

# Subscription list issued by Vere Foster which sets out his aims and invites contributions of 'at least one penny'

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## Transcript:

IRISH FEMALE EMIGRATION

Subscription List

For the purpose of raising the condition of the poorest families in the poorest districts of Ireland, by assisting the emigration to the United States or Canada of ONE ABLE-BODIED MEMBER OF EACH FAMILY' specially selected on account of her poverty, good character and industrious habits, with the natural expectation that she will afterwards, from her earnings in America, extend that assistance to the remaining members of her family in imitation of the notorious and very characteristic example of hundreds of thousands of the very poorest class of Irish emigrants, who have most affectionately and generously so devoted their hard earnings during the last few years, thus exhibiting a most noble example of Christian charity to their superiors in wealth and intellectual education.

The expense of passage to New York, Quebec, or other parts, usually varies from £3 to £5; about 30s. will be required for outfit and other expenses, previous to embarkation; and arrangements will be made so that such emigrants as have no friends to meet them on arrival in America shall receive free a passage to where employment can be readily obtained.

Whoever approves of the above object, is respectfully invited to contribute at least one penny.

ST Louis, November, 1854

VERE FOSTER.

### SUBSCRIBERS

R. K. Swift, Banker, Chicago 20 pounds  
Earl of Egin, ex Governor General of Canada 1 pound  
Capt. Schomberg, Chief Govt. Emigration officer at Liverpool 1 shilling  
Lady Albinia Foster 1penny  
Lord Hobart 6 pence

Jan.12th in 1855 No. of subscribers 223  
Amount subscribed = 29 pounds 1 shilling 3 1/2 pence

I sent 105 persons with the proceeds of a similar fund raised in 1852 amounting to 200 pounds and my own contribution, and I have ascertained that all obtained situations within two days after landing, and that nearly all have sent for one or more of their relatives, some for as many as 5 and 6 from the County Clare, Ireland.

V.F.

