Archive Fact Sheet: Guinness Family Achievements

**Arthur Guinness I (1725-1803)**
1763 Elected Warden of the Dublin Corporation of Brewers
1767 Master of the Corporation of Brewers
Late 1770s, became brewer to Dublin Castle
Governor of the Meath Hospital Board
Donated 250 guineas to the Chapel Schools of St. Patrick’s, beginning the longstanding relationship between the Guinness family and the cathedral.

**Arthur Guinness II (1768-1855)**
Founder member of the Society for Improving the Conditions of Children Employed as Chimney Sweepers
Governor of the Bank of Ireland in 1820
President of Dublin Chamber of Commerce

**Benjamin Lee Guinness (1798-1868)**
Lord Mayor of Dublin, 1851
Elected as Minister for Parliament for Dublin city in 1865
Donated £150,000 for restoration of St. Patrick’s Cathedral during 1860 - 1865
Began restoration of Marsh’s library

**Edward Cecil Guinness (1847-1927)**
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First Lord Iveagh
Established the Guinness Trust, later called the Iveagh Trust, in Dublin and London to provide homes for the poor
Between 1900 and 1915, responsible for building:
the Iveagh Market - first indoor market in Dublin;
the Iveagh Hostel providing accommodation for 500 men; the Iveagh Baths; the Iveagh Play Centre, for local children's recreation and instruction.
Presented Iveagh Sports Ground, Crumlin to brewery employees.
Donations to St. Patrick’s Cathedral provided for:
set of new bells; restoration of the bell tower;
and numerous repairs. Laid out St. Patrick’s Park Chancellor of Trinity College,
Presented land near Earlsfort Terrace to the National University of Ireland for University buildings
Donated £50,000 for distribution among the hospitals of Dublin

Arthur Edward Guinness (1840-1915)
Completed restoration work on Marsh’s library
Landscapeed St. Stephen’s Green and gave it as a gift to the public in 1880
Raised to peerage as Baron Ardilaun of Ashford, County Galway 1880
President of Royal Dublin Society for sixteen years
Rebuilt the Coombe Lying-in Hospital

Rupert Edward Guinness (1874-1967)
Second Lord Iveagh
Donated Iveagh House, St. Stephen’s Green to Irish government in 1939 (now Department of Foreign Affairs)
Chancellor of Trinity College Dublin
Made donations to Trinity College Dublin which helped provide for: the new Library; Schools of Physics and Botany; furnished Purser House (for women students).
Awarded insignia of a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, 1948

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