

THALASSEMIA MINOR

Rex Whitten (Leonard Rex 1937-2021), the senior male in the Percy Whitten family at the Tamworth reunion in 2014 mentioned this problem caused by some Spanish vessels heading to England but blown on to Ireland back in the day.

Apparently, Thalassemia was passed on to the Irish population as these Spanish sailors set up digs and ended up staying in Ireland.

These seems to be an abundance of red over white blood cells and passed on by those with Spanish ancestry.