[illegible] also appears in the Lisnain parish [illegible] as having [illegible]

5. Hon. James d. 6 March 1877 (see beginning of the article).
6. Michael, who d. in Ireland, m. Catherine Creamer, and had issue,
   1. James, d. in Ireland unm.
   2. Peter, d. in Ireland unm.
   3. Thomas, d. in Ireland unm.
   4. Timothy, d. in Ireland unm.
   *5. Ann, m. 1882 Nicholas FANNING of Byron, Illinois.
   6. Mary, d.s.p., m. Edward DOWD.
   7. Margaret, d.s.p.
   8. Michael, m. Mary McKevis and had issue,
      *a. Thomas J.
      *b. Minnie, m. Smith Simpson.
   9. Bridget, d. 3 Mch 1911 at Byron, Illinois; m. (1) Peter BURNS who d.s.p., and (2) Timothy NALLY and had 5 children,
      *a. Timothy Nally, b. 1865 at Salisbury, Connecticut.
      *b. John Nally, b. 3 Aug. 1867 at Oregon, Illinois.
      *c. Mary Ann Nally, m. 8 Apl 1896 U.S. CARVER.
      *d. Martin Nally, b. 1 March 1873.
      *e. Anne Nally, b. 3 Apl 1875, m. 13 May 1893 Roy B. WHITNEY.

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BICKERSTAFF OF GLENAVY PARISH, CO. ANTRIM

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The name Bickerstaff originates in Lancashire, England, but members of the family settled in Ulster in the 17th century. Richard Bickerstaff appears on rent rolls at Articlave near Coleraine, Co. Derry in the reign of Charles I and in 1655 he leased land at Drumballykeane, Co. Derry. In 1669 a John Bickerstaff leased land on the Antrim estate.

The Bickerstaffs at Lisburn were associated with the Society of Friends as well as the Established Church. Hugh or Henry Bickerstaff was a member of the Lisburn Monthly Meeting in 1677 and in 1684 Ann Bickerstaff, a quakeress in Lisburn Monthly Meeting, published her intention to marry William Foster.

SOLOMON BICKERSTAFF or BIGGERSTAFF of Lambeg was listed as a tenant there on the Hertford Estates in 1719. He m. at Lisburn 5 Feb. 1680-1 Edra (?) Jackson (? could she be the Edrew Bickerstaff bur. 27 July 1733 at Derriaghy) and had issue,

1. Dorothy, bapt. 28 Jan. 1681-2 (Lisburn).
2. Anne, bapt. 6 July 1684 (Lisburn).
3. John, bapt. 16 Jan. 1694, bur. 5 Aug. 1792 (Lisburn). 98
4. probably James, who m. and had issue,
   a. Solomon, bapt. 12 Sept. 1718 (Lisburn).
   b. James, bapt. 28 May 1721 (Lisburn).

III. William, bapt. 31 Jan. 1808 (Glenavy).
IV. Grace (Grizzy), bapt. 14 Oct. 1810 (Glenavy), m. ——— Abernathy and had issue.
V. Andrew, a fisherman, bapt. 26 Dec. 1813 (Glenavy), bur. 8 Nov. 1882 (Glenavy), m. Sarah ———, who was bur. 1 May 1890 aged 70 at Glenavy, and had issue, all born at Fenmore and bapt. at Glenavy,
1. James, bapt. 1 May 1840.
2. William, bapt. 11 July 1841.
3. Joseph, bapt. 3 Sept. 1843, m. 30 Aug. 1867 (Ballinderry) Alice Fraser, bur. 23 July 1930.
4. Sarah, bapt. 28 Sept. 1845, m. 8 Aug. 1868 (Lisburn Register Office) Edward Cormican.
5. Eliza.
6. Andrew, bapt. 4 May 1851, bur. 21 Feb. 1922; m. 20 Nov. 1891 Annie Bell.
VI. Elizabeth, bapt. 17 March 1816 (Glenavy).
VII. William, bapt. 18 April 1819 (Glenavy), m. Mary ——— and had issue, all born Fenmore and bapt. at Glenavy,
1. Eliza, bapt. 25 May 1851, bur. 19 June 1870.
2. Mary Jane, bapt. 25 Sept. 1853, m. 13 Nov. 1884 Daniel Bell.
3. Emily, bapt. 27 June 1858.
4. William John, bapt. 3 Sept. 1860.

The eldest son,

JOHN BICKERSTAFF, b. 1807, bur. 21 Sept. 1852 aged 45 (Glenavy), m. Mary, dau. of Sergt. Nathaniel Caters of Carrickfergus, and by her (who was b. 1803) had issue,

I. Nathaniel Caters, of whom presently.
II. Frances (Fanny), bapt. 12 Sept. 1841 (Glenavy), m. 21 Sept. 1878 (Glenavy) Thomas Farr of Ballyvanen, farmer, and had issue.
III. William Caters, a soldier, bapt. 30 June 1844 (Glenavy), bur. 28 Feb. 1922 (Glenavy), m. 1stly at Cork 19 Oct. 1866 Mary Ann Brennan, and had issue,
1. Cecilia, d. at Cawnpore, India, 19 Nov. 1875.
2. William, d. in infancy in India.

He m. 2ndly in England 15 June 1882 Margaret Richards and had further issue,
3. William Herbert, b. 17 Aug. 1885 at Portsmouth, who m. and had issue.
4. a dau.

He m. 3rdly 9 Jan. 1905 Margaretta Ellis, but had no further issue.

The eldest son,

NATHANIEL CATERS BICKERSTAFF, a fisherman, b. 1832 at Ram's Island, Lough Neagh, bapt. 24 Aug. 1834 (Glenavy), m. 22 June 1857 (Lisburn Register Office) Elizabeth, dau. of William Farr of Ballyvaney, and had issue, all bapt. at Glenavy,

I. Daniel (known as John), bapt. 28 June 1857.
II. Mary Ann, bapt. 9 July 1859.
III. Sarah, b. 1861, bapt. 23 March 1862. m.
IV. William, b. 25 Sept., bapt. 23 Oct. 1864.
V. Elizabeth, b. 6 and bapt. 31 March 1867.
VI. Frances, b. 7 July, bapt. 9 Aug. 1869.
VII. Margaret, b. 18 Feb., bapt. 1 March 1872. – m. Alex Cormican son of James & Elizabeth 2 children, James P. & Kathleen
VIII. William, b. 22 Mch, bapt. 31 May 1874, m. and had with other issue a son Nathaniel Caters, b. 1905 at Belfast, night club owner, living in London 1955.
IX. Nathaniel Caters, b. 6 Dec. 1876, bapt. 14 Jan. 1877, bur. 9 Nov. 1930, m. and had issue a son Nathaniel Caters and a daughters, Jean, Gladys, & Emma
& William 52nd
X. Enoch Caters, b. 28 Jan., bapt. 28 Feb. 1880, emigrated to Canada.
XI. Jane, b. 27 Oct., bapt. 19 Dec. 1883, bur. 2 Aug. 1884.

As the Glenavy parish register is defective, it was not possible to identify the parentage of a Mary Bickerstaff who m. 15 Dec. 1816 (Glenavy) Thomas Campbell, or of the Andrew Bickerstaff who m. 3 Aug. 1819 Jane Leslie, also at Glenavy.

One Alexander Bickerstaff also appears in the Lisburn parish registers as having sons Francis, bapt. 23 May 1731, bur. 27 Sept. 1731, and Francis, bapt. 3 Sept. 1732 and bur. 31 Aug. 1733.

The will of Catherine Bickerstaff of Rosegift was proved at Connor in 1737.

It seems likely that the Bickerstaffs of Glenavy parish descend from the family at Lisburn. The first of the name at Glenavy of whom record has been found is,

JOHN BICKERSTAFF, who had issue,

I. Joseph, bapt. 11 March 1770, of whom presently.

II. William, bapt. 14 June 1778 (Glenavy), m. and had issue,
1. Andrew
2. James twins, bapt. 19 Feb. 1809 (Glenavy).
3. Marianne, bapt. 14 Jan. 1810 (Glenavy).
4. Marianne, bapt. 4 Aug. 1811 (Glenavy).
5. Eliza, bapt. 30 Jan. 1814 (Glenavy).
6. Ellen, bapt. 31 July 1816 (Glenavy).

He also had an illegitimate son, Joseph, bapt. 13 Nov. 1825 (Glenavy).

III. possibly Allan, b. 1765, bur. 28 Aug. 1827 aged 62 (Glenavy), who had issue,
1. John, of Ballydonaghy, weaver, m. Mary Ann . . . and had issue, all bapt. at Glenavy,
a. Allan, bapt. 25 Jan. 1829, d. at Crumlin, bur. 22 Jan. 1909 aged 79; m. 30 Nov. 1850 Mary Ann Orr Johnston.
b. Catherine, bapt. 9 Jan. 1831.
c. Anne Matilda, bapt. 6 Jan. 1833.
d. Rebecca, bapt. 10 April 1836, m. 29 Oct. 1858 (Killead, Co. Antrim) Thomas McDowell.
e. James, bapt. 3 June 1847.
f. Thomasine, bapt. 15 Sept. 1850.
g. Catherine, bapt. 25 June 1854.
2. Allan, bpt. 10 Apl 1807 (Glenavy), d. at Killead, bur. 31 Mch 1844 (Glenavy) will pd. Connor 1844; m. 24 Nov. 1833 by licence at Glenavy Sarah Murphy and had issue,
a. Susan, bapt. 5 Sept. 1834 (Glenavy).
b. Hugh, bapt. 4 Oct. 1835 (Glenavy).
3. Elizabeth, bapt. 28 July 1811.

IV. possibly John, a servant, b.c. 1780, m. and had issue,
1. John, bapt. 6 March 1808.
2. Patrick, b. 1814, bur. 12 Sept. 1864 aged 50 (Glenavy), m. 18 Feb. 1848 at Belfast Jane, dau. of John McNeice of Belfast (bur. 7 May 1892 aged 66 at Glenavy) and had issue,
a. Ellen, b. 30 Sept. 1849, bapt. 3 Dec. (Glenavy).
b. John, bapt. 6 Jan. 1852 (Glenavy).
c. Isaac, bapt. 25 May 1854 (Glenavy).

His son,

JOSEPH BICKERSTAFF, bapt. 11 March 1770 (Glenavy), d. at Ballyvanen, bur. 2 Feb. 1842 aged 72 (*sic*) at Glenavy. His wife may have been the Grace Bickerstaff, widow, of Ballyvanen, who was bur. 4 July 1849 aged 73. He had issue,

I. Mary, b. 1806, bur. 27 Sept. 1878 aged 72 (Glenavy); m. 6 Oct. 1829 (Glenavy) Thomas Creaney, and had issue.

II. John, b. 1807, of whom presently.