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(Edmund Burke, the perpetrator of this unprecedented precedent, some of whose provisions are as original as its spelling, was the first grantee of Portion 12, Parish of Wollongong, an area of 40 acres which included the present Crown Street from Keira Street (on the north side) and Church Street (on the south) to approximately the site of the railway line. It would be interesting to know whether the name of his daughter "Elen Kinny" was more conventionally spelt Kenny, and whether Kenny Street, the upper end of which is within Burke's grant derived its name from her.

Edmund Burke died on 3rd February, 1848, two days after making his will. Unlike his more famous namesake, he evidently did not enjoy even the most distant acquaintance with the Great Lexicographer).

In the name of God Amen those are the last words and declaration of Edmund Burk of Wollongong I will I leave my son John Burke the dwelling house and the Farm except the house and lotment that RIchard Newgent occys at prisint tegithir two acres and half of land joining George Brown paddork that I will to my three daughters namely Margret Burk Ann Burk Elibth Burk I will to Margret Burk a mare called the Limrock lass and her encrose also three cows I will to Ann Burk three cows to Elizbeth Burk three cows I will to my daughter Elen Kinny one quarter of a acre of land where she lives at present during her life and after her death I will it to her son Edward Kinny together with one quarter of a acre of land at the East side of the house I will to Mary Kinny that lotment of land namely Corinlis Wholeghan. This is my will that if my daughter Margret do not marry and has no family that after her death whatever property she is posses of is to be eqelly divided amongst the other shisters. This is my will that my son is to put that house that Newgint lives in at present in full repair for my three daughters namely Margret Ann and Elibth this is my will this land that I give my children and of springs is never to be sold nor morgis nor lease it no longer than seven years those three men L have appoin t ed namely as my Extors Mr. Mathew Ryan Mr. Thomas Mygher Mr. Peter Larkin I authorise those men to see that my children gits thir part as I willed it Edmund Burke may he rest in pace Ann this will is not to be opened for twelve months from this date Witness present to this last will Matthew X (his mark) Ryan Thomas Maher Peter Larkin tuesday Evening February 1st 1848.

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