**IRISH INDEPENDENT OBITUARY**

**Mr. Geoffrey de Clifton Parmiter, MBE**

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**FORMER Blackhall resident Geoffrey de Clifton Parmiter MBE, died peacefully in London on November 12 in his 91st year.**

Mr. Parmiter, who was originally from England, met his wife-to-be Lucita, in London prior to the Second World War. Born in Argentina, Lucita was the closest surviving relative of Mrs. Ada Thunder of Blackhall House, and inherited the estate on her death in 1952. It was an interesting fact that Ada Thunder had come from an estate outside Balbriggan also called Blackhall. Blackhall, Termonfeckin, was previously owned by George Pentland and family.

Regular visitors to Blackhall over many years, the Parmiter family relocated to Blackhall at that time but spent less than a year there before selling it. With no farming experience and working from London, it did not suit the family to live at Blackhall.

Neighbour and friend, Henry Smith of Piperstown remembers the Parmiters in Blackhall and recalls their children playing there when very young in the 1950s.

George Parmiter was a barrister who also wrote and published many books. He was the first, and possibly only one to write the story of Casement from a legal point of view. The book enjoyed some modest success but didn’t become a classic. Parmiter also wrote various theological books including ‘Henry VIII - The King’s Grey Matter’.

Remembered as an amusing person, entertaining, a good converstationalist, clever, well educated, and a good advocate. His wife Lucita was a tall striking woman, very athletic and enjoyed skiing on the continent, even in pre-War days.

The Thunder family of Blackhall died out and the Parmiters did not stay so there is no family left in this area. Over the years some friends and neighbours visited them in London.

Geoffrey de Clifton Parmiter was predeceased by his wife Lucita. He is survived by his daughter Anne, and sons Anthony and John. He was father-in-law to Lizzie and Jackie, and grandfather to Lucy, Amy, Minnie, Julian, Simon, Robin and Tasmin.

Funeral service took place at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Wimbledon, London.