



## FACTSHEET

### 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 I

#### **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



Arthur Guinness II

#### **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



Benjamin Lee Guinness

#### **Edward Cecil Guinness (1847-1927)**

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 childrens' 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 next to the Cathedral as public gardens in 1901

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  
Landscape 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



Edward Cecil Guinness



St. Patrick's Cathedral



Arthur Edward Guinness



Rupert Edward Guinness

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