irish
family name

arms, origins and locatio

O MALLEY

FITZGERALD

O GRADY

MacGUINNESS

glish surname has been adopted in
y families of Irish origin as a variant
deriving from Ó Leanáin, Ó Lonáin,
uinín, otherwise rendered as Lennon,
etc., and also, according to Dr. Mac-
used for Mac Alinon (Mac Ghiolla
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LESLIE

ttish surname was brought to Ulster by
om Scotland early in the 17th century.
it Leslie families in Co. Monaghan and
.es of Leslie Hill, Ballymoney, Co.
:laim descent from the Leslies, Earls
and Barons of Balquhair in Scotland
1 cadet of that family who came to
1614. They bear as their coat of arms:
n a fess azure, three buckles or. The
Tarbert, Co. Kerry, and the Leslies of
l, Co. Down, are of the same stock in

L'ESTRANGE

1ame, written Le Strange, L'Estrange
range, came to Ireland in the latter
1e 16th century with English settlers
1rfolk who acquired lands in Co.
1on and Co. Westmeath. The name is
d mostly in Co. Offaly but it may not
lescent from the settler family because
_ysaght has reported that members of
'amily named Mac Conchoigcríche in
1neath adopted the surname Lestrange.

LEWIS

1e twenty-five commonest surnames in
1nd Wales and particularly common in
1e surname Lewis was brought to
y settlers whose descendants are found
equal numbers in Leinster, Ulster and

LIDDY

name derives from the name of the
sept Ó Lideadha and it is still found in
ty.

LIN(N)ANE

1ame can be either Ó Linnéain or Lion-

established themselves mostly in the east of the
province. The landowning family in Co. Tyrone,
who spell their name Lindesay, claim descent
from a prominent family in Scotland in Had-
dingtonshire. Dr. MacLysaght has noted also
that members of the Irish family named
Ó Loingsigh tended, in Ulster, to anglicize their
name as Lindsay.

LITTLE

THIS common English and Scottish surname
was brought to Ireland, and particularly to
Ulster, where many families of the name are
found in Co. Fermanagh.

LIVINGSTON(E)

THIS surname was brought to Ireland, princi-
pally to Ulster and to Dublin, by settlers who
came from Scotland since the 17th century. It is
also not infrequently written Levingston.

LLOYD

THIS common Welsh surname was brought to
Ireland by settlers whose descendants are found
in all four provinces. Among the incomers in the
17th century were the ancestors of landed
families named Lloyd in Co. Roscommon, Co.
Limerick, Co. Tipperary, Co. Offaly and Co.
Wexford.

LOCKHART

THIS Scottish surname came to Ulster, and
particularly to Co. Antrim and Co. Armagh,
with settlers from Scotland in the 17th century.

LOFTUS

THE Loftus families in Ireland, of settler
descent, trace their lineage to the Loftus family
of Swineshead, Yorkshire, members of which
came to Ireland in the 17th century, one of
whom, Adam Loftus, became the Protestant
Primate of Ireland. The surname Loftus is,
however, now found mainly in Connacht where
it was adopted by descendants of the Ó Lachtnáin
sept whose name was more usually rendered as
Loughnane (q.v.) in English.

LOGAN

BY far the heaviest distribution of this surname