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## THE MINSTREL BOY

(Written by Thomas Moore )

*The Minstrel Boy to the war is gone  
 In the ranks of death you will find him;  
 His father's sword he hath girded on,  
 And his wild harp slung behind him;  
 "Land of Song!" said the warrior bard,  
 "Tho' all the world betrays thee,  
 One sword, at least, thy rights shall guard,  
 One faithful harp shall praise thee!"*

*The Minstrel fell! But the foeman's chain  
 Could not bring that proud soul under;  
 The harp he lov'd ne'er spoke again,  
 For he tore its chords asunder;  
 And said "No chains shall sully thee,  
 Thou soul of love and brav'ry!  
 Thy songs were made for the pure and free,  
 They shall never sound in slavery!"*

An emotionally stirring and inspirational song, The Minstrel Boy was written by Thomas Moore (1779-1852), who set it to the melody of The Moreen, an old Irish aire.

It is believed by many that Moore composed the song as a memorial to several of his friends he had met while a student at Trinity College and who had participated in the 1798 rebellion of the United Irishmen. One died in prison, another was wounded, and a third captured and hanged.

The song was a favorite of the many Irishmen who fought dur-

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ing the U.S. Civil War, primarily on the Union side. It was at this time that a third verse was added by unknown authors:.

This song remains a favorite of reenactment fife and drum corps, both Union and Confederate.

*The Minstrel Boy will return we pray  
 When we hear the news we all will cheer it,  
 The minstrel boy will return one day,  
 Torn perhaps in body, not in spirit.  
 Then may he play on his harp in peace,  
 In a world such as Heaven intended,  
 For all the bitterness of man must cease,  
 And ev'ry battle must be ended.*



## The O'Dochartaigh 2005 Ireland Grand Reunion Schedule

**Join us during July 1st - 10th in Ireland with all the events either in Derry or the Inishowen Peninsula (County Donegal)**

**Over 250 already have registered. Events will began to fill up soon!**

Friday, July 1	8 AM-6 PM	Golf Day	Wed., July 6	Afternoon	West Inishowen Bus Tour
Friday, July 1	Evening	Opening Ceremony Banquet	Thur., July 6	Aft & Evening	Derry Tour, Boat Ride, Irish Food
Sat., July 2	Afternoon	The Grianan Centre Performance	Fri., July 8	Afternoon	East Inishowen Bus Tour
Sun., July 3	Afternoon	Our Clann's Business Meeting	Fri., July 8	Evening	Derry Music and Dance
Sun., July 3	Evening	Buncrana Medieval Banquet	Sat., July 9	Evening	Clonmany Match Making
Mon., July 4	All Day	Ulster-American Folk Park	Sun., July 10	Evening	Closing with Ceili and Dance
Tues., July 5	Afternoon	Doagh Farm Famine Village	<i>(More Details and how to register can be found on the Reunion's Website at <a href="http://www.2005reunion.com">www.2005reunion.com</a>)</i>		
Tues., July 5	Evening	Malin Genealogy Forum			

## Clanwide DNA Project

The O'Dochartaigh Clann DNA project is up and running. We have 15 participants, with more joining all the time. If you have considered joining but not yet done so, why not sign up today? The more participants we have, the more meaningful our results will be and the more family lines we can connect.

We had an article on page 3 of the last Association newsletter and all members should have received an email announcement of the project. The best way to find out about the testing is to go to the website [www.FamilyTreeDNA.com](http://www.FamilyTreeDNA.com).

This is the site for the service-company we are using for our project. The site contains a much clearer and more detailed explanation of the testing process and the meaning of the results than I could ever give here.

*The testing is reasonably priced and completely painless.*

The testing is reasonably priced and completely painless. I hate even getting a flu shot, but had no problem with this test procedure. All you have to do is rub a plastic stick against the inside of your cheek. There was no pain, no puncture, no wound and no blood. The results will

show you a number associated with each different tested marker. You can sign up to have 12, 25 or 37 markers tested. Most of our participants have signed up for the 37-marker test. The higher marker tests provide you with more critical details, which when compared with other "Dohertys" could tell us the family line you descend from. You may even find family members you never knew that you had.

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## Local Events During Our Ireland Reunion

<p><b>Day:</b> Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup></p> <p><b>Time:</b> 2:00 PM</p> <p><b>Place:</b> Grianan Of Aileach</p>	<p><b>Event (<i>Everyone is Invited</i>):</b> "Dedication Ceremony"</p> <p>This is at the Grianan of Aileach (Grianan Fort). Pascual O'Dogherty, who is a Spanish Admiral and the brother of our very ill Chieftain, Dr. Ramon O'Dogherty, will be conducting the ceremony.</p>
<p><b>Daily:</b> Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Time:</b> Saturday: 10 AM-5 PM, Sunday: 10 AM-5 PM, All Others: 11 AM to 5 PM</p> <p><b>Place:</b> Tullyarvan Mill at the North edge of Buncrana by the Crana River, off the main Carndonagh Rd</p>	<p><b>Events (<i>Everyone is Invited</i>):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. <u>"The Early History of Clann O'Dochartaigh: The Seven Tribes of O'Dochartaigh"</u> by Seoirse O'Dochartaigh of Laghey, Co. Donegal</li> <li>B. <u>"Moving up the Centuries from Niall of the Nine Hostages: (350 AD) to modern times"</u> by: Conn Doherty, Co. Kildare, Ireland.</li> <li>C. Fine etchings by a Clonmany O'Doherty of O'Dochartaigh country. Some will be for sale.</li> <li>D. <u>"The story, meaning and expression of Genealogy"</u> by Thomas O'Doherty.</li> <li>E. Paintings of the clan castles and the families that emerged from them. Conducted by Seoirse O'Dochartaigh, Laghey, Co. Donegal. There will be some paintings for sale.</li> <li>F. <u>"A dialogue on Inishowen and O'Dochartaigh Family Research by various Clan Members"</u> Our clan's master genealogy database will be on-site for searches.</li> <li>G. <u>"My Family and it's many branches"</u> by Conn Doherty of Straid, Clonmany, Inishowen</li> </ul>
<p><b>TBD:</b> Dates, times and locations are to be announced later.</p>	<p>We are planning a few (maybe even several) showings of the new <b><i>O'Dochartaigh documentary film</i></b>, which has been filmed and produced by Jeff (O'Doherty) Campagna and his brother. Hours and hours of work have gone into this film and it is a <b>"must see"</b> event by all of us. There will be DVDs for sale, too.</p>

## Electoral Reform Act of 1898

After the Electoral Reform Act of 1898, nationalists for the first time had a majority on the local council. One of their first actions was to instruct the Unionist chairman to spell Inishowen with an "I" and not an "E". Enishowen was the English spelling used until then by Unionist councillors.

## Spare Time and Loose Change

*There has been a great movement in our association which is beginning to build up steam and one that shows great promise.* In December, I received several emails from "Doherty" members that particularly caught my eye and imagination.

Working on the emails from members I was impressed of late with what seemed to be a higher volume of genealogy questions and work being done. "Must be due to the reunion coming up," I thought. Email to email I go. Names, generations, descendants, spouses and many dates were all being read, researched, matched and then prepared for sharing when I hit on a name that I had included in data sent to another member a couple of days earlier. "An old email must have cycled back into my batch," I thought. I stopped, pulled out my notes and went to file the email away as "already done". In my right hand I had the new email and in my left hand the older email. It dawned on me that I had come across two different people researching the same family from entirely different "branches". What these two people would give to know about each other! What excitement will be stirring in their souls for months and years ahead for having someone to share their data with and from who to gain help with their research. I couldn't wait a second longer to contact them.

*Just so that you get the full impact of this "December phenomenon"* you must understand that on that very same day I saw two postings put on the O'Dochartaigh Clann's website by members of the same family; again neither person had any knowledge of the other. The postings were in different areas of the website and may have gone unnoticed. However, the postings were related to a family I had particular interest in for some months together with an active and hardworking member of the association. I was able to see the connection. Again, I was thrilled to point this out to both of them. What a great vantage-point I had to witness these two interesting developments.

After those two episodes came others in quick succession. I spotted a third member researching one of the families, then two more were found researching a third family group together, members of the first two groups contacted others they had met during their years of researching and a fourth group was started. It was time to stop growing and get organized.

There are seven people in one group, five in another and two in the other two. It did not take the process long. I'd say that this is a great testimony to our association and proof that it has matured enough and grown enough and researched enough to be able to build such "focus" teams.

We can do more, but we need to get these established on a good footing. Plans need to be shared on how to proceed with the research, how to best help each other, how to spread out the work, how to best benefit from each other's strengths, how to decide what software to use, how to properly handle discrepancies in the data. At a time of building such as this, it is a time of "sharpening the axe" and "measuring twice and cutting once", and getting everyone on the same "wave-length" as teams ought to be.

**"Spare time and loose change can go a long way..."**

*Seeing the replies come back from all the people we contacted was exciting.* Not only did they all love the idea, but added ideas of their own. The cooperation and sharing were wonderful. It was obvious to me that this should be the new "model" for our Association. Within a few days of meeting, these members had doubled their research and quadrupled their commitment to the clan. They had been expecting that someday this would happen and had been loyal to the Association with that hope and now they were experiencing it. They were in the middle of something big, something dynamic and something that ought to be experienced by every member.

Have you always thought that genealogy was lonely work? Have you ever felt abandoned by your family and that all your efforts were taken for granted or unappreciated? It doesn't have to be that way! ***Could you use some help? For example, with your genealogy "To-Do" list which is a mile (or 1.33 kilometers) long and just too big for any one person to tackle.*** What if you needed to make a trip to Kentucky and Missouri for research or pictures? Maybe you have unknown relatives in those states who will do it, or have already done it! Care to find out? We can help!

Spare time and loose change can go a long way when you've got 3 or 4 on an organized team. Even if no one on your team

could spend any more time on genealogy research than they have been doing, you would still be getting 3 to 4 times the results.

As of this newsletter we are still organizing these first teams and formulating ideas and centralizing the data. We are searching for a genealogy program hosted on the Internet that each team member could access and to which they could add names, dates, sources and stories. If anyone knows about a program that would allow each group to have its own database and collaborate on maintaining it, please let me know.

***We are preparing a postcard campaign to look for other family members and bring them into the group or see what information they may be able to provide. Do you want to be a part of this? Please contact me if you do.***

***Our DNA Testing Project should also help to place people within one of these Family Groups and help us connect Family Groups with other Family Groups.*** Two of our Family Groups are "Daughertys" and they are both from Kentucky, but as of yet we have no link between them. This is a perfect application for DNA testing.

We, as an association, can help each other so much. Some of these ways you've been able to see already from this report of our new Family Group Teams. We can help you find others in your family, make the work go much faster and be more fun, find good software, provide a website for posting data, train each other in establishing and organizing the teams, share ideas on research, broadcast updates by newsletters and emails and provide funding. Of course, the more members we get, the more funding that will be available.

If you are interested in forming a team or being on a team with family members please contact me and we can get things rolling, and remember, all of us need to boast our enrollment so we can accomplish all the work we have in front of us. We are getting organized and we have good tools. We have newsletters, mailings, websites and lots of research to do. All of this is necessary and all of it takes funding. My email is below. Contact me if you are interested. It's that easy to join.

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## THIS GRAND PLAN OF OURS

This last September I vacationed in Ireland with my father. We had pretty much the entire week to ourselves. All of Ireland was at our feet. There's nothing like waking up with the Irish sun in your face or going to sleep in the land in which our ancestors lived out their lives and the territory they protected with their lives. But, the highlight of this trip was to be just Dad and I bursting with conversation. Dad is Pat Dougherty, our Clann Herald and founder.

We covered the breadth and width of Inishowen pretty well. I never enjoyed it more. Lovely people, kind people, hard working people, everyone. Good food, good service and beautiful hills, bays, rivers, lakes, farms and countryside. I hope you are all doing everything possible to visit it yourself this July during our world-wide clan reunion.

We had previously decided to take one entire day out of our research, networking and computer work to travel around the Fanad Peninsula to see the far northwest of County Donegal and look for "Dohertys". Sunshine and blue skies were on the agenda for that day, and all day, as we headed off. I could not even guess what the land was going to be like. With all the hundreds of pictures I have seen of Ireland I don't recall ever seeing one of this area. Now that I have been there, I wonder why. I couldn't keep my camera down and needed to make a stop for more film. It was a day to remember. Lots of people were out on such a fine day and they seemed to be looking for conversation. We obliged them. There were also lots of cemeteries to stop at for gathering Doherty names and wonder about those who were so fortunate to live amidst such beauty, but unfortunately were forced into poverty for political reasons.

Well, I certainly feel more satisfied now that I have been there and seen close up those hills that I had only wondered at from a great distance, and I had gotten to see them with Dad. Dad guiding me, Dad explaining each area. Dad bringing history back to life. Dad chatting lovingly with the people and Dad always in quest and on the look out for Doherty information. Surely a passion that I can't explain; nor any one else who has ever met the man. I have no doubt that some people, even those most scholarly of all people, would say that they could explain it. (So they would say.) But, I suspect

that once they had met him they would certainly walk away with newfound information and joys, but not the answer they came to seek.

Since the week was about Dad and the hope that I could see closer than ever what motivates the man to go on when others would have quit. I wanted to take time to discuss the current situation at the clan center, too, and see how we could get members from the association involved. So I did some investigations, asked some questions of Irish friends, put some questions to Dad, everything I could think of. Not being too experienced in detective work, I might not impress you with my findings, but I think it would be interesting to most members. So let's get to the questions and answers.

First some history. Did you know that Dad has been working on genealogy research

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for over 40 years? Building "Family Groups" was originally his concept. He has had many visions for our association and some of them need help from us in order to happen. He began by looking up "Dohertys" all over the world and asked them to support and work in a worldwide group. Many were convinced, too, for the association grew quite fast. He has since moved to Ireland and has been running a genealogy research center for the Dohertys.

We are collecting all the newsletters from those early years and hope to have them on our website soon. If you were to take the time to read those back issues you would get a good idea of just how many people cooperated and devoted themselves to this association and who adopted Dad's "grand idea" as their own. But I am puzzled by the situation today comparing it to those early years. Today we have just as many hard working and dedicated members and we couldn't exist without them, but why don't we have more? I did not ask that question of Dad. I couldn't. I didn't know what the answer would be and I was afraid it might not be anything I wanted him to have to verbalize. Why break his heart?

However, I still have that over-shadowing question. Why now, at a time he has hundreds of thousands of names collected from

our original members, from years of research and from lots of hard working support staffers, do we have so little clan financial support and clan involvement? In the beginning when he had nothing but dreams everyone came alongside him and got things going. Well he has been faithfully "going" ever since. What a mountain of data he has, too, to show for it! Now, where is everyone? Now, it is easier than ever to connect families and people. Now, it is much more likely for a person to find an ancestor of theirs than ever before. Has the "next generation" given up? Was it all just a passing fad? Have they forgotten about Dad and the "grand plan?" Maybe. In that case someone please get the spotlight. Here's Dad, center stage..

I first asked Dad how the funds from his genealogy services were coming in and how the expenses were.

**Pat:** "It is a serious concern of mine. I am hoping for a breakeven year in 2005 and beyond for I will not have the personal funds to subsidize the research and operations, otherwise."

**Cameron:** "How long have you been subsidizing the operations?"

**Pat:** "Since the beginning. The most recent years more than ever since the clan association in North America is getting a new foothold there and becoming the operational center for the clan, with yourself, Eva Gremmert, Steve Daugherty, Brian Baker, Dan Doherty, Kathi Gannon, Martin Darity, Jim Dougherty, Michael Dougherty, Mike Doherty, Jim Doherty, Thomas Daugharty and so many others." (Note of reference for our new readers: Dad contributed \$4000 to the North American O'Dochartaigh Association, which has since grown to become a worldwide association for all our clan members.)

**Cameron:** "Why do you believe that 2005 will be better than the past years?"

**Pat:** "There is much excitement in the upcoming reunion, there is a lot of activity and member-to-member networking going on. This has sprung up real recently and the seeds planted so long ago have now grown and will have seeds of their own springing up, too. This clan is far from dead and far from giving up. We will see many successes yet and we will make many more discoveries and there will be more people asking questions about their early family, and those who have benefited from this clan association will be there with the answers

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## Musings from Denis Down Under

*The very humorous and thought provoking, Denis Matthews from Australia.*

At an interfaith assembly recently our Prime Minister asserted that we should consider what we have in common rather than the differences between the various groups in our society. This, coming from a man who has presided over one of the most shameful periods of Australian Immigration history, sounds somewhat hollow, but it is a concept that cannot be denied. On the other hand, members of our clan association in North America and Australia seem to have so much in common that we tend to ignore our differences.

For a start we speak the same language and we do have a common lineage. So where are the differences?

One night in 1992 I was speaking to a group of police in a cafe in the Bronx. It was time for their meal. They were on call but were virtually off duty so they had time to chat. I was told that one of their group was Irish, but when I asked him when he had *migrated* it became clear to me that we were NOT speaking the same language. It was his grandfather who had migrated, but he considered himself still Irish. My own father was born in Donegal but I would never call myself Irish. At one stage I had an Irish passport but I would always describe myself as Australian. On the other hand, even though my mother's maiden name was Violet Doherty, she took pride in the fact that BOTH her parents had been born in Australia. That was something in which her own children could not boast.

I suppose I am something of a rarity in that I am an Australian who takes a keen interest in the affairs of the Association. I am not alone, but we are a very small band and we have little expectation of recruiting many other Aussies to the cause. My brothers had dealings with the clan Association prior to the first international reunion in 1985. That was part of an effort to find something of our ancestors. I got personally involved in 1999 when we had just discovered another connection. We had stumbled on the fact that my father had a grandmother named Nancy Doherty. I wanted to know if she

was on the database at the clann center. She is now, but we still know very little about her.

I had just one set of Doherty great grandparents. They arrived in Sydney as newly weds in 1855 and settled in the Hunter Valley. When my grandfather Doherty grew to manhood he left the Hunter to select land in Queensland. He returned "home" briefly to be married, then bride and groom both settled across the border leaving behind fairly numerous extended families. I had only five cousins who were their descendants and none of us carried their surname. Is it any wonder then that apart from my siblings my own extended family were mainly my father's nephews and nieces. While still an infant, my father and his sister had been brought from Donegal in 1883. They arrived in Brisbane just one week before my father had his first birthday.

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I find it almost impossible to imagine conditions in Australia when my father's family arrived in their new country. To imagine conditions when my Doherty ancestors arrived is even more difficult. That was only 67 years after the founding of the first British penal colony here.

I only began to appreciate some of the strangeness those ancestors encountered when I myself crossed the Equator for the first time in 1991. On that trip to North America I was excited by the prospect of seeing the constellation Orion marching across the sky in an upright manner. But I failed in my quest. It was winter and I could hardly see any stars at all. I certainly could not get my bearings, and it was too cold to be outside at night. It was much the same when I spent a little longer in Britain and Europe the following year. I was permanently disoriented. But when I went to Ireland for a much longer stay in 2000, I had worked hard to adjust my thinking to the movements of the northern sky. I felt happier that I could at least predict where the sun might be in the sky if ever it did reappear.

Here we give thanks for the blessed relief of an overcast day in summer. It may still be humid and one can easily be sun-burnt but there is a chance to escape the glare. I was in Buncrana for the glorious summer of

2000. Sometimes the temperature rocketed to 20 Celsius. It was like a nice winter day here. At that time I had been given a copy of a letter written in 1923 by my grandmother, for her husband, to his brother in Derry whom he had not seen in forty years. I could hear my grandfather despairing of being able to communicate to his brother the contrast between life "at home" and life in his adopted country.

But what a contrast, too, in the plants and animals our immigrant ancestors found in their new country. Some of our worst plant pests were introduced as ornamentals. On our small rural property it is a constant battle to keep in check the rampaging Lantana, the Crofton weed (both species of privet bush) and the potentially huge Camphor Laurel. My grandparents were almost driven from the land by the Prickly Pear. No wonder my father used to sing the praises of those who introduced the biological control of that pest.

We are trying to re-establish rainforest here and we have to protect young trees from the wallabies, but we are happy that the wallabies are making a comeback in this area, where they were once on the brink of extinction. It is a special treat for us to see a wallaby or two in our house yard. If we are lucky we may even see a spiny anteater waddling about the place with its snout on the ground in search of prey. It is a monotreme, a mammal that lays eggs. Less than a kilometre from our house is a creek that surrounds us on three sides. To see that other monotreme (the platypus) one must be prepared to wait quietly by the bank in the early morning or late evening. It forages in water during the night but spends the day in one of its many burrows whose entrance is below the water level.

I wonder what my Irish ancestors thought of snakes. I myself used think that the only good snake was a dead one, but I have had a complete change of heart in recent years. I love to have carpet pythons and brown tree snakes in the ceiling. If they do not catch the rats they will scare them away. But, these lovely reptiles often move on after too short a stay. We were having people to stay in our studio recently and my wife decided that maybe it was time to move the seven snake skins shuffled off by those other welcome visitors.

Denis Matthews  
*"Denis Down Under"*

# What Makes a Great Genealogy Software Solution

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## INTRODUCTION

### Which program will allow you to maximize your genealogy research efforts?

PCs and widespread Internet access have changed the face of genealogy forever. Once relegated to excursions to libraries or distant family history centers with many hours (and many quarters) invested in photocopying, genealogy now has a powerful "instant access" charisma. So compelling is the potential of this new mode of research, many are overwhelmed as to which genealogy software program is best.

This site (above), Genealogy Software Review, is a tool to help you better assess your genealogy software needs so that you can decide which solution will work for you. We have developed a comprehensive report of the TOP 13 genealogy software programs available in the marketplace.

## WEBSITE ARTICLE

What makes a great Genealogy Software solution? Whether you're a weekend genealogist or a professional researcher, selecting the right genealogical software program can make all

the difference to how much satisfaction you will derive from your own family history research. Accessing, recording and reviewing data are not only orderly, but fun. Most of the genealogy programs we tried at Genealogy Software Review are adept at letting you enter, then view your family data in a variety of formats, so the software you select will largely depend on the criteria you set. Here is a list of questions that we at Genealogy Software Review believe you should ask when evaluating genealogy software so that you can make an informed decision about which is the best genealogy software program for your needs.

- **Ease of Use** - Is the product easy to install, simple to set up and intuitive to use? Is the program compatible with my operating system? Some programs are easy to navigate and logically designed; others will require some time and effort to learn.
- **Determine what your purposes are** - Are you looking for an inexpensive program that will manage the basics- storing names, events and dates? What kinds of charts and reports would you like to use to display your family history? Do you want to be able to add photos, voice clips and music to make your record more personable? How about the ability to create your own family Web page?
- **Analyze your Needs** - Do you want a program that is compatible with Internet research? Do you need to support multiple languages? Do you require special fields to

document the rites of the LDS church? Do you need the flexibility of entering your information in Hebrew?

- **Intuitive features vs. software learning time** - Do you enjoy investing time reading tutorials and user manuals to learn how to execute specific tasks? If not, consider the intuitive-style genealogy programs that are designed to teach you as you go.
- **Sharing your Genealogy** - Are you going to be sharing your information or receiving data from others online? If so, then you will need a software program that fully supports the transfer of genealogy files from one program to another. Is the genealogy software program you are considering capable of uploading reports, charts and data to the Web?

With the correct genealogy software, you will be able to organize, store and retrieve your family history information in formats that suit your needs.

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# A Letter Sharing Family Information

(With Permission from Marta)  
By: Marta Dougherty Stern

Richard G. Scoble III, in Coupeville, Whidbey Island, WA is the son of Gertrude Dougherty and Richard Garfield Scoble (deceased 10/30/97 at age 89). Gertrude was the daughter of Amos Dougherty (my father's younger half brother) and the granddaughter of Joseph F. Dougherty (born 2/16/1830) and Clara White.

Joseph was first married to Azubia White (who slipped on a pear peel and broke her neck); they had 2 boys, including my dad (William Dougherty), and one girl, Weltha (born in the Oregon "Territory" in a log cabin). Clara came to Oregon to help take care of the children, married Joseph, and bore him six sons.. I just found out about them and met their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren about 5-7 years ago. My dad, William, was 65 when I was born, so the sons of his half-brothers are 10-15 years older than me

Joseph was one of nine children born to Henry Dougherty, born in Indiana (died 1869), and Celia Gamon born 1808/1811 in Virginia. Henry fought the British in the War of 1812 under Jackson and was the son of William Dougherty born in Ireland - there I run into a brick wall!!

Joseph went back to Hale, Mis-

souri after he married Clara. Son Charlie took off for the Gold Rush, followed soon after by younger brother (my dad William), who got as far as San Francisco. He worked in a saloon until he was hijacked onto a ship (he was 15 years old). However, he escaped and headed South to the Mojave Desert. At the time, a Lt. U. Grant headed up the U.S.'s only "camel cavalry" - which was based at Fort Tijon (the mountain pass between So. Calif. and the Central Valley).

Dad went to work at the Tijon Ranch, where he eventually married the foreman's daughter. (Mae lived to the ripe old age of 106).

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Dad had a son (Big Jim) and a daughter (Weltha - named after his sister). My brother Harry and I knew and loved them both.

Dad brought all his brothers to California and got them started in business. He wildcatted for oil in Texas and California, put the Union Pacific through Califor-

nia, and bought ocean-front land from Oceanside to San Diego - which kept Mae and my half brother and sister in clover for the rest of their lives. However, dad got restless and decided to head into Central and South America to start "American-style" commissaries in Chili, in Panama (they were

building the canal), etc. Mae got as far as New Orleans and turned back - and that was the end of their marriage.

Dad married mom in Costa Rica around the turn of the century - at the time he was a wealthy man but he lost \$250,000 in stock during "the Crash" - not long before I was born. His partner jumped out of a window, and dad just went back to work - this time for the United Fruit Company. Their engineers were having problems getting the railroad across a canyon, when dad stepped in and saved the day. He worked for United Fruit in Chili, Costa Rica and Guatemala - where he died at his desk at 80+.

He was a tough old bird: A rail car ran over his leg (always walked with a limp thereafter) and gangren set in. The doctor was going to amputate the leg, but dad told Doc that if he took the leg off, he was a dead man. Dad kept the leg and he and the doc were great friends. Doc told the story that dad needed his tonsils out, so he showed up at 5am, sat across from the doc, opened his mouth, and said "go to it." Doc said, "Nope, gotta put you out." Dad said: "Nope, gotta get to work." Dad took hold of the doctor's knees and squeezed so hard that Doc said the surgery hurt him more than it did dad.

*(I thought this would be a good email for everyone to see that good family genealogy and history is being shared all over the world "Doherty-to-Doherty.".....Cameron Dougherty)*

## Linda Dockery "THE BOOK DOCTOR"

**Award Winning Author, Screenwriter, Poet and Speaker**  
<http://www.dockery004.com>

Linda has won numerous awards for her writings, including an Irish Heritage Award in 1999 for Best Short Story "The Little Folk". Here are some of her accomplishments:

**FILM:** Her film work includes two films: Inherit the Devil and Wilderness Love

**BOOKS:** She is a published author of ten books.

**MAGAZINES:** Her articles have appeared in: American West Magazine,

Ladies Home Journal, Country Living, McCall's, Quarter Horse Journal, Appaloosa Journal, Western Horseman, American West Magazine, American Cowboy

**NEWSPAPERS:** Her newspaper stories and articles have appeared in the: Louisville Courier Journal, Boston Globe, Oklahoma Tribune, Washington News, USA Today, and local papers, Salem Leader, Banner Gazette, Corydon Democrat.

**POETRY:** Her poetry has been used on Hallmark Greeting Cards.

In addition to writing award-winning

books and articles, Linda is in demand as a professional speaker. She presents seminars and training workshops for associations, organizations and corporations. She speaks about multiple aspects of the writing business.

Linda was a founding member on the Board of Directors for the Indiana Film Makers Guild and served as Vice President of the East Coast Scriptwriters Union. For a year, Linda was a columnist for the Indiana newspaper, the Banner Gazette and was editor of the International magazine, Pen Works and offers book reviews for several newspapers

# From the "CensusTools" Dec. 2004 Newsletter (Used with Permission)

Written by Gary Minder of Poulsbo,  
WA as found on  
[www.censustools.com](http://www.censustools.com)

Please visit Gary's website for:  
*Free -Genealogy Spreadsheets!*  
*Archive Census, Cemetery and Mani-  
fest Data*  
*Also read "How Census Tools Got  
Started."*

Before I review the various online genealogical sources, let me get on my soapbox for a bit. The Internet has revolutionized genealogical research. The flip side though is a mindset that anything found on the Internet must be a true fact. Go to any of the big genealogy sites and you'll find their version of online family trees. Most offer free searches with promises that a match can add generations to your family tree. Where did they get all this data? It came from fellow genealogists who have merely submitted their own databases for inclusion. These online family tree databases are NOT original source material and the submitters may well have gotten their information from other online submitters. In many cases, the logic becomes cyclical as more and more submitters upload data based on other uploads. Online family tree database matches can often provide clues and avenues for further research, but I for one would never import such data into my own database unless I knew and trusted the contributor or until I could review and verify original source documents.

So where to find original source material?

*(Reviews on Free Internet Sources done this newsletter. Next newsletter will be Gary's reviews of Ancestry.com and Genealogy.com.)*

## Free Sources

### Ellis Island Records:

[www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org)

One of my favorite websites and a must stop for anyone with an ancestor who passed through Ellis Island between 1892 and 1924. All the more so because you may have met the immigrant grandparents and

great grandparents who appear in the records. All searches are free and you can view images of the original manifest pages. Unfortunately they use javascript to disable the right mouse click function, preventing a user from saving an image to a hard drive. If you disable javascript in your browser, you can right click and save a relatively low resolution image, but you can't view a higher resolution image which actually allows you to zoom in enough to read the manifest. You can order 11 x 17 or 17 x 22 prints of a manifest for \$25 or \$35 respectively. Many manifest records cover two pages, doubling the cost. As an added bonus, there are photos available for many of the ships referenced in the manifests. After you register for a free account, you will be able to save your searches, making it easy to split your research over multiple sessions without losing track of your progress. If you plan to use this database extensively, consider the search portal at [stevemorris.org](http://stevemorris.org) where you will find an easy to use interface which makes Ellis Island searches much easier. There are also tools there for when the database returns the wrong manifest.

Pros:

- Free images of original manifests
- Image library of many of the ships referenced in the manifests

Cons:

- Difficult to store high resolution images to your computer
- The database tends to be buggy and you will occasionally be sent to a manifest page completely unrelated to the ship crossing you need. It's extremely difficult to eventually locate the correct record when this happens.

### BLM General Land Office:

<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov>

Another favorite and a great resource for searching land patents. The images are extremely high quality and you can view them in a variety of formats for ease of viewing, printing

and saving to hard drive. Unlike the Ellis Island website, it is easy to save the images locally. You can also order certified copies of the land patents on either plain paper or parchment for a very low fee. One potentially important feature is the ability to search on the legal description of a piece of land. For instance, my 3g-grandfather settled in Lenawee County Michigan, Township 8S, Range 2E. By searching on that legal description, I can see every other patent in that same township.

Pros:

- Very high quality images
- Easily download images to your hard drive
- Extensive search options

Cons:

- None that I have found.

**Family Search:** [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

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You won't see any original source document images online, but the LDS [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) website and Family History Centers are some of the greatest resources available and they are must stops.

### Census Records:

[www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset\\_search.asp?PAGE=census/se](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=census/se)

Familysearch.org has the 1880 U.S., 1881 Canadian and 1881 British census available to searching. If you get a match, you can view an abstract of the original. The LDS film number is also displayed if you wish to order and view it at your local LDS family library. For U.S. records, there is also a link provided to view the image at Ancestry. For a quick and FREE check of 1880 census records this is a great resource.

### Intern'l Genealogical Index

**(IGI):** [www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset\\_search.asp?PAGE=igi/search\\_](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=igi/search_)

Over 600 million names extracted from vital records from throughout the world. From the website..."The

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International Genealogical Index is one of the world's largest collection of genealogical records. Information comes from individual research and original records. The majority of the names are from records of people who lived between 1500 and 1885. Other records have been submitted by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The index contains:

- Names of millions of deceased persons from throughout the world
- Dates and places of births, christenings, marriages, and other events

**Ancestral File:**

[http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset\\_search.asp?PAGE=af/search\\_AF.asp&clear\\_form=true](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=af/search_AF.asp&clear_form=true)

Over 35 million names arranged by families and pedigrees.

**Pedigree Resource File:**

[http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset\\_search.asp?PAGE=prf/search\\_PRF.asp&clear\\_form=tr](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=prf/search_PRF.asp&clear_form=tr)

This is the LDS answer to databases such as the World Family Tree or One World Tree. Currently at over 80 million names arranged into families from GEDCOM submissions from LDS users.

**SSDI:**

[http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset\\_search.asp?PAGE=ssdi/s](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=ssdi/s)

No need to pay Ancestry or Genealogy.com for SSDI access. Search free here. As of this writing, the LDS SSDI search database is current to March 2004.

**Family History Library Catalog:**

[www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset\\_fhlc.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp)

Probably the greatest genealogical resource available. With over 2.4 million rolls of microfilm and almost 1 million microfiches, almost any conceivable record or genealogical publication is available for review. Visit your local Family History Center and pay a nominal fee to have any film mailed to the Center for your research. Many big city Centers maintain vast onsite film collections of commonly requested material such as the federal census. Non LDS members are always welcome and the Centers are staffed with the most helpful and friendly people you'll ever meet.

Pros:

- If you can get to a Family History Center, you can access the biggest and best genealogical collection on the planet
- Huge collection of extracted data from decades of research
- Free 1880 census images and SSDI searches

**USGENWEB:** <http://www.usgenweb.org/>

In the spirit of keeping genealogy free, USGENWEB provides a vast network of websites, organized by state

and county, dedicated to providing free access to genealogy records. USGENWEB features several projects, created to collect and disseminate data that goes beyond county and state lines. USGENWEB features numerous other projects including tombstones, obituaries, church and marriage records. The other way to access USGENWEB's resources is to simply enter a state or county website. You'll find links to applicable projects, but you also see a wide range of other state/county specific resources.

Pros:

- Dedicated to keeping genealogy research free
- A wide range of records to search and view
- Easy to use state/county websites with focused resources and avenues for research

Cons:

- While possible to get lucky, records can be very thin or non-existent for any particular county

**The USGW Digital Map Library:** <http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/maps/>

Their goal is to make available to genealogists, useful, readable, high quality maps. You will find both archival maps and newly made maps based on scholarly research. Many of these maps date from the 19th century and are useful in visualizing changing county borders and identifying towns which may no longer exist.

**Online Census Images Project:** [http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/cen\\_img.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/cen_img.htm)

This is a very large collection of census images and indexes from around the country. The images are donated and available for free viewing. The indexes are produced by volunteers who give their time for data extraction from images they own or available online or locally. The images are high quality. Not digitally enhanced like what's available at Ancestry, but better than genealogy.com. Availability is really hit and miss, but definitely worth checking out before paying for a census images subscription.

In conclusion, even as recently as 10-15 years ago, snail mail and trips to the library ruled the day in genealogy research. In just a short period, the age of lightening fast research of original sources from the comfort of your computer chair has really changed the way many of us enjoy the hobby.

Whether to take advantage of available free services or pay for a subscription really boils down to personal preference and how much of a premium one places on the convenience of instant access. For example, any census image available for \$99.95 per year at Ancestry is available from an LDS Family History Center for a nominal rental fee. The decision is between instant viewing via subscription, or a 2-3 week wait and a trip to the library.

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## THIS GRAND PLAN OF OURS

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for them."

**Cameron:** "Can you share with our fellow members what your 2005 expenses are expected to be and will it be much different than most years?"

**Pat:** "The expenses have had to be less for the last few years and staff has been limited to one part-time person. This was done to lower the overall costs and done in the hope that the clan would be rejuvenated and come to its own aid, that is make arrangements to take over this operation. With the newsletters and mailings now being done in North America my costs have dropped. In past years we have had 2, 3 and 4 researchers."

**Cameron:** "You need some help!

How have you been able to carry this load all these years?"

**Pat:** "Let people know that they needn't be concerned with the past years. It is the future that they should be concerned with and that I am concerned with, too."

**Cameron:** "If your only operational income (that not from your personal funds) is payment received for genealogy research, then how does this budget breakdown on a weekly basis and per job basis?"

**Pat:** "If I had 4 new jobs per week at 150 Euros each, genealogy operations would break-even. Or if I had 3 new jobs per week and increased my charge to 200 Euros, I would break-even."

and will need to submit their own family's genealogy information?

**Pat:** "Email works great. If they have Legacy genealogy software it is even easier to share data. But emails can contain all the data they wish to submit by having it in Adobe Acrobat or by sending me a GENCOM file produced by their home PC. Handwritten information can easily be faxed, or scanned into the PC and emailed to me, too. Most requests come by mail and that's appreciated. Please let our members know that either way is fine with me."

**Cameron:** "Last question on budgets and finances. Are you sure you are being reasonable with your expectations to break even this year, or are you letting your excitement cloud your better judgements?"

**Pat:** "The other alternative is to close shop and have this Center fade away into the past."

**Cameron:** "That says it all. Reality may be harsh, but it is still the best motivator and it looks to me like there's work to be done here!"

*If you would like to contact Pat for family research his email address is:  
odochartaigh@iol.ie*

### The 2005 Estimated Expenses

	<u>Euro</u>	<u>USA</u>
Replacement of Machines:	\$700.00	\$900.00
Office Supplies:	200.00	300.00
Heating:	400.00	520.00
Lights, electricity:	500.00	650.00
Hired Labour:	24,000.00	32,000.00
Postal charges:	4,000.00	5,200.00
<u>Incidentals-Travel, etc.</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>
Probable Totals	\$30,000.00	\$40,870.00

**Cameron:** "Which of these scenarios seems more likely to succeed, if either of them?"

**Pat:** "Definitely the last one stands the best chance of success."

**Cameron:** "What is the best way for people to contact you since they will have so many questions

## A GREAT EMAIL FROM TIM ANTOSY

Just today I found something I always thought was true but wasn't sure. My great-grandfather Michael Dougherty had a cousin Michael Loughlin. I always thought it was correct but today I found that they came over to the United States on the same ship the INDIA from MOVILLE AND GLASGLOW.

Obviously I was very excited when I found that information. I guess I should have known more, but although I have been at this now for about 2 years I am always trying to learn more. When my great-grandfather came to the United States and lived in Reading, Pa. there were several names from Leitrim and I am sure I am going to find the same kinds of results when I have the time to go more deeply in names such as McGovern, Kelts, Wynne, Wynn, Reynolds and of course the Loughlins.

I am just so happy about this find. I always knew it and now I can 99% prove it and that makes me very happy. I think this link has increased my changes to find living relatives in Ireland, and for that matter, more relatives in the United States. The only real things I know about Michael Loughlin are here in the United States. I know now when he got here. It was April 15, 1870 on the ship "India" from Menville and I know he was married to Elizabeth Leahy. She lived in Pottsville in the Anthracite region, another strong area for Irish immigrants in Pennsylvania. He died in 1932 at the age of 81. My great-grandfather died in 1919. He was 1 year older.

I have to hope that Michael Loughlin was the son of my great-great grandfather John Doherty' sister, for that is where I think the connection comes in. That is how they were cousins. John Doherty was married to Elizabeth Wynn. According to the 1901 census for Leitrim a John and Elizabeth Doherty were still living at that point. He was 84 and she was 80, of course I have no idea if it was them, but where they lived is not far from the place according to the Griffith data base they lived in 1860 which was in the Catholic Parish of Kiltoghert in the townland of Drumhauver. That is all I really know.

I have Michael Loughlin's death certificate and obituary out of the newspaper and I know some of his relatives who I have talked too, but even they can't confirm who his mother was. I have to somehow find his marriage certificate. I know for me that is how I found out about my great-grandparents because both of their names are on Michael Dougherty and Ellen Kirk's marriage license. It seems every time I find a little piece of this information I am getting closer. I believe in my heart of hearts that old St. Patrick and Our Lady of Knock are looking over me and are helping me. I pray every night for their help and slowly but surely things seem to be happening. I just wish I had more time to work on these things. I know this trip I am going to be making to Ireland is a trip of actually living my dreams and hopes. I can't wait and even if I never meet a relative, this has been a lot of fun.

**COME ON JULY!**

## Irish & Irish Genealogy Links:

By Michael Ó Nuadhain (from his website: <http://www.inishowenheritage.com/links.php>)

### General Inishowen/Donegal/Irish Links of Interest

Inishowen Tourism <http://www.visitinishowen.com>  
 Bórd Fáilte (The Irish Tourist Board): <http://www.ireland.travel.ie>  
 Irish Government Website: <http://www.irlgov.ie>  
 Clonmany-lots of interesting material about Clonmany Parish: <http://www.clonmany.com>  
 Movice (New website about Movice): <http://www.movice.com>  
 Donegal County Council- Local Authority for Donegal: <http://www.donegal.ie>  
 Eircom (formerly Telecom Éireann) Ireland's principal Telecoms provider. This site provides an online phone directory: <http://www.eircom.ie>  
 Boards.ie (large Irish Message Board Community): <http://www.boards.ie>

### Irish Media

2FM National Radio Station aimed at young people: <http://www.2fm.ie>  
 Today FM (Another National Radio Station): <http://www.todayfm.com>  
 The Irish Times (now subject to subscription): <http://www.ireland.com>  
 Inish Times (Inishowen's own local paper): <http://www.inishtimes.com>  
 Derry Journal (North-west newspaper): <http://www.derryjournal.com>  
 Highland Radio (Donegal's radio station): <http://www.highlandradio.com>  
 The Irish Independent (free registration): <http://www.independent.ie>  
 RTÉ Irish national broadcasting company: <http://www.rte.ie>  
*(The radio stations above (at the time of writing) can be listened to live on the web.)*

### Donegal Genealogy Resources

Lindel Buckley's Excellent Resource Site <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~donegal/>  
 Cyndi's List (a great guide to genealogical sources on the net): <http://www.cyndislist.com>  
 Ellis Island Site- entry point of many immigrants to the USA <http://www.ellisland.org>  
 National Archives, Dublin <http://www.nationalarchives.ie>  
 National Library of Ireland <http://www.nli.ie>  
 General Register Office <http://www.groireland.ie>  
 PRONI <http://proni.nics.gov.uk>  
 General Register Office (NI) <http://www.groni.gov.uk>

### **O'DOCHARTAIGH CLANN ASSOCIATION** Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2004

#### ASSETS

<b>Current Assets:</b>	
Cash	\$ 2,353
Other	650
Total Current Assets	\$ 3,003
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>	
Accumulated Deprec.	(317)
Net Fixed Assets	\$ 282
Total Assets	\$ 3,285

#### LIABILITIES & STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

<b>Current Liabilities;</b>	
Loans	\$ -
Total Liabilities	\$ -
<b>Shareholders' Equity:</b>	
Retained Earnings	3,285
Total Shareholders' Equity	\$ 3,285
Total Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity	\$ 3,285

### *'Sir Cahir O'Doherty' - by Mary Eva Kelly*

*By the Spanish plumed hat and  
costly attire  
And the dark eye that's blended of  
midnight and fire  
And the bearing and stature so  
princely and tall  
Sir Cahir you'll know in the midst  
of them all.*

*Like an oak on the land, like a ship  
on the sea  
Like an eagle above, strong and  
haughty is he  
In the greenness of youth - yet he's  
crowned as his due  
With the fear of the false and the  
love of the true.*  
 (Contributed by Robert Dougherty,  
Escondido, CA)

### **July 5th Malin Genealogy Forum**

If you plan on attending this event, please bring your genealogy information, family pictures and stories. These will help connect you with others and maybe your ancestor will be recognized by the Irish in attendance.

### **O'DOCHARTAIGH CLANN ASSOCIATION** Profit and Loss Statement 12 Months Ending December 31, 2004

<b>REVENUES AND SALES:</b>	
Membership Dues- 45R & 27S	\$ 2,540
Membership Dues- 1 Lifetime	350
Sale of Merchandise	415
Contributions- 4 Members	1,866
Total Revenue	\$ 5,171
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
	350
<b>Gross Profit</b>	
	\$ 4,821
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	
Departmental Expenses:	
Newsletter Expenses	\$ 1,487
New Membership Drive	1,456
Reunion Expenses	224
Genealogy Expenses	37
Website Expenses	334
Total	\$ 3,538
Administrative Expenses:	
Bank & Credit Card Fees	\$ 339
Office Supplies	212
Postage	11
Repair, Maint. & Deprec,	248
Miscellaneous	-
Total	\$ 810
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 4,348
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	
	\$ 473
Other Income/Expenses	4
<b>NET INCOME</b>	
	\$ 477

## More About Genes - The Irish Really are a Race Apart (Condensed)

By Dr. Emmeline Hill, Department of Genetics, Trinity College, Dublin.

In a recent study, scientists at Trinity College, Dublin, created a new genetic map of the people of Ireland. By comparing this map with European genetic maps they have shown that the Irish are one of the last remnants of the pre-Neolithic hunters and gatherers who were living throughout Europe over 10,000 years ago, before the invention of agriculture. The Irish really ARE different.

Surnames in Ireland have been passed from father to son for over a thousand years. The surname system in Ireland is thought to exist as one of the oldest applications of the hereditary surname system in the world. In Ireland it is thought that toponymics (names derived from place names) and nicknames were adopted. For example, the name O'Callaghan comes from the Irish O'Ceallachain, a diminutive of ceallach, which was taken to mean 'frequenter of churches.'

Traditionally, newly married women have taken up residence in the homeland of their husband, meaning that family names have remained in the area of the particular clans or septs for generations. By studying the DNA they could study the genes that were present in a particular region of Ireland over 1,000 years ago, when the surname system was first adopted.

In Issue #88 of **INSIDE IRELAND**, the article "Who are we? - It's in the Genes", outlined the basic science behind genetic studies of populations. Each cell in our body contains a signature of our past. Modern technology allows us to look directly at the amount of variation that had occurred in the genes in these cells over generations of time. Variation accumulates over time through a

random process of mutation. Mutations occur at a constant rate. Therefore, the more different two people are genetically, the longer they have been separated.

Using modern technologies to look at the differences between genes in the different peoples of Ireland, the scientists in Trinity College studied the genes on the Y chromosome. The Y chromosome is the male-specific sex chromosome that is passed from father to son in the same way that surnames are passed from father to son.

By performing a number of genetic tests the scientists were able to identify a particular genetic pattern in the Y chromosome of the Irish. An ancient genetic marker, known as haplogroup 1, was found in most Irish men. Scientists think that most of the population of Western Europe carried this gene over 10,000 years ago. Over time however, through the movement and mixing of people, this gene was diluted in Europe.

The greatest movement and migration of peoples in Europe has been the movement of farmers from the south-east of the continent after the invention of agriculture about 10,000 years ago. The farmers moved with their new technologies north-west into Europe, probably displacing the local hunter-gatherer populations living there at the time. In this way the haplogroup 1 genes in Europe were diluted, the farmers introducing new and different genes.

This resulted in the formation of a gradient of haplogroup 1 genes throughout the continent, the lowest frequency of these ancient genes being found in Turkey, and the highest frequency in Ireland, with intermediate frequencies in continental populations. In Ire-

land, 78.1% of all men have the haplogroup 1 gene. Men with Gaelic names have higher frequencies of this ancient marker than men with non-Gaelic names. The most striking finding was that in Connaught, the westernmost point of Europe, almost all men (98.3%) carry this particular gene. This means that the people of Connaught have been relatively isolated, genetically, from the movements of people that shaped the genetic makeup of the rest of the continent. The prevalence of ancient genes in Ireland suggests that the Irish have largely maintained their pre-Neolithic genetic heritage.

By looking at the amount of variation (the number of mutations that have accumulated over time) in the haplogroup 1 genes of these men it was possible for scientists to estimate a date for the origin of the bulk of these genes in the country. They estimated that most of the genetic variation in Ireland has accumulated over the past 4,200 years following the rapid growth of the population at this time. This is the time of the Early Bronze Age in Ireland.

The Early Bronze Age in Ireland saw, among other things, the appearance of megalithic tombs. Newgrange in Co. Meath is the best known example. The scale and magnanimity of these structures suggest that the creators belonged to a large, highly socially evolved society.

Scientists have shown that most of the genes present in Ireland today came from the people who were living at the time of Newgrange and that these people were the descendants of the ancient hunter-gatherers of Europe.

(Full Article at: <http://mag.insideireland.com/sample19.htm>)

## HISTORICAL SECTION

### Development of Heraldry in Ireland

From: <http://www.irishgen.com>

Although heraldry as we know it only arrived in Ireland with the Normans in 1169, the old Gaelic families are believed to have had their own ancient form of identifying symbols which appeared on standards (tapered battle flags)<sup>1</sup>. To what degree these were used like heraldic symbols is not known, but it wasn't heraldry as we now know it.

The coats of arms later assumed by the Gaelic family groupings indicate some connection. The families who descended from the various Milesian tribal groupings often had their own common heraldic elements included in their coats of arms. The arms of some families of Eoghanacht descent such as O Connell, O Sullivan Mor and MacCarthy include a stag, while some Dalcassian families such as O'Brien, O'Meara', O'Grady, (Mac) Considine, MacMahon, MacNamara, O Hickey, O Heffernan and (Mac)Clancy include one or more lions. Many families descended from the Race of Ír (or Clanna Rory) such as O Mo(o)re, MacGenis, MacCartan, O Connor of Kerry, Mullyedy, MacRandall, and O'Farrell include a golden lion rampant in a green field on their arms. The twelfth century Book of Leinster refers to 'a yellow lion on green satin, the emblem of the Craobh Rua' at the battle of

Magh Rath. The great Connacht group of families, the

O'Conors, and many other septs who were connected with them such as O Flanagan, O'Beirne and others, all used the symbol of an oak tree in their arms. The oak tree was worshipped by the Celts. It was associated with power, strength and leadership and there was often a sacred oak tree beside the family ring fort.

At the very least, the Gaelic families were very aware of their common descent from the main family groupings, and their arms were regarded as the property of the sept rather than being strictly hereditary within a single family.

The Red Hand of the O Neills, also occurs in the arms of other Gaelic families. The son of Bolg or Nuadu, the Celtic sun god, who was believed to be the divine ancestor of all the Celts, was known as Labraid Lamhdhearg, or 'Labraid (Lowry) of the Red Hand'. The sun-god was seen as a powerful force by the Celts and earlier races. The red hand is also used as the emblem of the province of Ulster,

The origin of Norman heraldry was military with simple clear images or devices (ordinaries) designed for immediate recognition in battle. Examples of these are found in the arms of the Fitzgeralds, de Burgos (Burke), Barrys and many other families of Norman origin.

The third grouping was that of the Anglo-Irish, who adopted elabo-

rate coats of arms in the sixteenth and later centuries. They used numerous different characters and elements, often to reflect their family relationships with other families of higher social status. As the Tudor monarchs of England set about subjugating the Gaelic people of Ireland, a systematic policy of 'surrender and regrant' was enforced with a view to consolidating English rule. English 'nobles' took possession of lands and titles.

The Office of Ulster King of Arms was created in 1552 for this purpose, with full control over arms in Ireland. It granted arms to those with Irish titles. Many Gaelic Irish had adopted English style heraldic arms by the mid seventeenth century; it was a matter of survival. The old Gaelic order had been superseded by English ways. They did, however, often still adhere to the ancient Gaelic 'Tanistry' system of inheritance, as distinct from that of primogeniture (eldest son), where by all family members at the level of second cousin could aspire to leadership and be entitled, as they saw it, to use the arms of the sept leader.

The Ulster Office of Arms seemed to accept this situation and it retained its power for almost four hundred years, until 1943, when the title was transferred to the College of Arms in London. The Office of Chief Herald of Ireland was created to continue to fulfil the role in the Republic of Ireland.

### We are Helping People Twenty Four/Seven

"I just discovered this website on the O'Dochartaigh Clann and you just can't imagine how thrilled I am about it. I am planning on visiting Ireland for a couple of weeks in the beginning of June, and have been exploring the Internet on information about the Inishowen Peninsula, where my ancestors hailed from. I would like to join and be a member of this organization. Is the address and fee listed on the website accurate?"

*Rowan S. O'Dougherty  
Grand Rapids, MI*

"Yes, this is the John Daugherty I was searching for!!! Thank you so much for your post. The information is invaluable. I will most definitely be contacting The Genealogy Center for additional info. I may do an article on this for posting, but I will wait for more info. My posting did open another door, too. Shortly after my post I was contacted by my first cousin Rebecca whom I have not seen for over 20 years! We have made arrangements for a mini-reunion with her and my siblings and the new generations that have come along. I close with a big grin, much happiness and all the best to those who keep the clan site going!"

*Jane (Website posting)*

# Beginning Your Irish Research on the Right Foot

(From: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Newsletter/LN02-25-2005.asp#10>)

If you are looking for very good FREE genealogy software, then download the BASIC version of Legacy at [www.legacyfamilytree.com](http://www.legacyfamilytree.com)

Mention Irish research and many genealogists groan...that's because on 13 April, 1922, a disastrous fire in the Four Courts building (the Public Record Office) in Dublin, Ireland, destroyed virtually all pre-1901 Irish census records, wills, and Church of Ireland parish registers. The result is that Irish genealogical research is more difficult than research in the rest of the British Isles -- *More difficult, but not entirely impossible in many instances.*

Because the loss of many Irish records, it is highly important that you start your Irish genealogical research in the country of immigration (for example, the United States, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand). Make a comprehensive search of available records in the country of immigration. Search out family traditions; birth, marriage and death records; obituaries; cemetery records; wills; Bibles; census records; plus immigration and naturalization records. Look for the full names of your immigrant ancestors; their dates of birth and/or marriage in Ireland; their place of residence in Ireland; their religion, occupation; dates of emigration, etc. This preliminary research will greatly increase the probability of actually locating Irish records. To have the best chance of success, it is necessary to know at least four things:

- **The name of the family**
- **The parish or townland in which they lived**
- **The approximate date**
- **Religious affiliation**

A few records were saved from the conflagration and many records can be located at local levels. Reconstructing lost records has been the quest of both historians and genealogists, who have compiled substitute records, plus made available various indices, abstracts, and transcriptions of records that were created before the fire. Despite these gallant efforts, serious gaps in Irish records remain.

In addition, the highly important registers of births, deaths and marriages, which are indexed by quarters, were not housed in the Four Courts building and so did not burn. Most of these vital records date from 1864. Records for births, deaths and Catholic marriages commenced in 1864. Records for non-Catholic marriages date from 1845. The quarterly indices are available on microfilm through the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Once a record has been located in an index, it can be ordered from either the General Register Office of Ireland (Dublin) or the General Register Office of Northern Ireland (Belfast).

In addition, there is information available on the Internet. As with other research, you should know the surname, place or residence and approximate date so that you can effectively focus your search on pertinent Web sites.

Here are a few Irish genealogy Internet links to get you started:

**Mention Irish research and many genealogists groan.**

- **Cyndi's List - Ireland and Northern Ireland.** Find useful links to 'How To' articles, county Heritage Centres, maps, gazetteers, censuses, cemeteries and more: <http://www.cyndislist.com/ireland.htm>
- **FamilySearch - Family History Library Catalog.** Search the catalog by a specific place in Ireland to learn what records are available in Salt Lake City or that can be ordered through local Family History Centers. Search by surname to find compiled genealogies of your Irish ancestors: [http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset\\_fhlc.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp)
- **The General Register Office of Ireland:** <http://www.groireland.ie/>
- **The National Archives of Ireland.** Learn how to research your family history and use the records held in the National Archives: <http://www.nationalarchives.ie/index.html>
- **The National Library of Ireland.** Library material much used by family history researchers includes the microfilms of Catholic parish registers, copies of the important nineteenth century land valuations (the Tithe Applotment Books and Griffith's Valuation), trade and social directories, estate records and newspapers: <http://www.nli.ie/default.asp>
- **The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI).** PRONI hold millions of documents which relate chiefly, but by no means exclusively, to present-day Northern Ireland. The earliest record dates from 1219, with the main concentration of records covering the period 1600 to the present: <http://proni.nics.gov.uk/index.htm>
- **The General Register Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI):** <http://www.groni.gov.uk/index.htm>
- **IrishGenealogy.com.** Over 200 MB of useful information and databases for Irish researchers: <http://www.irishgenealogy.com>
- **GENUKI: UK and Ireland Genealogy.** A large collection of genealogical information England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man: <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/irl/>
- **Genealogical Society of Ireland.** Articles and publications for Irish researchers: <http://www.dun-laoghaire.com/genealogy>
- **North of Ireland Family History Society.** Geared to families with roots in Northern Ireland: <http://www.nifhs.org>
- **Ulster Historical Foundation.** Research services and databases (for members): <http://www.uhf.org.uk>
- **The Irish Ancestral Research Association (TIARA).** Searchable databases: <http://tiara.ie>
- **Origins.net - Irish Origins.** An Irish genealogy search engine service: <http://www.origins.net/cgi-local/redirect.pl?boxid=21&AID=5674051&PID=698882>
- **Irish Freeholders' Records Database.** Freeholders' records are lists of people entitled to vote, or of people who voted, at elections. A freeholder was a man who owned his land outright (in fee) or who held it by lease: <http://www.proni.gov.uk/freeholders/>
- **The Church of Ireland Genealogy and Family History.** The archives of the Church of Ireland, and particularly parochial registers of baptisms, marriages, and burials, are a primary source for genealogists and family historians. Although many registers were destroyed in the fire in the Public Record Office of Ireland in 1922, many others have survived and are available to researchers: <http://www.ireland.anglican.org/library/libroots.html>
- **Resources pertaining to all of Ireland:** <http://www.personal.umich.edu/~cgaunt/irish.html>
- **World-Wide Genealogy Resources: Ireland, Island of:** <http://www.genhomepage.com/world.html>
- **Familia.** The UK and Ireland's guide to genealogical resources in public libraries: <http://www.familia.org.uk/textindex.html>

(Also see articles on <http://www.irishgen.com/guides/index.asp?id=115>)

## SPRING 2005 PROJECT

We have two teams of researchers who are collecting genealogy information on Kentucky "Daughtertys/Doughertys" (see page 3).

During April and May we will be collecting and compiling all the information, and funds, we can just prior to a massive postcard campaign into Kentucky. If you have relatives in Kentucky, or if you have Daughtertys or Doughertys that lived in Kentucky, or if you would like to be apart of this new project, then please contact me. It is a great chance for members who are new at genealogy to team up with some experts. It will also be a great learning opportunity for you if you are thinking about leading a team to work on your family tree.

## SPRING PROJECT WORK TO BE DONE:

- 1- We need to compile individual genealogies into one database. If you have experience in this, please contact us.
- 2- We will need a website or a special area on our website prepared with our message to those we are contacting and have an area prepared for our contacts to post their replies.
- 3- We have a postcard to design, print and mail to over 1300 addresses.
- 4- We will need people to contact those who reply to our postcard.
- 5- We will need one or two individuals to accept genealogy data sent in to us in response to our plea for information.
- 6- We would like to raise \$200 to cover half the cost of this project. We'd love to have you apart of this clan-wide project!

Contact me (Cameron Dougherty) at [odochartaigh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:odochartaigh@sbcglobal.net)

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Lois & Barry Downs	Corunna, ON, Canada	2/05
Frances H. Mitchell	Lynden, ON, Canada	8/03
Malcolm & Suzanne O'Doherty	North Gower, ON, Canada	8/04
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## Celtic Christianity

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Celtic crosses can be seen all over the Irish countryside, as proud sentinels guarding churches, as grave markers, and in some places, as stand alone monuments to some Irish saint. The Celtic cross is unique, and a beautiful symbol of Christianity in Ireland.

Before the coming of Christianity, the Celts ruled the Emerald Isle. They were a pagan group who worshiped the sun as a deity. The symbol of the sun was a disk, often with rays shooting from the center. However, when Christian missionaries took the Gospel to Ireland, rather than brutally stamping out all common symbolism, they Christianized them. They took pagan beliefs and showed the people Christian truths. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, took the place of the sun god. His symbol, the cross, was added to the sun disk to form what we now recognize as the Celtic cross.

Christianity, although not readily accepted at first, (as seen by the failure of St. Palladius whose ministry predated St. Patrick's) eventually swept Ireland like a storm. The Celts, passionate people in whatever endeavor they undertook, eventually embraced Christianity with a fervor not often



seen in other parts of Europe. Monasteries, churches, and seminaries soon popped up all over the land as more and more people turned from their pagan ways. The Irish Celts so embraced Christianity, they eventually became great world missionaries. St. Columba, who founded the monastery at Iona in Scotland, is one example of this, but there were many others.

Heresies that rocked the Christian church during the fifth and sixth centuries did not

take root in the Celtic church, in Ireland or elsewhere in the British Isles. This is attributed in part to the geographic distance of the British Isles from the mainland. But it could well have been because of the fervor of the Celtic Christians to keep to the Biblical truths they had learned. When the Saxons invaded Britain c. 450 AD, Celtic Christianity was almost wiped out in England, and relegated to a few places in Wales and the north of Britain. But the church in Ireland

remained strong

In the coming centuries, at a time in Western European history that has been called the Dark Ages, Ireland remained a light, not only of Christian beliefs, but of history and literature as well. The Irish have been credited with being the main preservers of culture and literature of the western world after the fall of Rome. One particularly interesting piece of Celtic literature is the Book of

Kells. This is a famous illuminated manuscript containing the four gospels.

The Celtic church produced many notable Christians, now revered as saints. There are many, but among them are: St. Brigit, St. Columba, St. Brendan, and the several different Saints Kieran. (St. Patrick, it should be noted, was the one who took the gospel to the Irish, and therefore not a product of the Irish church.)

## The Children

In the churches we sing of peace on earth,  
Extolling each man's dignity and worth.  
What does this mean to the daughters and the sons,  
As they play in the shadow of the guns?  
What can they dream of, growing in a land  
Forever touched by hatred's ugly hand?

The night must surely know their painful cries.  
The sorrow is reflected in their eyes:  
Innocent children on the evening news,  
Learning so young to share their parents' views.  
We have to believe; there must be a way  
To help them see the dawn of a new day.

Giving of ourselves, take them one by one;  
Teach them to walk in the light of the sun.  
When their time comes, perhaps they will be strong,  
Stand up straight, and right that which we did wrong.  
Then some day they may sing of peace on earth,  
Respecting each man's dignity and worth.

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## Sweet Inishowen

Sweet Inishowen so renowned in story,  
Rich in romance over dale and hill,  
In Patrick's day you were Owen's glory,  
And down the ages more glorious still.

Your dark green lanes and heath-clad mountains,  
Your sun-kissed summits and golden strands,  
Your shady glens and your glittering fountains  
Proclaim the wonders of Nature's hands.

By Foyle's cool wave or the Lake of Shadows,  
I love to linger and rest awhile;  
Or in Birdstown Glen or Culdaff's green meadows  
Hear the birds with sweet songs the hours beguile.

Your hills that I love have purple heather,  
Where O'Doherty chieftains once help sway.  
'Tis pleasant to sit there in summer weather,  
Watching the sunsets at close of day.

*James Green*



## Mileage Chart for Ireland

(Distances are in Miles)

	Athlone																		
	Belfast										141								
	Cork									264	136								
	Derry								266	73	130								
	Donegal							43	250	112	114								
	Dublin						138	147	160	104	78								
	Dundalk					53	98	97	202	52	90								
	Galway				148	136	127	169	130	190	58								
	Kilkenny			108	123	73	192	208	92	177	78								
	Limerick		69	70	65	150	123	184	204	65	201	75							
	Portlaoise	71	140	32	93	94	52	160	175	108	157	46							
	Roscommon	66	94	164	98	51	94	91	94	131	156	139	20						
	Rosslare	150	84	131	171	62	170	153	101	243	247	129	205	130					
	Shannon Airport	146	96	86	15	84	85	57	165	138	176	218	80	215	83				
	Sligo	136	203	53	119	144	213	152	86	104	135	41	84	209	128	73			
	Waterford	182	95	51	129	62	80	120	30	137	151	98	222	238	78	207	108		
	Wexford	39	191	133	12	138	71	118	157	50	157	141	88	231	235	116	192	117	
	Wicklow	56	88	162	156	72	123	77	141	208	77	168	85	32	171	179	166	136	110

Distance Chart in Miles



# O'Dochartaigh Clann Association

## New/Renewal Membership Form

**Mail Payment & Form to: 4078 Bruce Ct., SW Grandville, MI 49418**  
**Executive Committee: Eva Gremmert, Steve Daugherty, Cameron Dougherty, Dan Doherty**

Member Profile			
<b>Member's Name:</b> _____			
<b>Address:</b> _____			
<b>Address (Cont):</b> _____			
<b>Home Phone:</b> ( ) (____) _____ - _____		<b>Home Fax:</b> ( ) (____) _____ - _____	
<b>Primary Email:</b> _____		<b>Description:</b> _____	
<b>Secondary Email:</b> _____		<b>Description:</b> _____	
<b>Comments:</b> _____			
Family Members in Your Household (Free Members)			
<u>Relation</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Yourself	_____	___ / ___ / ___	_____
Spouse	_____	___ / ___ / ___	_____
_____	_____	___ / ___ / ___	_____
_____	_____	___ / ___ / ___	_____
_____	_____	___ / ___ / ___	_____
_____	_____	___ / ___ / ___	_____
_____	_____	___ / ___ / ___	_____
_____	_____	___ / ___ / ___	_____
Membership Dues			
<i>Dues can be paid in any currency, but the amount needs to be equivalent to the following US\$ amounts:</i>			
Regular Member Annual Dues		\$ 35.00 per year	
Senior Member Annual Dues (over 65 years old or retired)		\$ 25.00 per year	
Lifetime Membership Due		\$350.00 onetime payment	
Payment Method			
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my check made payable to "O'Dochartaigh Clann Association"			
<input type="checkbox"/> Paid on-line with credit card at <a href="http://www.odochartaigh.org">www.odochartaigh.org</a> (This feature temporarily disabled)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my: <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard			
Card Number: _____		Exp. Date: _____	
Signature: _____			