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Dear Mr Power

Thank you for authorising a fee to be debited from your Credit Card and your commission to search for the family details of Matthew Power born in Co Waterford c.1787.

The parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Waterford and Lismore. (The commencement dates of the registers are in brackets).

	(Bap.Reg.)	(Mar.reg.)		(Bap.Reg.)	(Mar.reg.)
Abbeyside (W)	1828	1828	Clonea /Rathgormack	1831	1852
Modeligo (W)	1815	1820	Aglis (W)	1826	1833
Dungarvan (W)	1787	1829	Newcastle (T&W)	1814	1822
Ardfinnan (T)	1810	1817	Dunhill (W)	1829	1837
Portlaw (W)	1809	1805	Ardmore (W)	1816	1857
Trinity Within (WC)	1729	1747	Powerstown (T)	1808	1808
Ballyduff (W)	1849	1853	Ring (W)	1813	1813
Ballylooby (T)	1828	1828	Trinity Without (WC)	1797	1797
St John's (WC)	1759	1760	Ballyneale (T)	1839	1839
St Patrick's (WC)	1706	1706	Ballyporeen (T)	1817	1818
Kilgobinet (W)	1848	1848	St Mary's Clonmel (T)	1790	1798
Cahir (T)	1776	1776	Kill (W)	1798	1797
Peter & Paul (T&W)	1836	1836	Cappoquin (W)	1810	1807
Killea (W)	1809	1780	Carrick-on-Suir (T)	1788	1788
Kilrossanty (W)	1822	1859	Stradbally (W)	1797	1805
Carrickbeg (W)	1842	1807	Kilsheelan (T&W)	1840	1840
Tallow (W)	1797	1799	Clashmore (W)	1811	1810
Knockanore (W)	1816	1803	Tooraneena (W)	1852	1852

Clogheen (T)	1778	1814	Lismore (W)	1820	1822
Tramore (W)	1798	1785			

KEY:- B - Baptisms, M - Marriages, (WC) - Waterford City, (W) - Waterford County.
(T & W) - partly Waterford County and partly Tipperary County

Searches :

- Roman Catholic baptismal records extant for the above parishes.
- Roman Catholic Marriage records extant for the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore

Research : Search for Matthew Power

Our first search on the basis of the data in your submission was directed to the registers of all the above list of parishes in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore. We searched for the record of a baptism of a Matthew Power recorded c.1782-1787. We located records for four Matthews within the period in question. All were located within the records of Waterford city parishes. However, as you can see from the above list most of the other areas –more rural parts—do not have surviving records for the 1780 period.

I present these records below together with the possible siblings to have emerged. Given the amount of data available it is not possible to come down decisively in relation to any of the records : it is not possible to say with confidence that a given record is that of the Matthew Power who had the subsequent career described in your submission.

The data of the records that emerged during these searches is as follows :

(the first of the two dates is the date of Baptism : where there is only one date recorded it is the date of Baptism, -- not the date of birth).

Matthew Power records

St John's Parish

POWER,MATTHEW 1 MAY 1782
 Father :JOHN Mother : CONNOR MARY
 Sponsors :FOWLOW JOHN KETING CATHERINE
 Parish : ST.JOHN'S Church : ST.JOHN'S
 Priest DONNEL JAMES Register :B/1759-87 P. 143
 Addresses HENNESSY'S ROAD

No recorded siblings

St Patrick's Parish

The family of Richard Power and Ann Power / Costelloe

POWER,MATTHEW 17 OCT 1783
 Father :RICHARD Mother : POWER ANN
 Sponsors :FOWELER JOHN RYAN JOANNA
 Parish : ST.OLAFS Church : ST.OLAFS
 Priest BARRON JOHN Register :B/1783-1790 P. 6
 Addresses

Possible siblings

POWER,JANE 14 AUG 1785
 Father :RICHARD Mother : COSTOLLOE ANN
 Sponsors :FLIN PATRICK LEONARD SUSANNA
 Parish : ST.OLAFS Church : ST.OLAFS
 Priest POWER PAUL Register :BAPTISMAL 1783P. 36

Addresses

POWER,RACHEL 5 DEC 1787
Father :RICHARD Mother : COSTELLOE ANN
Sponsors :COSTELLOE JAMES PHILIPS MARY
Parish : ST.OLAFS Church : ST.OLAFS
Priest POWER PAUL Register :BAPTISMAL 1783P. 76
Addresses

The family of Nicholas Power and Mary Power

POWER,MATTHEW 6 APR 1785
Father :NICHOLAS Mother : POWER MARY
Sponsors :BURK REV.JAMES DUNFORD MARGARET
Parish : ST PATRICKS Church : ST PATRICKS
Priest POWER PAUL Register :B/1783-1790 P. 29
Addresses

Possible siblings

POWER,BRIGID 29 JAN 1787
Father :NICHOLAS Mother : POWER MARY
Sponsors :MOLLOWNEY EDMUND HEARN ALICE
Parish : ST.PATRICKS Church : ST.PATRICKS
Priest POWER PAUL Register :BAPT.1783-90 P. 60
Addresses

POWER,JOSEPH 9 FEB 1789
Father :NICHOLAS Mother : POWER MARY
Sponsors :BARRON REV.JOHN RUSSELL ELIZABETH
Parish : ST PATRICKS Church : ST PATRICKS
Priest POWER PAUL Register :BAPTISMAL 1783P. 97
Addresses

POWER,MARY 26 MAR 1790
Father :NICHOLAS Mother : POWER MARY
Sponsors :COLEMAN MICHAEL POWER ELEANOR
Parish : ST.PATRICKS Church : ST.PATRICKS
Priest POWER PAUL Register :BAPTISMAL 1783P. 119
Addresses

POWER,JOSEPH 12 OCT 1796
Father :NICHOLAS Mother : POWER MARY
Sponsors :POWER REV.JOHN CORCORAN CATHERINE
Parish : ST. PAT'S & ST.OLAFS Church : ST. PAT'S & ST.OLAFS
Priest BARRON JOHN Register :BAPTISMAL 1795P. 42
Addresses

POWER,ELEANOR 19 NOV 1797
Father :NICHOLAS Mother : POWER MARY
Sponsors :POWER FRANCIS FANNING ELEANOR
Parish : ST PATS-ST OLAFS Church : ST PATS-ST OLAFS
Priest BARRON JOHN Register :BAPTISMAL 1795P. 75
Addresses

POWER,TERESA 5 SEP 1799
Father :NICHOLAS Mother : POWER MARY
Sponsors :POWER ALICE REYNOLDS REV.M.

Parish : ST.PATS & ST.OLAFS Church : ST.PATS & ST.OLAFS
Priest REYNOLDS M. Register :BAPTISMAL 1798P. 17
Addresses

The family of Robert Power and Ann Kennedy

Marriage record

POWER ROBERT Wife:KENNEDY ANN 4 APR 1780
Witnesses : POWER PATRICK BARRY MARGARET
Marriage RegisterB/M 1772-1783 P. 236
Husband's Parents :
Wife's Parents :
Parish :ST.PATRICKS Priest :ST.LEGER JOHN

Recorded children

POWER,MATTHEW 29 AUG 1785
Father :ROBERT Mother : KENNEDY ANN
Sponsors :POWER DAVID POWER ANN
Parish : ST.PAT'S & ST.OLAFS Church : ST.PAT'S & ST.OLAFS
Priest LANEGAN JOHN Register :B/1783-1790 P. 37
Addresses

Possible siblings

POWER,EDWARD 3 NOV 1788
Father :ROBERT Mother : KENNEDY ANN
Sponsors :POWER JOHN POWER ELEANOR
Parish : ST PATRICKS Church : ST PATRICKS
Priest POWER PAUL Register :BAPTISMAL 1783P. 91
Addresses

POWER,MARTIN 26 NOV 1800
Father :ROBERT Mother : KENNEDY ANN
Sponsors :HANNING THOMAS KENNEDY MARGARET
Parish : ST.PATS & ST.OLAFS Church : ST.PATS & ST.OLAFS
Priest CLEARY FELIX Register :BAPTISMAL 1798P. 49
Addresses

The following are too early to be worthy of consideration

POWER,MATTHEW 20 JUL 1769
Father :WILLIAM Mother : FOWLOW ANASTASIA
Sponsors :DOBBIN NICHOLAS FLING CATHERINE
Parish : ST JOHNS Church : ST JOHNS
Priest CODY BARTHOLOMEW Register :B/1759-87 M/17P. 132
Addresses

POWER,MATTHEW 9 MAY 1772
Father :PATRICK Mother : POWER JOANNA
Sponsors :MEARA PHILIP CARR ELIZABETH
Parish : ST PATRICKS Church : ST PATRICKS
Priest ST LEGER JOHN Register :B/M 1752-72 P. 340

Addresses

The purpose of the initial search is to establish or confirm the place of origin of a given individual. In this case, as outlined above, the results to emerge leave us with a number of Matthew Power records for the 1782-87 period that we can propose as possibly the Matthew Power who is here of interest. It has proved possible to confirm your family tradition that Matthew Power probably came from Waterford. However, we do not have sufficient data to indicate which, if any, of those to emerge was the Matthew Power of your family.

Sometimes one is left, by the available evidence, to conjecture in relation to a likely place of origin for a given individual : the evidence may only give pointers without supporting a definite conclusion. In this case it seems that a measure of conjecture remains and that we cannot be sure which of the families to emerge is that of the Matthew who is here of interest and who later married in Devon.

Considerable variations are to be found in the recording of family names during the last century. It seems clear that the recording priest or registrar often used his preferred spelling for a given name.

Enclosures:

- A parish map that shows the relative positions of the above list of parishes.

Yours sincerely

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