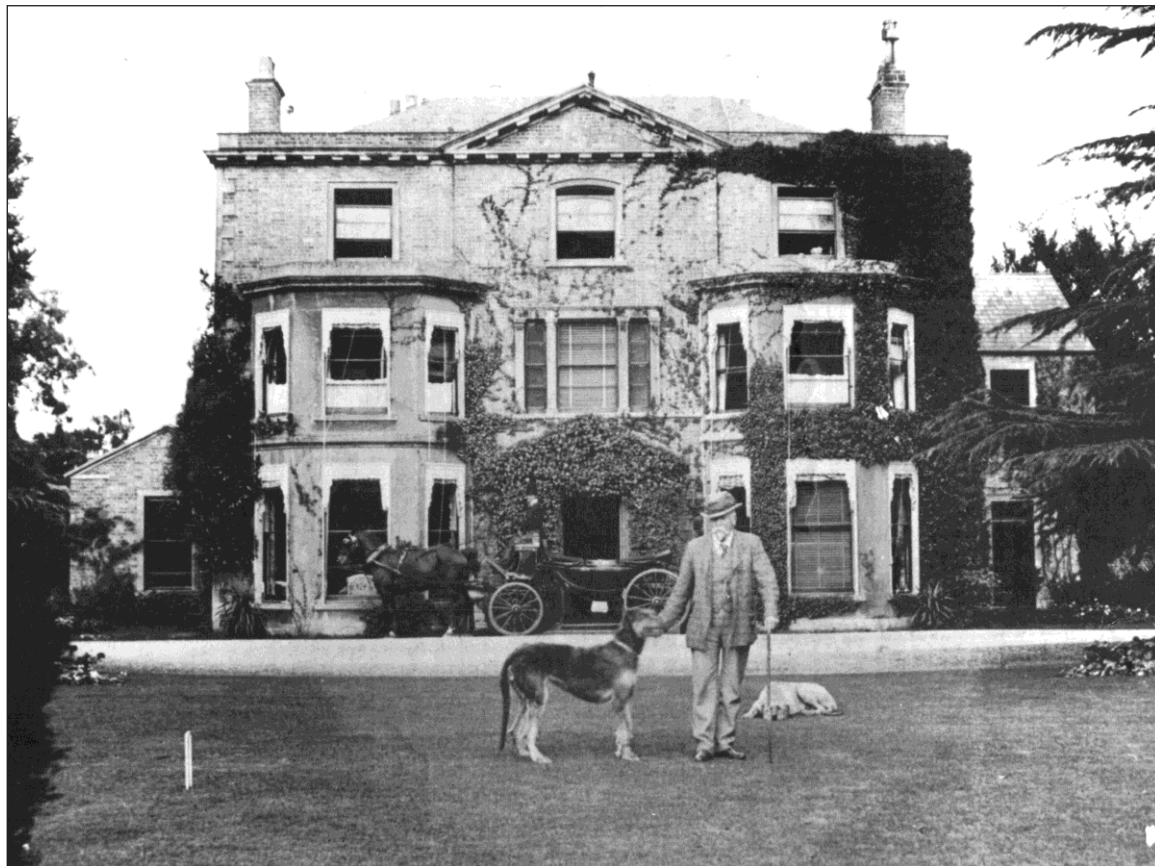
Published:

1885 The Irish Wolfhound

1886 Breed standard for the Irish Wolfhound

1894 Pedigrees of Scottish Deerhounds





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Handwritten notes in Captain Graham's personal copy of 'The Irish Wolfhound' 1879

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Corporal Cu practicing for parade



Dr Robert May

- Born 1890 died 1971
- Educated :Terenure College, Dublin
- 1913 LRCP & SI medical qualifications
- 1928 Secretary of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland
- 1930 Started breeding and exhibiting Irish Wolfhounds
- 1936 First Champion Irish Wolfhound
- 1941 President and Chairman of IWCI
- 1965 Champion Connel of Nendrum Best in Show St Patrick's day





**Dr May
and
'Champion Connel of
Nendrum' after
winning
Best in Show
St Patricks Day 1965**



70 Buckingham Gate SW1

Wed. Jan. 26.

Dear Dr May.

I thank you for your letter;
Saying you will see a note is put
in the book re my father's nationality.

My father was born.

Aug 5th 1833. (don't know where)

He died at his home.

Oct. 21st. 1909. Rednock

Duisley
Gloucestershire

I am yr sincere

Malcolm G. A. Graham

Letter to Dr May from Malcolm Graham January 1938



19. I have promised to send thearle of earlyle a brace of
faier grish greyhounds, as the L. Sansfield sent him
a faier whyte grish Hobby."

Vol. II.

The Lismore Papers. First Series. p. 305. London 1886

Notices of Irish Wolf-dogs in the Conway Papers (C.S.P.D. 1647-1660)

- Lisnegarvey Major George Rawdon to Lord Conway.
14 Mar. 1657 I "I writt to your lordship last summer about
"the hawks and two wolf-dogs, and received
"not your pleasure therein... The dogs
"I have still" p. 631
- Dublin II. "I am sending the dogs to Mr. Alderson
15 Ap. 1657 "at Chester, and pray for your orders to him
"as to their being sent on." p. 632.
- Lisnegarvey III. The dogs have been ready to go to
20 June 1657. Chester for six weeks, "but the pirates on the
"coast have hindered our petty merchants from
"adventuring to Chester fair, or any
"barques going thither of late." p. 638
- Moira IV. In sending hawks on Monday to find the
11 July, 1657. first passage to Chester, "also the dogs which
"it is a pity to send out of the country, especi-
"ally one of them. They have been about
"the Colleen [? Big Colleen Mtn., Co. Antrim]

Handwritten
page from Dr
May's notebook.
Written by Mr
Bailey



Recent
hunting
Africa;
miles long
chairman

will rank high among the gold producers of the | | 20, New Bridge Street, London, E.C.4. THE IRISH WOLF HOUND CLUB OF IRELAND
instructive publication.

Ekzema

Castor oil once a week
Diarrhoea checked by addition of
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Tonic pill.

R. Sulph. quinae

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Sulph. ferri	gr. j	ad gr. v
Ext. hyoscy	gr. ½	ad gr. iij
Ext. glyce	gr. s.	
St. pil. f.			Per die

After a week, give arsenic

Liquor arsenialis mixed with the food from to crop ^{to 20 crops} because increase to 5

A pill of sulphate of iron and extract of lig
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Mr Baily note and text equivalent



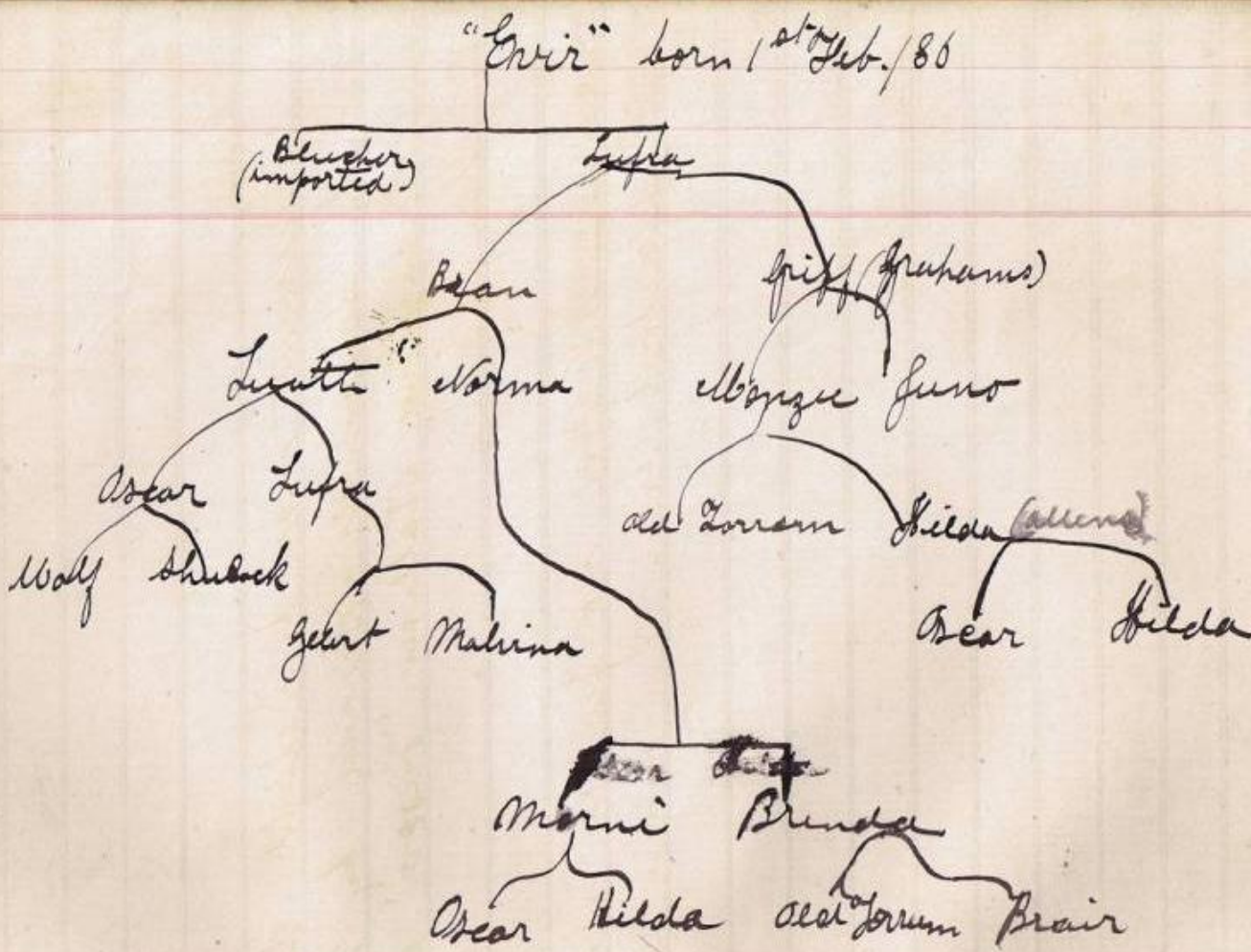


Some Great
Irish Greyhounds
and Wolfdogs
from the past

Collected and Compiled by
Phyllis and Delphis Gardner

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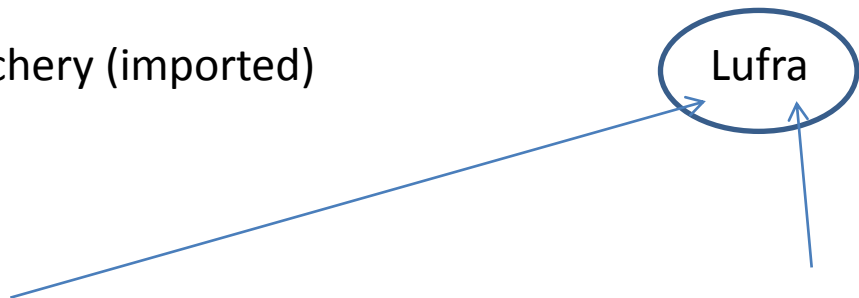


"Evir" born 1st Feb /86



Bluchery (imported)

Lufra



Bran

Griff (Grahams)

Luath

Norma

Manzie

Juno

Oscar

Lufra

Old Torran

Sheila (Allens)

Marnie

Brunda

Bear

Hilda

Wolf

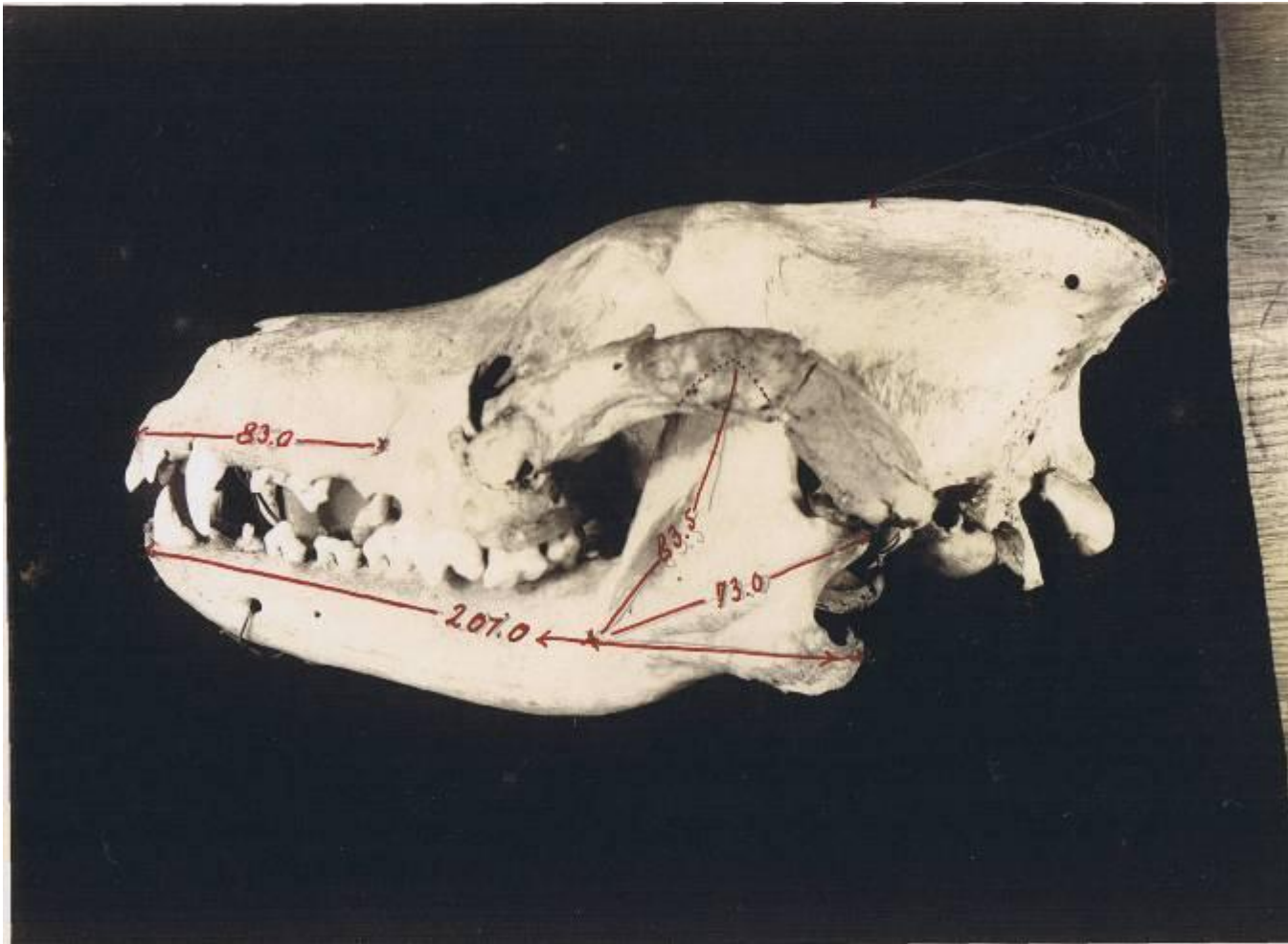
Shuback

Gelert

Malina

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partial
trans-
script**





From Head
and Skull
photographs
Fr Hogan



**Int. (Ir.UK.) Ch.
Sulhamstead
Thelma Dob
27.08.1923**

**Sire: Comberford
Mick. Dam:
Caragh**

**Thelma was the first
Irish Champion Irish
Wolfhound**

**Our Irish Kennel Club
was founded in 1922,
previous shows were
held under
jurisdiction of English
Kennel Club.**



The Irish Wolfhound Club March 1902



BOUGHT OF DOBSON & SONS,
 Goldsmiths, Silversmiths, Jewellers & Watchmakers,
 32, PICCADILLY, LONDON, W.



DEALERS IN ANTIQUE SILVER PLATE.
 Bankers, Messrs Barclay, Ransom & Co 1, Pall Mall East.



Feb	A silver Bowl on a stand	10	10
	A silver Cup on a do	10	15
		21	5
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		10	15

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 Dobson Sons

**Irish
 Wolfhound
 Club
 Receipts 1902
 to 1912**



The Irish Wolfhound Club.



LIST OF JUDGES.

Club Members—

CAPTAIN G. A. GRAHAM, Rednock, Dursley, Glos.
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R. T. MARTIN, Rosemount, Artane, Co. Dublin.
F. HOWARD, Collinstown, Leixlip, Co. Kildare.
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~~Mrs. P. G. SHEWELL, Cotswold, Cheltenham.~~

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THEO. MARPLES, 10 Gore Street, Piccadilly, Manchester.
FRED. GRESHAM, Woodroyd, Horley, Surrey.
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HARDING COX, Raleigh Club, Regent St., London, S.W.

P. G. SHEWELL,

Hon. Sec.

COTSWOLD, CHELTENHAM.

List of Judges pre
death George
Graham

1907
(according to
other
corresponding
documents)





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