

# The Hely Hutchinsons *of Swords*



**Capt. Hon. Coote Hely Hutchinson**



**Sophia Synge Hutchinson**



*Married*  
26/08/1834

b. 1801  
d. 06/05/1842

Son of Hon. Francis Hely Hutchinson,  
Palmerstown House, Chapelizod.  
Captain in the Royal Navy.  
1832 granted rank of younger son of an Earl.  
Died in Bristol.

b. 24/01/1810  
d. 30/04/1896

Daughter of Sir Samuel Synge Hutchinson,  
Bt, Palermo, Bray.  
Moved to Florence, Italy.  
Buried in Rome.

**Francis**

b. 05/12/1839  
d. 08/07/1905

Officer Royal Navy.  
Married Eliza Stroud.



**John**

b. 20/11/1836  
d. 04/09/1919

High Sherriff,  
J.P. & D.L.



**Sophia Dorothy**

b. 09/12/1840  
d. 26/05/1927

Lived in Italy.  
Died unmarried.



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**John Hely Hutchinson**



**Mary Louisa Tottenham**

*Married*  
25/02/1865

Lived at Seafield, Donabate and had five children

**Ethel Blanche**

b. 03/03/1868  
d. 06/05/1886

Unmarried.



**Frances Cecil Katherine (Cissy)**

b. 03/03/1869  
d. 03/10/1950

Unmarried.



**Eleanora (Nora)**

b. 27/07/1872  
d. 03/10/1946

Unmarried.

**Lt. Col. Coote Robert**

b. 06/02/1870  
d. 30/09/1930

O.B.E. for service with Royal Fusiliers.  
Married Julia Harriet Vere Browne Clayton.  
Lived at Meudon, and then Seafield.  
Member of Dublin County Council.



**Col. George Richard (Dick)**

b. 08/03/1871  
d. 10/06/1953

D.S.O. Royal Fusiliers.  
Married Alice Cunningham.  
Lived in England.



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**Lt. Col. Coote R. Hely Hutchinson**



**Julia Harriet Vere Browne Clayton**

*Married*  
10/01/1914

Lived at Seafield, Donabate and had five children

**John**

b. 15/10/1914  
d. 02/01/1985

Unmarried.

**Julia Louisa**

b. 13/03/1921  
d. 03/02/2000

Unmarried.

**Mary Caroline**

b. 15/10/1914  
d. 2003

Unmarried.  
Lived at Newport House.

**Major Michael**

b. 12/04/1916  
Royal Norfolk Regiment.  
POW WWII.  
Married Ruth Somerled MacKenzie.  
One daughter  
**Caroline Anne.**

**David Coote**

b. 05/11/1918  
d. 26/04/1994

Married Geraldine Mary O'Brien.  
One daughter  
**Fiona Kathryn O'Brien.**



The two descendants Caroline and Fiona donated the Hely Hutchinson collection of family papers with Fingal County Council Local Studies Library and Archives Service in November 2009.

# The Hely Hutchinson

## Houses in Fingal



### Lissen Hall, Swords

Lissen Hall was the principal Swords residence of John Hatch, M.P., maternal grandfather of the first Hely Hutchinson to reside at Lissen Hall, Sophia Hely (nee Syngé) Hutchinson. She inherited the property from her father Sir Samuel Syngé Hutchinson, Baronet, around the time of her marriage to Capt. Hon. Coote Hely Hutchinson after their marriage in 1834. He died in 1842. Around 1850 Sophia acquired Seafeld House and lands, which she put in the name of her son John Hely Hutchinson. She lived in Bray and Bristol before leaving with her daughter Sophia Dorothy for Florence, Italy. They both died in Italy.

John leased or rented Lissen Hall to various tenants, including Captain John Ward Osborne R.M., of Seapoint, Balbriggan, George Debell Ball, of Cloonagh, Tullamore and later (1915) to Perry & Maloney. Sir and Lady Robert Goff now live in the house, having previously lived in Seafeld until 1996.

It is described as "a 3-storey 18th Century house which appears to have been remodelled and embellished later in the C18 in emulation of Mantua which faced it across the Broadmeadow River... 5-bay front, triple window above Venetian window, above a pedimented tripartite doorway. It has 2-storey end bows, and a wall carried up to a roof parapet and adorned with urns and eagles". (*Burke's Guide to Country Houses Vol 1. Mark Bence Jones pp189*).



### Seafeld House, Donabate

A Palladian villa of Sir Edward Lovett Pearce's school, probably a remodelling of an earlier house, carried out post-1737 for Benedict Arthur. Bought for John Hely Hutchinson in 2nd half of C19, he and his family lived there until his death in 1919. His eldest son, Lt. Col. Coote Hely Hutchinson took over the house afterwards, until his death in 1930. The house was sold to Martin Corry in 1938, and again in 1996 by Sir and Lady Robert Goff.

The house is described as "3 storeys over basement, the top storey being an attic of narrow windows with 3 small hip-roofs above them on the entrance front and 3 gables of late 17C style above them on the garden front. Entrance and garden fronts of seven bays, the entrance front having a 2 storey pedimented Doric portico *in antis*, with a broad flight of steps leading up to it. Balustraded roof parapet on entrance front; ground floor windows with rusticated surrounds.

The chief-and unusual-feature of the interior is the impressive 2-storey hall, which runs the full depth of the house, with windows at each end; crossed by a gallery to provide communication between 1st floor rooms on either side. The walls are decorated with superimposed fluted Ionic and Corinthian pilasters; with between them, *grisaille* paintings of Classical figures which were probably added later C18.

Some of the other rooms are panelled; the dining room has a carved cornice and frieze and fluted Corinthian pilasters. At one side of the house is a Victorian wing with an Italianate tower" (*Burke's Guide to Country Houses Vol 1. Mark Bence Jones pp 255*).

The house stands on the townland of Ballmadroucht and in the early 18th century was known as 'Ballymadroucht alias Newport'. Prior to 1735 the property was acquired by Benedict Arthur High Sherriff of Dublin in 1729. The garden front of the present house was previously the entrance front of a late seventeenth-century brick house. The old front door at ground-level opened into a flagged entrance-hall with rooms on either side. To this house Arthur made considerable alterations, probably between 1737-1741, when the house was re-named Seafeld. The old ground floor was treated as a basement, and above it the centre of the house was gutted to create a lofty well-lit central saloon, two storeys high. (*The Houses of Ireland, de Breffny & ffollott, pp 98-99*)



### Newport House, Donabate

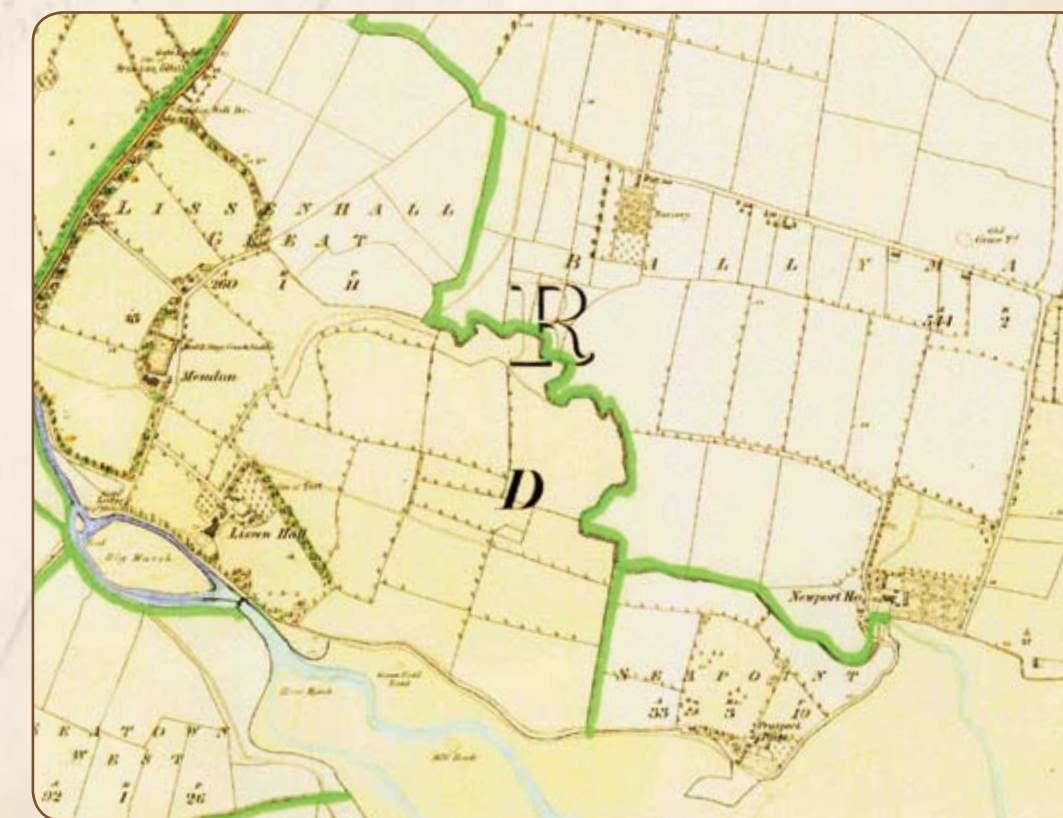
Bought by the family, in 1907 in poor repair, and re-built. Mary Caroline Hely Hutchinson lived at Newport House until 2003.

### Nethercross House

Willed by Francis C.K. Hely Hutchinson in Oct 1952 to her nephew John Hely Hutchinson. Subsequently sold.

### Meudon, Donabate

Originally owned by the Stewarts, it was leased by Sophia Hely Hutchinson in 1868. Prior to that it had been leased by Sir Samuel Syngé Hely Hutchinson. Leased or bought for Lt. Col. Coote R. Hely Hutchinson in 1913, as his residence while serving with the British Army, until 1919 when he moved to Seafeld.



Section of Map of County Dublin by William Duncan 1821 courtesy of Fingal Local Studies Library