## Individual clients of Ferdinand Weber (1715–84), keyboard instrument maker in Dublin

Archdale, Miss Not identified. Tuning following purchase of a harpsichord.

August 1771 to December 1777

Batty, Phillip, of Ballykelly Not identified. Sundry tunings, repairs and packing of an

unnamed instrument. December 1781 to February 1783

Bayly, Mrs Not identified. Weber notes that Mrs Bayly resided 'near

Ardain', perhaps the village of Artane situated 6km northeast of Dublin, now a suburb of Dublin. Harpsichord tuning and

repairs. August 1777 to September 1778

Barry, Councellor Robert Barry, listed as King's-Council, Seneschal of the

King's Manors, and Com. of Appeals, Merion Street, in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1777, p.92). Organ repairs, coach

hire and piano tuning. May to July 1777

Bellaguier, Mrs Not identified. Harpsichord tuning, hire and tuning of a piano

and a spinet at Blackrock (a small town some 7-9 km

southeast of Dublin), also making a swell for the harpsichord.

January 1773 to September 1776

Bellew, Mrs Identification uncertain. Wilson's Dublin Directory (1774,

p.17), lists Nicholas Bellew as a merchant of Ryder's Lane, but two people named Robert Bellew are also listed in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1780, p.105): one with premises in Bride Street, and one with premises in Stephen's Street.

Mrs Bellew was perhaps the wife of one of these.

Harpsichord tuning and repairs, in addition to organ tuning.

August 1774 to November 1777

Bentley, Mr Not identified. Purchase of a spinet and tuning thereof. June

1777 to April 1779

Beresford, Rt Hon. John Beresford (1735–1805), MP in the Irish House of

Commons. Properties in Abbeville, Co. Dublin and Dominick Street, Dublin. Repairs and tuning of a piano, new stand for piano, in addition to harpsichord tuning. January 1774 to November 1777. [James Kelly, 'Beresford, John', *Dictionary* 

of Irish Biography]

Beresford, Mrs Barbara Beresford née Montgomery (1757–1788) married to

John Beresford. The beauty and elegance of Barbara Montgomery and her sisters Elizabeth and Anne won them fame as 'The Irish Graces', and in 1773, the year before Barbara's marriage to John Beresford, their portraits were painted by Sir Joshua Reynolds as 'Three Ladies Adorning a Term of Hymen' (Tate Britain). Repair and tuning of a piano,

plus harpsichord tuning. January 1778 to May 1779. [James Kelly, 'Beresford, John', *Dictionary of Irish Biography*]

Byrne, Edward Possibly Edward Byrne, listed as a merchant of 2 Fisher's

Lane, in Wilson's Dublin Directory (1774, p.21).

Harpsichord tuning, piano repairs and making a strong case

for a piano. April 1774 to December 1779

Blake, John Possibly John Blake, listed as a merchant of Arran Quay, in

Wilson's Dublin Directory (1774, p.17). merchant, Arran

Quay. Purchase of a piano. August 1779

Blake, Xaverius Xaverius Blake (1752–1784), Dunmacrina, Co. Mayo and

Oranmore Castle, Oranmore, Co. Galway. Hire and tuning of

an upright harpsichord. April 1772 to May 1773

Broadstreet, Lady Probably Elizabeth Tully, married to Sir Samuel Bradstreet

(1738–1791), 3rd Baronet, barrister, MP for Dublin City, and Recorder of Dublin. He had multiple properties, including Mespil House and at Merrion Square, Dublin. Harpsichord tuning. April 1776 to October 1777. [James Quinn,

'Bradstreet, Sir Samuel', *Dictionary of Irish Biography*]

Broadstreet, Miss Probably the daughter of Sir Samuel Bradstreet, since Weber

notes the harpsichord tunings and transport relate to her instrument 'at the Recorders'. December 1780 to June 1782

Buckinghamshire, Earl of John Hobart, 2nd Earl of Buckinghamshire, Lord Lieutenant

of Ireland. His property included St Wolstan's House,

Celbridge, Kildare (a settlement some 23km west of Dublin). Harpsichord hire and tuning, repair of a barrel organ, plus horse hire to St Wolstan's. September 1779 to June 1780. [Patrick M. Geoghegan, 'Hobart, John', *Dictionary of Irish* 

Biography]

Burgess, Mr Possibly Henry Burgess, listed as a linen draper of 90 Charles

Street, in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1780, p.23). Hire and tuning of a harpsichord for two months. February to April

1779

Burgh, Miss Possibly the daughter of Thomas Burgh, listed as a barrister

of 51 Abbey Street, in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1780, p.94). Alternatively, the daughter of the Rt Hon. Walter Burgh, listed in the same publication (p.94), as Prime-Serjeant of Dominick Street. Tuning and piano repairs, as well as purchase of wire and a tuning hammer. January 1775

to October 1778

Butler, Mr Not identified. Purchase of a second-hand harpsichord. May

1779

Byrne, Edward

Probably Edward Byrne, listed as a merchant of 2 Fisher's Lane, in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1780, p.24). Harpsichord tuning, repairing and making a strong case for a piano. April 1774 to December 1779

Caldwell, Sir James

Sir James Caldwell, 4th Baronet, *c*1720–1784, Castle Caldwell, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh (200km northwest of Dublin). New tongues for 120 jacks, hire and porterage of a harpsichord. It is uncertain if the work refers to an instrument in Castle Caldwell or to a property in Dublin. March 1777 to August 1778. [Helen Andrews, 'Caldwell, Sir James', *Dictionary of Irish Biography*]

Cary, Rt Hon. Lady Jane

Lady Jane Beresford (d.1792), daughter of Marcus Beresford, married to the Rt. Hon. Edward Cary, politician. Harpsichord tuning. October 1773 to December 1777. [www.thepeerage.com>]

Cavendish, Sir Henry

Sir Henry Cavendish (1732–1804), Anglo-Irish politician. Hire and tuning of an upright harpsichord, hire and tuning of a harpsichord, plus porterage. July 1775 to November 1778. [James Quinn, 'Cavendish, Sir Henry', *Dictionary of Irish Biography*]

Chaigneau, John

Probably John Chaigneau, listed in various *Royal Kalendars* and *City Registers*, including *The Gentleman's and Citizen's Almanack* (Dublin, Samuel Watson, 1774, p.69) as Treasurer of the Ordnance. Harpsichord tuning in town and at Rathmines (a town some 2km south of Dublin, now a suburb of the city). January 1773 to May 1777

Clanwilliam, Countess of

Theodosia Meade, Countess of Clanwilliam (1743–1817), landowner, with a town house in St Stephen's Green, Dublin. Harpsichord tuning, repair and carriage. May 1776 to July 1780. [Bridget Hourican, 'Meade, Theodosia', *Dictionary of Irish Biography*]

Clifden, Rt Hon. Lady

Lucia Agar née Martin (d.1802), married to James Agar, 1st Viscount Clifden, landowner and MP in the Irish House of Commons. Harpsichord wire, guitar and fiddle strings. December 1778. [Helen Andrews, 'Agar, James', *Dictionary of Irish Biography*]

Cloyne, Bishop of

Dr Charles Agar (1736–1809), 1st Earl of Normanton, Bishop of Cloyne. His premises in Dublin were at 47 St Stephen's Green and later 16 St Stephen's Green. Harpsichord tuning, repairs and porterage. January to June 1777. [Peter MacDonagh, 'Agar, Charles', *Dictionary of Irish Biography*] Cobbe, Lady Betty

Lady Eliza Beresford (1736–1806), daughter of the Earl of Tyrone and sister of John Beresford. Married Thomas Cobbe, Irish politician, in 1751. Tuning of various instruments (two harpsichords, spinet and piano), plus harpsichord and spinet repairs. With reference to instruments in town (Palace Row) and in the country (Newbridge House, Donabate, 21km northeast of Dublin). January 1766 to April 1779.

Colville, William

Probably William Colvill, listed as a merchant of 6 Bachelor's Walk, in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1780, p.28). Harpsichord tuning and repairs. No date

Cuff. Hon. Miss

The identification remains uncertain, but she may have been related to James Cuffe, 1st Baron Tyrawley, MP in the Irish House of Commons. Harpsichord tuning. October 1774 to July 1777. [Desmond McCabe, 'Cuffe, James', *Dictionary of Irish Biography*]

Dardis, Miss

Not identified. Harpsichord tuning following purchase, plus harpsichord repairs. February 1777 to December 1779

Dunn, William

Probably William Dunn, listed as Chief Magistrate in 1777 and an Alderman, in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1778, p.118). Harpsichord tuning, hire of both a harpsichord and a spinet, plus porterage. February 1777 to November 1778

Earberry, Mrs

Not identified. Harpsichord tuning, mending and tuning a piano, purchase of a second-hand spinet. March 1774 to January 1779

Ely, Earl of

Henry Loftus (1709–83), 1st Earl of Ely, Rathfarnham Castle, South Dublin. Organ repairs and tuning at Rathfarnham, moving the organ to premises in town, tuning and raising the pitch of the harpsichord to that of the organ. January 1777 to June 1778. [E.M. Johnston-Liik, 'Tottenham (Loftus), Sir Charles', *Dictionary of Irish Biography*]

Evans, Mr

Richard Evans, listed as an attorney of Aungier Street, in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1780, p.108). Weber gives the full address as 64 Aungier Street thereby confirming the identification. Hire and tuning of a harpsichord. May to August 1775

Ferns, Bishop of

Nicolas Sweetman (1695–1786), Bishop of Ferns, Wexford. Harpsichord and piano tuning, harpsichord repairs (including a new keyboard), purchase of a piano and a harpsichord. Sale of an old spinet to Weber. Harpsichord tuning in the country and in the town. March 1773 to June 1779

Fingall, Rt Hon Lady

Henrietta Maria Fingall, married to Arthur James Plunkett, 7th Earl of Fingall. Harpsichord and spinet tuning, plus harpsichord hire in the country (probably Killeen Castle, Dunsany, Co. Meath, 37km northwest of Dublin). January 1776 to September 1777. [C.J. Woods, 'Plunkett, Arthur

James', Dictionary of Irish Biography]

Fletcher, Mr Possibly Joseph Fletcher, listed as a merchant and trustee of

the Royal Exchange of 93 Bride Street, in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1778, pp.82–83). Harpsichord and piano tuning

following purchase. March 1775 to January 1778

French, Dominick Dominick French, listed as a grocer of Abbey Street, in

Wilson's Dublin Directory (1771, p.34). Sundry tunings not

dated

Gault, Mrs Possibly the wife of Benjamin Gault, listed as a merchant of

16 Mary's Abbey, in Wilson's Dublin Directory (1777, p.40).

Dublin. Harpsichord tuning. October 1777

Gibson, Miss Not identified. Tuning and repair of a piano. April to October

1779

Glandore, Rt Hon. Earl William Crosbie (1716–1781), 1st Earl of Glandore,

politician, MP in the Irish House of Commons. Spinet and piano tuning. June 1769 to December 1777. [Patrick M. Geoghegan, 'Crosbie, John', *Dictionary of Irish Biography*]

Glandore, Rt Hon. Countess Theodosia Crosbie née Bligh, married to William Crosbie,

1st Earl of Glandore. Spinet tuning for Mr Ward, purchase of a harpsichord. April 1778 to November 1778. [Patrick M. Geoghegan, 'Crosbie, John', *Dictionary of Irish Biography*]

Glinn, Mrs Wife of Joseph Glynn, listed as a bricklayer of 10 North

Cole's Lane, in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1780, p.40). Identification seems to be confirmed by the fact that Weber attended 'Coles Lane' to tune his client's spinet. October

1771 to May 1777.

Godley, Counsellor John Godley, listed as Second Examiner in Chancery of

Sackville Street, in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1777, p.95). Repairs to and re-stringing of a spinet, harpsichord tuning and repairs, plus piano tuning. 1776 to November 1778

Herbert, Hon. Mrs Possibly the widow of Edward Herbert (d.1770), Irish

politician. Hire and tuning of a harpsichord and a spinet, plus

purchase of a piano. Later piano tuning and repairs to a

harpsichord. April 1773 to October 1779

Hobart, John See Buckinghamshire, Earl of

Hobart, Lady Harriet Hobart, daughter of John Hobart, 2nd Earl of

Buckinghamshire, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Hire and tuning of a harpsichord, repairs and tuning of an old

harpsichord, tuning of an upright harpsichord, repairs to a barrel organ. February 1777 to January 1779. [Patrick M. Geoghegan, 'Hobart, John', *Dictionary of Irish Biography*]

Johnston, Mrs

Possibly the house keeper for Mrs Lowther Crofton. Harpsichord repairs, porterage and tuning of two harpsichords for Mrs Lowther Crofton. July 1776 to September 1777. Mrs Lowther Crofton identified as the wife of Marcus Lowther Crofton, alderman, Mote Park House, Ballymurray, Co. Roscommon (161km northwest of Dublin)

Kennedy, Mr

Not identified. Harpsichord tuning. March 1772 to February 1778

King, Rev. Dr

Rev. Robert King, LL.D., 9 French Street, listed as Prebendary of St John's Dublin in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1777, p.88; and 1780, p.89). Harpsichord tuning and repairs. April 1777 to November 1777

Kingsborough, Lady

Caroline King née Fitzgerald, married to Robert King (1754–99), 2nd earl of Kingston, styled Viscount Kingsborough during his father's lifetime. Harpsichord tuning. November 1776 to November 1777. [Patrick M. Geoghegan, 'King, Robert', *Dictionary of Irish Biography*]

Latouche, Mrs David

Elizabeth Latouche née Marlay, married to David Latouche III, banker, first governor of the Bank of Ireland, and MP in the Irish House of Commons. Resided at Marley Park, known as 'The Grange', Rathfarnham (7½km south of Dublin) and at a town house on Stephen's Green, Dublin. Harpsichord hire and tuning, piano tuning and repairs, plus repairs to an upright harpsichord and adding a buff stop. Weber refers to instrument hire and tuning 'at Grange'. June 1766 to January 1778. [Daniel Beaumont, 'La Touche, David III', *Dictionary of Irish Biography*]

Latouche, John

John David Latouche I (1732–1810), banker, landowner and MP in the Irish House of Commons. He inherited an estate at Harristown, Co. Kildare, and had town houses on Merrion Square and Ely Place, Dublin. Weber refers to harpsichord tuning in town and at Mount Merrion (7km south of Dublin). August 1777 to October 1778. [Daniel Beaumont, 'La Touche, John David', *Dictionary of Irish Biography*]

Lawless, Patrick

Patrick Lawless (d.1779), banker, partner in the bank Coates and Lawless (36 Thomas Street), resided on Leeson Street, Dublin. Additional work on a new harpsichord, plus tuning. Hire and later purchase of a piano. October 1776 to August 1779. [C.M. Tenison, 'The Old Dublin Bankers', *Journal of the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society*, 1895, vol.1, no.2.]

Leffanue, Mr Philip LeFanu (fl.1755–90), academic and author of *History* 

of the Council of Constance. Hire and tuning of a harpsichord

for 2½ months. January to April 1779.

[www.libraryireland.com>biography>PhilipLeFanu]

Leigh, Mrs Not identified. For improvements to harpsichord, plus

porterage. June 1778

Lowther Crofton, Mrs Wife of Marcus Lowther Crofton, listed as a Baronet of

Mote, Roscommon, in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1780, p.86). Harpsichord repairs, porterage and tuning of two harpsichords for Mrs Lowther Crofton. July 1776 to

September 1777.

Lyster Esqr Possibly William Lyster, listed as an attorney and law agent

to the College, Jervis Street, in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1780, p.111). Harpsichord and spinet hire, purchase of a

harpsichord, plus tuning. April 1764 to 1777

McMahon, Miss Not identified. Listed with Miss Young. Harpsichord and

piano tuning, repairs to harpsichord and repairs to piano. June

1775 to June 1779

Meredith, Mrs Identification uncertain, but possibly the wife of Ralph

Meredith, listed as a Public Notary in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1780, p.127). Tuning of two harpsichords.

February 1773 to July 1778

Monck, Mrs Possibly the wife of Thomas Monck, listed as Seneschal of

the Liberties and Manor of Grange Gorman, Kildare Street, in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1771, p.100). Harpsichord repairs, tuning and porterage. May 1776 to January 1779

Murry, Mr Not identified. Sold a spinet to Weber and possibly Mr

Skerrett's harpsichord. Other items not specified. June 1774

to December 1778

O'Brien, Sir Lucius Sir Lucius Henry O'Brien (1731–1795), 3rd Baronet,

barrister and politician. Moving the late Mrs Robinson's organ back to her house, putting it up and tuning it. Customs duty for piano shipped from London, plus repairs and tuning. April 1772 to June 1780. [James Kelly, 'O'Brien, Sir Lucius

Henry', Dictionary of Irish Biography]

Perry, Rt Hon. Ed. Sexten Edmund Sexten Pery (1719–1806), 1st Viscount Pery,

Anglo-Irish politician. Harpsichord tuning in town and in the country, repairing a barrel organ, tuning and stringing a guitar. Also, hire of a harpsichord. August 1775 to August 1780. [Patrick M. Geoghegan, 'Pery, Edmund Sexten',

Dictionary of Irish Biography]

Perry, Miss Possibly a daughter of Edmund Sexton Pery from his second marriage. Tuning of two harpsichords, following the purchase of a harpsichord. January 1772 to December 1777 Purcell, Mrs of Crumlin Not identified. Organ and harpsichord repairs. Also transport of organ from Crumlin to Dublin by six chairmen and one carman, plus wages of two of Weber's men. December 1766 to 1781 Robinson, Mrs Not identified. Removal of her organ from the home of Sir Lucius O'Brien to Drogheda Street, plus harpsichord repairs and tuning, hire and tuning of a spinet at Clontarf. April 1775 to June 1777 Robinson Lyster, Miss Possibly Elizabeth Robinson Lyster, who later married Frederick Trench, 1st Baron Ashtown. Moving an organ,

Frederick Trench, 1st Baron Ashtown. Moving an organ, including porterage, to Usher's Island (a stretch of the Dublin Quays). Also, harpsichord and piano tuning, piano repairs and purchase of wire. December 1777 to January 1778

Probably Edward Sankey, listed as an Alderman and Wine Merchant of Grafton Street in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1771, p.63). Purchase of a piano. August 1775

Edward Scriven, listed as an Attorney, Dawson Street, in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1776, p.106). Harpsichord tuning. March 1771 to December 1777

Not identified. Harpsichord tuning. February 1778

Not identified. Purchase of a harpsichord. January 1776

Not identified. Spinet repair. February 1779

Not identified, although Weber gives her address as South Cumberland Street. Harpsichord tuning and repairs, later purchase of a harpsichord and a piano. January 1771 to May

1780

Sankey, Alderman

Scriven, Edward

Sican, Mrs

Skerrett, Mr

Smart, Mr

Spencer, Mrs

Stokes, Mrs

Swift, Michael

Swift, Miss

Thomas, Mrs

Possibly the wife of William Stokes, listed as a carpenter of 4 Merion Street in *Wilson's Dublin Directory* (1774, p.69). Harpsichord tuning and repairs. July 1773 to July 1776

Not identified. Harpsichord tuning in town and at Clontarf (5km east of Dublin), repairs to piano. March 1766 to March

1776

Not identified. Repairing and tuning a spinet. February to April 1779

Not identified. Purchase of a harpsichord, plus tuning.

January 1772 to June 1777

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Upton, Mrs Not identified. Tuning at Clontarf, hire of a piano for four

months. June to October 1779

Westenra, Mrs Not identified. Harpsichord tuning and repairs. January to

December 1778

Whaly, Miss Not identified. Harpsichord and piano tuning. April 1771 to

April 1777

Wood, Mrs Not identified. Tuning and repairs to a spinet. February to

March 1779

Young, Miss Not identified. Listed with Miss McMahon. Harpsichord and

piano tuning, repairs to harpsichord and repairs to piano. June

1775 to June 1779