Abstract
This paper explores the experience of the Butler family of Pleberstown, Co. Kilkenny - who in 1854 set sail from Liverpool to settle in New South Wales. Documentary evidence, in the form of letters sent home by one of the siblings, gives a partial glimpse of the lives they made for themselves. Subsequent research has revealed the diverse and varied experiences the Butlers had; from reaching the heights of the New South Wales judiciary to ownership of one of the leading newspapers in the territory.

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