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## Reunion is ~~10~~<sup>9</sup> Months



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### 2005 Reunion

**Please join us** in Ireland from July 1-10, 2005 for our next worldwide reunion. Ó Dochartaigh clann members from around the world will gather in the gloriously beautiful Inishowen Peninsula, which is known as O'Dochartaigh Country.

The O'Dochartaighs have been invited once again to celebrate our birthplace, County Donegal, Ireland— a county of extraordinary beauty, fascinating history, and evocative myths and legends. From ancient standing stones to breathtaking pastoral scenes, life often seems untouched by time. This, coupled with the natural friendliness of the Irish O'Dochartaighs, means this reunion will be a time where you can truly relax and enjoy yourself.

Whether you decide to share family genealogy, explore the coastline and countryside scattered with villages and farmhouses, or enjoy the pleasures from an evening spent in the snug of a pub listening to traditional music and the chat around a turf fire (or do all three), you can personally experience the soul and passion of this spectacular land and people.

"We are building on the success of four previous reunions held in Ireland since 1985," says Eva Doherty Gremmert, a member of the Executive Committee and Reunion Coordinator. "If there is a Clann connection in your family, you're welcome."

### RATHMULLAN by Una Canning

What is yonder lovely picture in the distance can you tell?  
It's the scintillating Swilly, and the hills I love so well.  
Nowhere all the wide world over can a match for it be found,  
With its peerless Irish beauty- Lake of Shadows, far renowned.

On a pleasant summer evening when the sun is setting low,  
Trees and mountains are reflected on the waters blue below.  
Making such a glorious picture as we see it from the land,  
Watching Swilly's rippling wavelets swishing o'er the golden sand.

On the eastern side of Swilly rise the hills of Inishowen  
And lands that clan O'Doherty for centuries did own.  
On the western wooded margin stands Rathmullan with its pier,  
For a happy, healthy holiday you'll find a center here.

Towering boldly on the seafront is the Abbey of McSwyne,  
Where Perrot kidnapped brave Red Hugh in days of Auld Land Syne.  
Standing on these storied ruins we have clear within our sight,  
The Isle of Inch and sea between where Ulster Earls took flight.

Lake of Shadows in your mirrored depth I read the tragic past;  
The sorrows and the fleeting joys, the things that do not last.  
That picture in my heart is framed, to dwell on it with love;  
The sandy shores both left and right, with God's blue sky above.

*(In appreciation to Robert Dougherty, California)*

### Special points of interest:

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- *How to Enroll for 2005 Reunion Events...page 11*



Member Nancy Monaghan, artist

## An Update on the O'Dochartaigh Documentary Film

To the O'Dochartaigh Family Members,

During the last few days of August, and the following ten days spilling into September, I was touring Ireland's beautiful coast and small towns. I was with my brother and our mother; the truest Doherty out of the three of us. To fill you in; my brother and I operate a production company in our home town of Toronto, Canada where we produce movies, television and other media related projects. Our latest, and not to mention, most daunting project yet is that of the "O'Dochartaigh Documentary." An entertaining "whirlwind lecture"; which includes a healthy balance of fact, beauty, legend and passion on Ireland's oldest and most prestigious clan.

There were only few lingering problems; one,

my mother was the last living Doherty in the family, which puts a considerable damper on our budget the strings harp. And never even before. said; those filming in not have possible if not for Patrick Doherty and his son Cameron. With their assistance we were able to acquire some breathtaking and brilliantly informational footage. Pat set up meetings with some great Dohertys around the Buncrana area including: Dennis Doherty who took us to the Grianan of Aliach



our historical tions. Two, was as tight as on an Irish three, we had been to Ireland That being two weeks of Ireland would even been fea-

and up to Burt Castle. Seriose Doherty who accompanied us for an entire day through Inch Island, Dough Island and all the way up to Malin Head regaling us with history lessons and Gaelic stories. Rosaleen Doherty; owner and operator of Crana Knits and Ronnie Doherty; a retired solicitor who also is the key holder for the Doherty Keep.

We have more than ten hours of preliminary footage and we are now entering the process of sorting through it and editing it down. We will be sure to include updates in every future newsletter and with the 'luck of the Irish' on our side; debut the Documentary at the 2005 Clan Reunion.

Thank you for all your help and support, Jeff Campagna (O'Doherty)

## The O'Dochartaigh Clann Association Library

*Announcement by Cameron Dougherty*

**Robert Dougherty** of Hidden Meadows, California would like to help the Association by compiling a list of books, and by collecting books, on our family or that indirectly pertain to our family history. Robert - a very motivated individual can be reached at [robertdougherty@hotmail.com](mailto:robertdougherty@hotmail.com).

Please contact Robert directly with suggestions for books that you would like to donate, or feel that we should purchase for our Clan Library or listed (and described briefly) in our Clan Association Library Index. Robert will review many of these books for our Newsletter and encourage our members to obtain and read the best of them.

Robert has defined the following classifications of books for our Clan Library:

- 1- Existing historical books about our Clann, including books on its pre-history, origins and ancient history
- 2- Books dealing mainly with genealogy information, but including history about the Clan, individual families or recent re-

- gional histories on our families.
- 3- Maps of our Clan origins, geographical movement of early Clan members and development of our Clan
- 4- Historical accounts of the homeland area of the O'Dochartaighs up to the present time
- 5- Narratives about people from our homeland area - whether on "Dohertys" or non-Dohertys

Robert Dougherty is not just interested in books. He also wants to collect pamphlets, newspaper and magazine articles. (PBS videos of early Irish migrations might also provide some interesting insights.)

With your help, Bob will be able to collect a comprehensive compilation of materials that will provide facts,

figures, articles and reviews to help us all explore and learn more about our family and the many family groups around the world that make up our Clan-at-large.

So let's search our libraries, as well as the Internet and other potential resources. Let's keep our eyes open for materials that expand our knowledge about our "roots" and let Bob know about each one that you find.

**Paul Dougherty** has also volunteered to keep lists of Internet websites related to our Clan's history and genealogy. We may follow Robert's classifications to describe links that we have found and that we are currently investigating. More on this in our next newsletter. We just wanted you to know that this is a different area that is also being developed, but we plan to keep them separate from each other.

We will all enjoy the fruits of these efforts. I look forward to the wonderful information that Robert and Paul will be able to impart to our members. It will help us, and future generations, grasp the totality of the O'Dochartaigh legacy.



**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Reunion Committee asks that all who receive this reunion information send it on to friends and family – wherever they may be. Please use e-mail, telephone, snail mail and word-of-mouth to get the word out. Those who wish to attend need not be members of the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association, since everyone worldwide is invited to participate. As awareness of the 2005 Clann Reunion grows, attendance will increase dramatically. We are building on this event's twenty years of success. (*go to: [www.odochartaigh.org](http://www.odochartaigh.org)*)

**REPORT** from the Dougherty Family Reunion held in Red Rock Canyon State Park, Hinton, OK (from Pat & Rita Dougherty): Over 30 relatives from the Dougherty clans of Kelly and Mary, Dr. Ray and Eileen, Patrick and Rita, and Grace and Bill (Newhouse), enjoyed perfect weather (usual for breezy Red Rock Canyon), good food and great games. Thanks to Dr. Ray and Ruth (Dougherty) Heatley for picking up most of the expenses (shelter rent, mailings, supplies). The Stroell family from New York (Pat & Rita clan) helped set up the picnic shelter. Everybody else took the time and energy to show up, bringing gobs of food, fun things to do, and making this year's reunion an outstanding success. Next year's reunion will be Saturday, July 16. (*Thanks for the report and the beautiful picture.....the newsletter staff.*)

## Daniel Dougherty

**From the History of Franklin & Cerro Gordo Counties, Iowa ("History of Iowa 1883")**

Daniel Dougherty made the first settlement, on section 36, in 1863, upon land he had taken up in 1856. In about a year from the date of his arrival, a fellow countryman, John Humphrey, also came on from Clayton county and bought the west half of the southwest quarter of section 36, where he lived until 1875, at which time he removed to Mason township. Daniel Dougherty, the pioneer settler of Dougherty township born in the county of Donegal, Ireland, Feb. 18, 1829, came and entered the southwest quarter of section 36, township 94, range 19, what is now **Dougherty Township**, and made actual settlement on the same in 1863. He was reared on a farm in his native land, and in 1851 came to America, landed at Philadelphia and spent two years there. He then went to Montgomery Co., Penn., and labored in an iron furnace. In 1856 he visited Cerro Gordo Co., Iowa, and after entering his land, returned and continued work in the furnace as foreman until 1858, when, with his family, he started for Iowa, traveling on the cars to Dunleith, on steam boat to McGregor, Iowa, arriving at their destination after four days travel. He there located in Giard township, where he rented a farm and later bought forty acres. In 1860 he was elected a member of the board of supervisors of the county, and was re-elected in 1862. In 1863 he resigned that office and came to Cerro Gordo county and settled on his land, being the first settler in Dougherty township. He built a log house and his land near the corner of four counties: Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin and Butler. He took an active interest in the settlement of this section, acting as agent for different parties in selling land in his vicinity. The family occupied their log house until 1869, when he built the house in which he now lives, on the northwest quarter of section 36, and, in 1872, he built a barn 40 X 60 feet. He owns 720 acres of land and has the finest apple orchard in northern Iowa. It contains over 11,000 trees. He was married in 1848 to Mary Gallagher, a native of Donegal, Ireland. They have had fifteen children, twelve of whom are living - Hugh, Charles, Patrick, Daniel, James, Mary, John, Margaret, Bernard, Edward and Catharine T. (twins), William and Annie. Three children, William, William N. and Margaret, died in infancy. The oldest son, Hugh, is married and has three children and lives on the southwest quarter of section 25. Charles is married and has three children and lives on the northeast quarter of section 26. Patrick is a lawyer, is married and resides in Mason City. James is married and resides on the southeast quarter of section 26. The rest of the children make their home with the parents. Mary is a teacher in the public schools. Mr. Dougherty is a prominent man and is well-respected. He started poor but has made himself wealthy. He is a life-long democrat, has served Cerro Gordo county as

county supervisor two terms, and in 1880, was a candidate for the democratic ticket for register of the State land office. He represented the State at the Baltimore convention and is still quite prominent in politics. (See another Iowa story on pg..8)

Here is a different writeup, done some years later:

### History of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa J.H. Wheeler 1919

Early Settlement.- Daniel Dougherty, a native of County Donegal, Ireland, made the first settlement in 1863 on section 36, on land that he had entered in 1856. He came here from Clayton county, where he owned a farm, and at once built a log house on his land near the corner of the four counties. Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Floyd and Butler. He took an active interest in the settlement of this section, acting as agent for different parties in selling land in this vicinity. The family occupied this residence until 1869, when they moved out of the log cabin into a commodious residence he had built, on the north bank of the Coldwater on the same section. About fifteen years ago, he, with Mrs. Dougherty, and some of the younger children, moved to Rockwell, but in the event of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway passing through the township and giving the people a station and a market, he moved back again and built a handsome residence in the new town, where he now resides in 1910. The family consists of sixteen children, twelve of whom are living, nine boys and three girls. Rev. E.J. Dougherty, of Mason City being one of the number. In politics Mr. Dougherty has been honored by the people at different times in electing him to office.

*Received this information from one of our historian's, John McLaughlin.*

#### John comments:

*It's surprising how much fascinating family history material lies waiting to be discovered in almost every county history. These often go down to the township level, and give brief histories of the early settlers, often telling exactly where they came from in Ireland. But these county histories are generally only held by libraries within a given state, and often only in a few cities in that state, so you would need volunteers to ransack the libraries in their own locations.*

## Cutting Edge Genealogy

We have all heard of DNA evidence being used in criminal trials. A company called FamilyTree DNA has introduced DNA testing to genealogy. While the company does not test to the same degree as would be used in a Court case, it does offer various levels of testing depending on how much you are willing to spend and what degree of certainty you are looking for.

The level of testing is based on the numbers of "markers" identified. The basic test identifies 12 markers. Your markers can then be compared to the markers of others who have been tested. A match of 12 markers indicates that you and the other person are related within 14.5 generations with 50% certainty and within 48 generations with

90% certainty. The next level of testing is a 25 marker test. A match of 25 markers indicates that you and the other person are related within 7 generations with 50% certainty and within 19.5 generations with 90% accuracy. The next level of testing is a 37 marker test. A match of 37 markers indicates that you and the other person are related within 5 generations with 50% certainty and within 16 generations with 90% accuracy. By related, I mean that you and the other person share a common ancestor at that generation.

All three tests are based on the Y chromosome which is the male chromosome and is passed from father to son. They are therefore useful in a clann environment such as ours where we are trying to determine relationships within the "O'Dochartaigh" line. I would question the usefulness of the 12 marker test as it makes the connection back too many generations to be useful for genealogical purposes. However, the 25 and 37 marker tests come within a meaningful range.

It seems that this type of testing would be especially useful for the O'Dochartaigh clann. While the association has done a great job in locating and organizing family data, too much of our history is probably lost forever. Going back any more that 150 years, official records are non-existent. Much of what little information we do have is not documented. DNA testing could confirm much of the undocumented information. In other instances it can confirm that two people are related through a common ancestor within a set number of generations, even if it can not provide the names of the common ancestor.

The cost of the 12 marker test is \$159, the 25 marker test is \$229 and the 37 marker test is \$289. The 12 marker test can be ordered initially and later upgraded to the 25 and/or 37 marker test. The test is simple and painless. The company sends you a kit consisting of two swabs and two sample vials. Eight hours apart, you rub the inside of your cheek with a swab and then place the swab in the test vial. You return the vials to the company and in 4 to 6 weeks depending on the test you order you receive and email with a list of others whose tests match yours. Shortly thereafter, you receive certificates in the mail detailing your test results.

The company has also established a program called Surname Project. This program allows people to set up groups that will then get discounted prices on testing. If at least six people commit to the project, the 12 marker test cost per person is \$99 and the 25 marker test is \$169. The project must have a Group Administrator who is responsible for ordering the kits and downloading the test results to the groups website. We are fortunate that we have a fantastic clan website in existence. Let's use it to share ideas and organize a group of interested people who would like to participate in the Surname Project. - Jim Dougherty

Coordinators: Michael Doherty, Jim Dougherty, Paul Dougherty

# Whitecastle Quest (Part II)

By Gillian Häkli (Finland)

To my surprise, I discovered that Joan, too, is a distant cousin (my 3rd cousin-twice-removed) and that she and Albert (my third cousin-once-removed) are almost as closely (or distantly) related to each other (they are 4<sup>th</sup> cousins-once-removed) as they are to me. We are all descended from three **Doherty** brothers – Joan from Thomas; Albert and his second cousin Billy from William; and I from John. My hosts were a vast source of information about family, some of it gleaned from a genealogical history compiled by yet another of my 3<sup>rd</sup> cousins-once-removed, Brian Ireland, whose mother was born in Whitecastle and who (despite his surname) lives in England. (He will be writing about the history of Whitecastle House for the Newsletter, so it will become well known to readers.)

I learned how John's widowed mother, Peggy, was turned out of her cottage by the local landlord, George Cary of Whitecastle House, and how John, who was by then living in England, promised that one day the tables would be turned on Mr Cary. John had been employed by the Ordnance Survey when Donegal was being mapped in the 1830s, and had returned to England with the surveyors in 1834. In 1840, he married Elizabeth Blunden, the daughter of a wealthy Kent farmer. He made a big success of farming and was clearly a very shrewd businessman. In the 1860s, he returned to Ireland and acquired the lease of extensive lands (2000 acres) including Whitecastle House, the Carys having meanwhile gone bankrupt. Roles were reversed! John transferred the lease of the house and land that went with it to his nephew, William, son of his eldest brother, also called William.

Mulling over all this new information, I sadly had to take leave of my new-found cousins, as Paddy had a long and difficult drive ahead of him through

blinding sleet back to Inch. As we were leaving, however,

Albert and Joan invited me back to stay. This I did a couple of days later. I now met Edmund, another of Albert's brothers, who lives at Culmore (on the way to Derry) but comes in every day to help run the farm. Of interest is that Edmund's second name is Blunden, the maiden name of John's wife, my great-grandmother, without whom I would never have found my Whitecastle relatives.

The next day Albert's second cousin, Billy, arrived to show me Whitecastle House, which, as many of you will know, is an elegant mansion set amidst great trees on the shores of Lough Foyle. Although over 300 years old, it's in superb condition having been re-roofed and refurbished, and over the years lovingly cared for by its occupants,

Billy's sister Joy and mother Elsie. (Sadly, Elsie died in 2001 and Joy is now the sole occupant.) The house is as beautiful inside as it is out, and full of fascinating details such as doors and windows moulded to fit the curving walls, and bedroom doors painted with scenes from Irish folklore.

Billy showed me over the house, covering much the same ground as he did for the Historical Tour in 2000. Afterwards, he took me to his modern home over the road to meet his family. After a huge meal, I returned to Whitecastle House to meet Joy and Elsie, who invited me back to stay the next day. I then returned to Albert's for my final night in Primrose Villa. In the morning, Albert drove me up into the hills behind his farm to show me roughly where John's home would have been, before his mother was evicted by Cary. Sadly, the exact site of the cottage is not known.

After bidding Albert and Joan a fond farewell, I took up residence in great-grandfather John's house for one whole night. We were joined by Billy and Joy's brother Ken, who had come from

Derry to meet his new relative. We spent an unforgettable evening sitting round a huge turf fire, delving into Whitecastle history and generally getting to know one another. There is a third brother, George, but he was away at sea on this occasion. When I eventually got to bed, sleep came surprisingly easily in a luxurious bedroom that I liked to think had been where my great-grandparents had slept. (It wasn't!)

The next day was Sunday and my last day with my new relatives. It was heartbreaking leaving Whitecastle, which was radiant in the early morning sun, but there was still a lot to be done. First, Joy, Elsie and I went to Redcastle graveyard to see the Doherty family graves. Then we drove to Derry, to the Carlisle Road Methodist church, where Joy is organist. This was to be my first Methodist service, but since great-grandfather was a Methodist, I felt it was none too soon. The church was very impressive, full of rich carvings, and apparently cost so much to build (in the early 1900s) that it left the parish bankrupt. Later that day I met Ken's wife, another Joan Doherty, and also the family of the absent brother, George. By this time, my brain was getting dangerously overheated with all the discoveries I had made and people I had met, and it was almost a relief to return 'home' to the tranquillity of Inch for a couple of days.

My quest was now basically at an end. I'd achieved what I'd set out to do - and far more: I'd learned a whole lot about my great-grandfather and even stayed in his house; I'd met relatives that I hadn't known even existed and enjoyed the most welcoming hospitality; I'd been given insight into the warmth of Irish families and made a number of new friends - not least among them, Paddy of Inch. I'd also renewed my acquaintance with a glorious corner of Ireland; and I'd almost learned

how to use genealogy software! As the bus took me back to Dublin, I was glad it was dark; that way I could be alone with my thoughts and relax in the satisfaction of 'mission accomplished'.

*"I took up residence in great-grandfather John's house for one whole night."*



If history is anything, it is repetitive, as told by Thomas Doherty of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. (Thomas' story is copywrited.)

## The Sideways Staff and the Demise of Ireland's Royal Tara

**Not too long ago** we had world wide pictures of a very sorry decrepit once big time dictator leader of Iraq called Saddam Hussein being brought out from a hidey hole in the ground and being captured by USA troops on a great display in all the media (although a news agency reported that Kurdish troops had actually found him and then alerted the US forces for the big TV show as they escorted him to custody for a trial. The troops had hunted for him up and down and all around Iraq) I smiled at this when I read it, for I knew of another story of a bigshot personage hiding in a hole in the ground albeit a very old tale.

Also, very sad to say we have the terrorists of Saddam's loyalists capturing innocents and then beheading them, all the while hiding behind masks like the cowards they are. This horrible type of execution was once common to the European nations especially England "off with their heads" said Elizabeth 1st many times, and she topped off Mary Queen of Scots her rival and the true Queen of England. Later the English even lopped one of their Kings - namely Charles 1st when another dictator Oliver Cromwell managed to take over England under a fancy title as "His Majesty The Lord High Protector of England." Ollie wanted to be crowned, he even had coronation regalia made after having King Charlie's stuff melted down, but Ollie got cold feet when word of a possible insurrection by his Roundhead troops against him for high pretensions made him drop then idea. France invented the guillotine for a more humane way beheading. And some counties still behead people even today for crimes

So what has this got to do with Ireland? Well we have a bit of a parallel - one of the great

High Kings of Ireland, King Diarmud (died AD 558) sent his chief herald and sword carriers along with assistants on a circuit of Ireland as was the custom to show the king's peace was being held - but the custom was that the herald and spear carrier seated on horses carried staff and spear sideways, and all doorways entered had to be wide enough to allow unhindered access to castles and mansions of lesser kings and magnates and so on, this was a sign of submission to the king and acknowledgment of kingly authority. Any mansion doorways not wide enough had to be knocked down and rebuilt to allow passage of the herald's staff and the spear. (They were probably about six feet long.) We can assume that most of the doorways and entrances were already plenty wide enough.



*"Acknowledge the High King's peace and authority" demanded the herald. "Tear down the doorway" he ordered, "and rebuild it for the traverse of my staff!"*

Most castle or fortress gates are wide anyway to allow the entry of wheeled vehicles of the day. However the herald came to a newly built mansion of one prince - Aedh Guire - one with a reputation for awkwardness and bad temper, and his new door was not wide enough!

"Acknowledge the High King's peace and authority" demanded the herald "Tear down the doorway" he ordered "And rebuild it for the traverse of my staff!" "I will not" retorted the prince" and forth-

with took out his sword and murdered the herald - a terrible crime on any person but doubly so on the king's representative. Then to compound matter the prince beheaded the herald. Now he had a quadruple crime on his hands, failure to obey the king's authority, striking his representative, killing him, and beheading him. The herald's entourage quickly reported back to the king.

Realising his crime - the prince went on the run, the king's men after him, they chased up and down Ireland and all around, Prince Guire escaped to England seeking refuge but the High King of Ireland's troops caught up with and found him hiding in a hole in the ground! He was taken into custody, and escorted back to Ireland for his punishment. - either death or an impossible to find fine of fifty blue eyed white stallions. But Guire had powerful clerical relatives and friends who interceded on his behalf. The High King was unmoved. The cleric and other high ranking bishops cursed him and Royal Tara for intolerance and being unforgiving. The king ignored them, but The Curse of Tara worked. The next High King of the Ui Niall Dynasty removed the royal residence to Grianan Ailech near Bunrana and Royal Tara fell into ruin. Its foundation near Dublin can be seen today along with its 900 foot long dining hall.

All that the prince had to do was acknowledge the great king as his overlord. Perhaps if Saddam had submitted to the USA President we might not have had a war?

*Source: the translation & writings of Conal MacGeoghagan circa 1627 of the lost Annals of Clonmacnois.*

### To all Members,

Many leaders and members of the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association would like to honor the contributions of two of our original members and officers who have recently passed away. They were sisters by birth and sisters by spirit in their unwavering dedication and commitment to this organization. Or as they would call it, their extended family.

Jeanne Dougherty Kitchen passed away last April and her sister Margaret Dougherty Johnson just passed away last month. They were the first organizers and the first to start campaigning for our cause. But more than anything else, they will be remembered as "the voice of the clan". The voice that many early members heard on the phone, read on clan correspondences and saw in the handiwork of the newsletters, yearbooks and clan announcements.

The work they did on the newsletters is appreciated by many still today. Those newsletters have preserved the history and happenings of our organization dating back to February 1982. They organized, gathered interesting family stories, compiled, printed and distributed thousands of newsletters.

How can we express our gratitude? We struggle with the right words. So I will look beyond words to express my gratitude. For to me these two ladies were not Jeanne and Margaret, they were my Aunt Jeanne and Aunt Margaret. For you who know my family, then you also know that they were sisters to Pat Dougherty, our founder.

I will begin work on a project to scan in all of our past newsletter issues. I would like to make them available to our clan members in their honor. I already have one person joining me in this project. We could use a couple more people. If you would like to join with us or donate funds to this project, or if you have any old newsletters, please email me at odochartaigh@sbcglobal.net. (Cameron Dougherty, October 2004)



**What greater worth can be felt then for a child to find his/her name on a family tree with a hundred other family members.**

## A Child's Stroll with Her Father by Carol Dougherty Stecher

*Morrison Brother's shrill whistle blew,  
As St Mary's final bell rang.  
She ran the blocks to a mid-way point,  
Where she knew their paths would meet.*

*His black metal lunch box transferred,  
As they walked in silence.  
Only the rhythmic clanking lunch box,  
Celebrated the ending of his work day.*

*His long strides  
Pulled him swiftly home,  
Never permitting a detour.*

*A sealed treasure chest  
Rested atop his neck,  
Its contents safe from viewers,  
Mysterious fragmented jewels;  
Given to no one.*

*The sun could not tickle,  
No smile could he spare,  
Private thoughts,  
Memories unshared,  
Carefully hidden.*

*She dropped her foot,  
Into his print,  
Then leapt to reach the other,  
Falling short...  
She jumped again...*

**He was fifty-four and I was fourteen** when he shoveled snow for the last time. His weak heart could not take the strain, and he joined all the Doughertys who passed before him on the cold winter day of December 1, 1955. With him he took the treasure I now seek, my family's history.

James W. Dougherty was a private, somber, and sober man. His duty was the support of a family of eight children on the wage of a laborer. Father did not share stories of his childhood, nor tales of his heritage. No thought was given to the existence of an extended family. He was happy to be a part of my mother's family.

Without his input, I gathered a few "Facts" about his family history. I later discovered these "Facts" were wrong. Perhaps my thoughts were those of a romantic, as I believed my grandmother had died while giving birth and that my grandfather had died when I was a toddler. Somehow I had the belief that my great grandmother was from a wealthy English family. That she was disowned when she married an Irish man. Even more romantic was the story that she had lost all of her valuables in the journey to the USA.

I retired recently and now have the time to begin a bit of research. This quest is a result of an inquiry by one of my grandchildren for information needed to complete a school project. To say I was embarrassed by my lack of knowledge is putting it mildly. I visited with a sister eleven years my senior. Unfortunately, she was very ill, and seemed to have little information to offer. She believed that my grandparents were divorced. My next step was to contact the Catholic churches in Dubuque, Iowa and the County Courthouse for baptismal records, birth certificates, and marriage records.

The misinformation began with the receipt of the information from the churches. My father's baptismal record showed an incorrect date of birth and the name was spelled Dougherty. My parent's marriage certificate showed the bridesmaid as the bride. Since the bride was shown in error, the church forwarded my Aunt's birth certificate to me in place of my mother's. Hopefully I have corrected these errors by providing the information received from the Dubuque County recorder's office.

Another of my beliefs was proven to be wrong when I received my grandfather's death record. It was shown that his death was in the same year as my father's. James F. Dougherty was born in Dubuque, Iowa on 9-14-1870, to James Dougherty and Anna Connor. He died in Dubuque, Iowa on 8-18-1955, at the age of eighty-four. I was shocked to know that he had been alive in the early years of my life.

My grandparent's marriage was recorded as 2-18-1901. James F. Dougherty and Mary Agnes Mc Caffery (DOB 1879) were the parents to three children: my father, James W. Dougherty, 9-10-1901, John Joseph (Roy) Dougherty 7-2-1903, and Mary Ann Dougherty, date of birth unknown. Joseph and Mary Ann were never married, to the best of my knowledge, and died sometime after 1955 in Waterloo, Iowa.

The struggle for information is frustrating. I worry about the accuracy of the information gathered due to the erroneous information received from the church records. How can one verify the information on generations beyond those of my parents, when their records contained so many errors? This problem has been faced by others in their search for roots. It is a problem that I am determined to deal with in my continued search for family. How did my ancestors arrive in the USA?

When did they make that journey? Did they come from Donegal? Who were they?

These are the questions I probe; these are the questions that require assistance from anyone who can make a connection with my family links. It is only by helping one another that we can all achieve our goals. Perhaps reaching out with scraps of information can result in mutual rewards.

### Family Genealogy:

James Dougherty & Anna Connor were the parents of James F Dougherty. He was born 9-14-1870 in Dubuque, Iowa and died there on 8-17-1955. He married Mary Agnes Mc Caffery on 2-18-1901 in Dubuque, Iowa. (She was born in 1879)

Three children resulted from that marriage:

James W. Dougherty, born 9-10-1901  
John Joseph (Roy) Dougherty, born 7-2-1903, moved to Waterloo, Iowa  
Mary Ann Dougherty, date of birth unknown, Moved to Waterloo, Iowa

James W. Dougherty died in Dubuque, Iowa 12-1-1955. Married to Marie Frick 5-7-1929. Parents to eight children.

*(To contact Carol, and other possible relatives, go to "Dougherty" section under [Family Research Sharing](http://www.odochartaigh.org) within our clan's forum at [www.odochartaigh.org](http://www.odochartaigh.org).)*

### A Genealogist's Prayer

*Lord, help me dig into the past  
And sift the sands of time,  
That I might find the roots that made  
This family tree of mine.*

*Lord, help me trace the ancient roads  
On which my fathers trod,  
And led them through so many lands  
To find our present sod.*

*Lord, help me find an ancient book  
Or dusty manuscript,  
That's safely hidden now away  
In some forgotten crypt.*

*Lord, let it bridge the gap that haunts  
My soul when I can't find,  
The missing link between some name  
That ends the same as mine.*

*Author Anonymous*

## Inishowen Family Research

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### **Recent Finding at the Research Centre**

Thanks to Michael Noone's continuing search for records in the pre-1800's at our Clann Centre, we are able to pinpoint surnames with Townlands and to a particular Landowner.

**Any help will be appreciated. Retirees, spend time in your homeland.**

## **Census of 1659 - Donegal (Principal Irish Names)**

### **Inishowen (Inishowen) Barony: Eng. & Scots 453; Irish 2678, total 3131**

O Barr (7)	O Brillaghan (23)	O Boyle (8)	O Cally (22)	McCallin (15)	O Callane (12)
O Cullane (27)	O Conagill (9)	O Carran (16)	O Currin (3,19)	O Carny (10)	McCollgan (30)
McConway (6)	O Callaghan (8)	O Doghertye (203)	O Doy (6)	O Deuer (8)	McDevet (27)
O Donell (20)	O Dermond (35)	O Deveny (9)	O Farran (14)	McGlaghlin (76)	O Granny (6)
McGillneske (8)	O Gollogher (12)	O Herrall (8)	O Hegerty (23)	O Harkan (21)	O Knawsie (9)
O Kelly (11)	McKay (6)	O Lunshaghan(22)	McLaughlin (63)	O Luog (9)	O Misane (7)
O Moran (6)	O Mulloy (7)	McMurray (8)	O Muncy (8)	Porter (11)	O Quigley (25)
O Rodan (13)	O Sheale (8)	O Towlan (14)	McVagh (6).		

#### **Doherty Landowners**

#### **Title**

#### **Townland**

#### **Parish**

Hugh Boy O Dougherty & Shane O Dougherty, his son	Gentlemen	Crehue qr	Movill
Rory O Doughertye	Gentlemen	Ledereg qr.	Desertegine
Phelomy O Dougherty	Gentlemen	Gortiaragan qr.	Desertegine
Owen McDevet	Gentlemen	Bellichan qr	Culdaffe
Donell McAllin	Gentlemen	Carrowmore	Culdaffe
Cahair O Dougherty	Gentlemen	Ardmalin qr.	Clonca
Thomas O Dougherty	Gentlemen	Brigh qr.	Clonca
Rory O Dogherty	Gentlemen	Conhurt qr.	Clonca
Gerauld O Doghertye & Cahair O Doghertye	Gentlemen	Carrowmore qr.	Donagh
McArthur Lening & Donnell O Dougherty	Gentlemen	Lenan qr.	Clonmany
Conn O Dogherty	Gentlemen	Rosmach qr.	Clonmany

### **Barony of Bovlagh & Banagh: Eng & Scots 285, Irish 1556, Total 1841**

McAtire (6)	McAnulty (8)	McAward (11)	O Brislane (8)	O Boyle (41)	O Birne (9)
O Cannan (8)	O Conaghan & O Conighan (11)	O Carney (10)	McCollin (13)	O Casady (9)	
O Connally (6)	O Cuningham (5)	Cuningham (4)(9)	O Donell (20)	O Dooghertye (14)	McDeve (6)
McGillaspick (8)	O Gallogher (51)	McGlaghlin (14)	O Kenady (6)	McKillker (7)	O Kelly (9)
McKee (8)	O Kenny (6)	O Mullghill (6)	O Mullmoghery (6)	O Murrey (11)	
McNelus & McNellus (9)		Scott (10)	O Shearing (11)	McSwyne (7)	

#### **Rapho Barrony**

Browne (9)	O Boyle (7)	McCormick (7)	Cunyngham (27)	McCallin (7)	McClintock (8)
McCarter (7)	McConnell (11)	O Doughertye (16)	O Donnell (10)	McDevet (8)	O Gollogher (19)
O Kervallan (10)	McKinlay (6)	O Kenady (3)	O Kelly (12)	McKee (10)	O Karran (7)
O Kenny (6)	O Lowry (7)	Porter (8)	O Pattan (7)	Smith (18)	White (7)

### **Kill McCrenan Barrony: Eng & Scots , Irish 1551, Total 2156**

McAward (6)	O Boyle (15)	O Brillaghan (8)	O Canan (9)	O Cullan (6)	O Cullin (14)
O Colhoune (7)	O Donnell (27)	O Diver (7)	O Divet (10)	O Dowy (6)	O Dogherty (34)
O Fary (8)	O Ferry (5)	O Friell (7)	O Ferill (9)	McFaden (7)	O Gollogher (52)
McGinnelly (21)	McGee (11)	O Harkan (5)	Mcllbredy (13)	Mcllchole (11)	Mcllbreed (5)
McKerran (7)	O Mulvog (5)	McPadin (13)	McSwyne (39)	O Sheall (6)	Wiltagh (6)

The table below shows the number of Doherty households in each county in the Primary Valuation property survey of 1848-64.

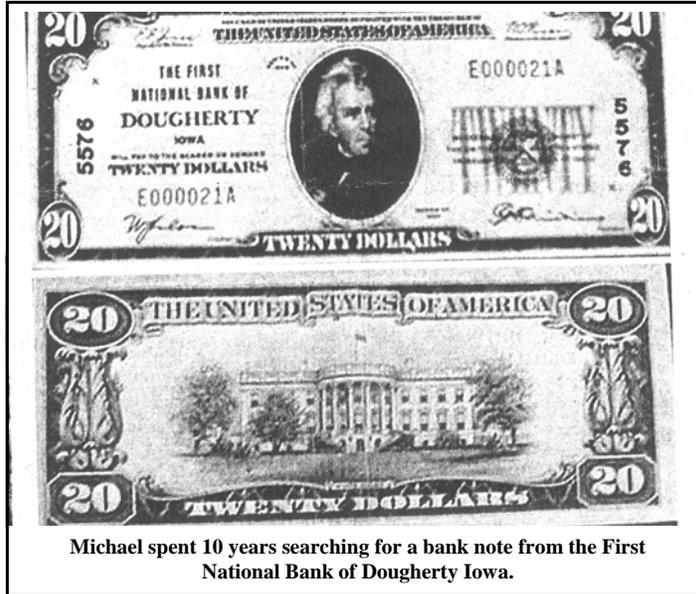
<b>Antrim</b>	74
<b>Armagh</b>	18
<b>Belfast</b>	40
<b>Carlow</b>	9
<b>Cavan</b>	20
<b>Clare</b>	97
<b>Cork</b>	37
<b>Cork City</b>	3
<b>Derry</b>	319
<b>Donegal</b>	1430
<b>Down</b>	63
<b>Dublin</b>	8
<b>Dublin City</b>	11
<b>Fermanagh</b>	44
<b>Galway</b>	43
<b>Kerry</b>	51
<b>Kildare</b>	12
<b>Kilkenny</b>	40
<b>Laois</b>	11
<b>Leitrim</b>	82
<b>Limerick</b>	52
<b>Limerick</b>	3
<b>Longford</b>	20
<b>Louth</b>	21
<b>Mayo</b>	136
<b>Meath</b>	11
<b>Monaghan</b>	14
<b>Offaly</b>	15
<b>Roscommon</b>	57
<b>Sligo</b>	38
<b>Tipperary</b>	103
<b>Tyrone</b>	107
<b>Waterford</b>	9
<b>Westmeath</b>	11
<b>Wexford</b>	20
<b>Wicklow</b>	4

**FAMILY NEWS**

**Michael Dougherty** (Texas) began collecting old coins, but became interested in collecting dollar bills known as bank notes or "nationals" by the avid collectors since they were first issued by National Banks. He soon learned that there were nationals issued by the First National Bank of Dougherty, Iowa. That became his resolute quest.

Michael was getting the word out to other collectors and many were joining in the search. After he began the search in 1991 it slowly progressed from there until now. In each coin show Michael attended, he compared notes with other searchers. In 1995, he was told by an expert that there might not be any Dougherty notes left. But in 1996, this same expert heard that there might be one still known and then in 1997, Michael heard that a fellow collector had obtained one. Michael was sent a photocopy of the note. Each year rumors ran thick, but began to sound less like rumors and more like fact.

Let's jump to Memphis in 2001. Michael was at dinner with "the Iowa boys" as he calls his Iowa collectors, as well as with a Pennsylvania collector. He was told by one of the Iowa collectors that he was going all out to pursue a Dougherty note. Sure enough when they meet together the next



Michael spent 10 years searching for a bank note from the First National Bank of Dougherty Iowa.

call to Hampton, Iowa. One the other end of the phone was Mr. H. J. Gallagher, retired executive vice president of the Dougherty bank and whose parents were born in Dougherty. As the phone call progressed Mr. Gallagher told me that yes, indeed, he had a Dougherty note and that we could talk again after the 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss it more."

With each letter and phone call to H.J. Gallagher, Michael got closer and closer to his dream. "When we got close on the value, I offered to go to Iowa to take his wife and him out to dinner and try to agree on a price for the note." He agreed.

"During dinner H.J. Gallagher said that if my name had not been Dougherty, he wouldn't even be talking to me." After returning to the Gallaghers' home, a price was finally agreed upon and paid. The note was finally Michael's.

"I was like a kid in a candy store! Fortunately, I had brought with me my book titled 'National Bank Notes' written and autographed by Don C. Kelly."

Under Mr. Kelly's autograph now also appears Mr. Gallagher's autograph, with a handwritten note claiming that he had transferred ownership of the Dougherty note to Michael Dougherty.

*"(He) said that if my name had not been Dougherty, he wouldn't even be talking to me."*

year, "Don handed me a business card with a name, phone number and location of someone who might have a note. I was stunned. Don told me only, 'You might get this one!'" "Just before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend I made a

refuge on April 17th. We have 118 big-cats we care for, plus various other animals, and most have had rough lives of abuse and neglect. We do the best we can for them, cleaning and feeding them everyday, but 2/3 of our cats are still in cages. We're constantly working to release more and more into habitats, as quickly as we can build them, but it's a slow process because we use donated materials and our own labor, for the most part.

Eventually we plan to have all the cats released into habitats, though that will be years in the future. Boss is a pretty old lion, and he's been in cages all his life. Until now he'd never been able to step foot on grass.

The same is true of the other 3 lions. So it was really an amazing thing to see them go out into a 1/4 acre habitat full of grass and trees. Boss walked over to a tree stump and sharpened his claws on it! It was a true testament to wild instinct to see a cat who's never

been on grass before instantly know what to do with a tree stump! This picture was taken about 30 minutes after the initial release, so he'd already explored his habitat and was exhausted.

Last weekend I took a lion and a cougar to the vet! Can you even imagine? It was an amazing experience. This whole summer has been amazing so far, even if I am having difficulties with the heat. It's all worth it though, every time I get to play with these magnificent animals. A picture of me playing with Misty, a (declawed) cougar who was given up because her previous owner couldn't wrestle with her anymore:

<http://www.petfish.net/gallery2/albums/TC/ambermisty.jpg>

Amber Dougherty  
Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge  
Eureka Springs, Arkansas  
Website: <http://www.turpentinecreek.org>

**Amber Dougherty** (daughter of David and Renee Dougherty, Flint, MI), at 11 weeks old, was the youngest attending member of our very first International Clan Reunion (Michigan, 1981). She is a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University. This past summer she was working a summer internship at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, caring for distressed 'big' cats restored back to health by the shelter.

Cameron!

I was just thinking about how I should send you a letter soon. I knew how much work I was getting into when I came here, but I underestimated just how exhausted I'd be when I got home at night.

<http://www.petfish.net/gallery2/albums/TC/amberandlion.jpg>

Here's a picture of me with Boss, a male African Lion. Boss is one of 4 lions that were released into a natural habitat on the

## Book Report by Paul Daugherty

Anyone who has an interest in the background and history of Ireland and the "Troubles" of the early 1900s (and up to the present) could find no better starting point than Robert Kee's book, "The Laurel and the Ivy" (Hamish Hamilton Ltd. London 1993)

The Irish Independent said of Kee, "If there had been more Englishmen with Kee's perception, part of our tragedy would never have happened".

The work deals with the person, early life and political years of Charles Stewart Parnell, born in 1846 of an American mother and Irish Protestant father in Co. Wicklow.

He spent a number of years visiting his mother and uncle in Paris, a brother in Georgia and traveling about the United States in search of investment possibilities.

Parnell seems to have been an indifferent student, uninterested in politics and apparently was little known outside of his family and friends. Not until he had reached the age of about thirty did he evince any interest in politics, which he seemingly took to with as much passion as he had shown for cricket.

Kee's work describes the growth of the Fenian movement and, of course, the British reaction to it. William Gladstone, Prime Minister, in the late 1860s had shown sympathy for the Irish problems and had attempted to have laws enacted designed to alleviate the Irish suffering from famine and poverty. Poverty caused, in part, by landlords who seemingly had one purpose and that was to extract every penny from their tenants.

In 1874, Parnell became a member of the Home Rule League, the start of his political life. It was not an auspicious beginning but it was to blossom into something larger than anyone (Parnell included) ever dreamed. Like Daniel O'Connell, fifty years before, Parnell would become a light-

He became a man whom Gladstone called, "The most remarkable man I have ever met" and Liberal statesman, Haldane, said of him "He was the strongest man the House of Commons had seen in a hundred and fifty years".

Today his work and his name are almost unknown outside of Ireland. He died at age 45 after a scandal involving Katherine O'Shea who had divorced her husband to live with him. She bore him several children. In an age when divorce was the most heinous of all sins Parnell was deserted by most of his followers, his career destroyed and his health was unfortunately gone.

Today the names of Michael Davitt, Eamon DeValera, Michael Collins and many others are almost as well known as are the founders of the United States, while Parnell seems to have disappeared. Yet, in his time, his work was such that DeValera, Collins and the others of the Easter Rising, built on it. Each of them drew inspiration from the words and efforts of Charles Stewart Parnell.

Kee's book is 615 pages of the history of Ireland's wealth of trouble and how Parnell and others attempted to alleviate it. Do yourself a great favor and get this book if for no other reason than to remind yourself of the sort of people we Irish were - and are.

*"...he was the strongest man the House of Commons had seen in a hundred and fifty years."*

ning rod, attracting charges from his fellow Irishmen as well as from his British opponents. However, Parnell fought for the Home Rule of Ireland all through his years in Parliament.

## Marine Lance Cpl. Scott Eugene Dougherty

### D.O.D. IDENTIFIES MARINE CASUALTIES

The Department of Defense announced today the death of two Marines who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Lance Cpl. Scott E. Dougherty, 20, of Bradenton Florida and Pfc. Rodricka A. Youmans, 22, of Allendale, S.C.

Both Marines died July 6 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

### Obituary

Marine Lance Cpl. Scott Eugene Dougherty of Bradenton, Florida- Marine Lance Cpl. Scott Eugene Dougherty, was born on June 6, 1984, in Bradenton, Fla., and died July 6, 2004 in Iraq.

Scott was a Bayshore High School graduate, belonged to the JROTC, and loved camping, fishing and country/western music.

Scott is survived by his father, Keith Dougherty, mother Debra Lois Dougherty, sister Nicole Dougherty, paternal grandparents Cy and Janet Dougherty, all from Bradenton, and maternal grandmother, Donna Sarasota, maternal grandfather Eugene Remaley, and many other close family members who will miss him dearly.

The family received friends on Friday, July 16, 2004 in Bradenton, and at a Requiem Mass at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church on Saturday, July 17, 2004 in Sarasota, Fla.

Keith Dougherty said that his son, Scott, was a proud Marine. He was on his second tour of duty in Iraq, and had been assigned to maintain security for U.S. convoys and to "take out" insurgents who attacked the convoys. It was also Scott's job to clear land mines.

## Social Mixer for 2005 Reunion

Hosted by *Kathleen S. Gannon (Delaware & Pennsylvania Doughertys), and Mary Doherty McLaughlin (Malin Head, Co. Donegal, Ireland). We are of the "Paddy Mor" family.*

**DATE:** JULY 5, 2005  
**TIME:** 7 to 9 pm  
**PLACE:** SEAVIEW TAVERN

This social will feature several of the elders in the Malin Head area, who will be discussing family genealogy from the area..

We are asking everyone planning to attend to bring old photographs and family group sheets.

If you have an interest in attending this kind of side event, please email me at gannonks@aol.com (put on your subject line—"social mixer 2005").

At this time we are not planning on charging but donations will be appreciated.

See you all on July 5, 2005,  
Kathleen Gannon

## Lessons In Leitrim by Jim Dougherty

In doing genealogical research, I have found that so much of success is a result of perseverance, timing and luck. While this is not an O'Dochartaigh Clann story per se, I hope it can help to inspire and guide those in our clann who are still searching for our roots.

For many years, my wife had been asking her family for information on her "Tighe" roots. Even though she remembered her grandfather telling stories about how he had returned to Ireland and slept in the same bed as his grandfather, everyone said they did not know where the family was from. Unfortunately her grandfather died before she had enough interest in genealogy to ask him what he knew. **Lesson number one:** ask the oldest family members what they know. Often, knowledge dies with people.

Finally this past February, my wife's uncle called out of the blue and told my wife to call a certain cousin, as she knew where the family was from. My wife quickly called that cousin and had a long, information filled conversation. Not only did her cousin know where the family was from, but she had visited the farm years ago and had kept the address, an area in Keshcarrigan, County Leitrim called Corderry Peyton.

When my wife gave the cousin our address in Connecticut, the cousin said it was a coincidence that my wife's Sweeney side of the family had lived in Connecticut for a couple of generations before moving to New York. My wife had always assumed that they had gone right to New York from Ireland. She had also assumed they were from Donegal as that was a Sweeney stronghold. I did a little online research and was able to locate the Sweeneys and from census data determined that they had come from Cork at the opposite end of Ireland. **Lesson number two:** don't assume a family came from a particular area just because the name is associated with that area. But I digress, let's get back to the Tighes.

With the information from the cousin, I ordered both the mid 1800's and the current Ordnance Survey maps for the area. I also did some online research and from different sources, found Tighes in the area from the 1600s right up to present. I also found that there was a Leitrim Genealogy Centre not far from Keshcarrigan that did genealogical research. I contacted them and for a small fee they did preliminary research to deter-

mine what information was available on the family. They quickly replied that there was sufficient information available to do a full genealogical report. **Lesson number three:** let the professionals do the work when possible. They can do in days what it might take you months or years to do (if at all). Leaving the Centre to its work, we planned our next step. It seemed the only other thing we could do was to go to Leitrim and explore on our own. My wife had a vacation coming up in early April, so we booked our trip.

The Genealogy Centre said it would be tight, but that they would have the full report ready to be picked up at the Centre upon our arrival in Ireland. First stop was the Centre where they had a very complete and detailed report, bound in a hard cover book, ready for us. Armed with the report and our new and old maps, we set off for Keshcarrigan.

Heading out of Keshcarrigan, we noticed that the map showed we had to make a turn at what appeared to be a major crossroad up ahead. Having driven for longer than I thought we should and seeing signs for the next town beyond where I knew we had to go, we pulled over in the car park of a small general store / post office. Rather than blindly look any further we decided to ask within for directions to the crossroad and the farm. As soon as I mentioned the family name, I could tell that the shop owner knew something although she didn't say so. The Irish tend to hold back until they know who you are and what you are after.



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Once we had explained everything to the shop owner, she told us that Mrs. Tighe, the widow of the last Tighe to live on the farm, was her own aunt but that she didn't live on the farm any longer as she had sold it after her husband died.

As luck would have it, she gave us exact directions to the farm and even offered to ring up Mrs. Tighe, as she would love the company. Would you believe that the "major crossroad" on the map turned out to be only a turn on a tiny, narrow road!

Mrs. Tighe now lived in the next county, about 25 miles away. She rang her up and arranged for us to visit her later that day and gave us very detailed directions to her home. **Lesson number four:** ask the lo-

cals, they often will be related in some way to the people you seek and their knowledge runs deep and long. **Lesson number five:** give the locals time to get comfortable with you, they are usually happy to help once they know who you are and what you seek.

We followed her directions to the farm and found it with ease. The main house and surrounding land had been bought by a landscaper who was in the process of restoring the buildings and cleaning up the land. The home looked picture postcard perfect. The national forestry service had purchased the remainder of the farm and was in the process of planting it with pine trees.

The farm was in a beautiful, peaceful location. The owner was happy to show us the property and for us to take pictures. My wife was comforted that even though the farm was not occupied by a Tighe for the first time in hundreds of years, it was being well cared for. **Lesson number six:** treat the land and current owners with respect. It may have been your family's land at one point, but it now belongs to someone else. Think how you would want the descendants of a former owner of your property to act.

We were then off to visit Mrs. Tighe. Again, the directions were perfect and the house exactly as described. As soon as I saw the carved sign by the door, "Coire Doire", the Irish spelling of Corderry, meaning round hill of oak, I was positive we were in the right place. When I introduce myself to Mrs. Tighe she looked a little surprised and told me that her maiden name was "Doherty". Mrs. Tighe invited us in and gave us the tour of her home of which she was very proud. You could tell that at 83 years of age, she was happy to be living in town rather than on the farm that, while beautiful, must have seemed very isolated to her. When I looked across the room, I saw a photograph that gave me a start. It was a picture of a girl that looked very similar to our daughter. The picture was of Mrs. Tighe's granddaughter. It was amazing to see a family resemblance down through so many generations.

We took Mrs. Tighe out to tea and had a long and lovely conversation with her. She was able to provide some details that we did not know about my wife's grandfather and his visit. She also gave us some details on the local church the family would have attended. **Lesson number seven:** take the time to talk to people. Give them time to share what they know. You never know what they might remember and remembering is best done when at ease.

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The next day, we visited the church in Keshcarrigan. Another stroke of good luck was that the history of the parish had been compiled in a book that was available in the church. While the present church has existed for about 150 years, it has in it the Baptismal Font and some other artifacts from the earlier church. It was moving to know that we were touching the Baptismal Font in which many, many generations of Tighes had been Baptized. In exploring the graveyard in back of the church we saw several Tighe graves as well as many Doherty graves.

From the book we got at the church, we knew that there was an older parish cemetery at the site of the earlier church. Knowing the general location of the old church, we set off in search of it. We knew it was off to the north of the main road. While traveling down the main road, we decided to pull off onto a side road to see if the maps would be of any help. The side road was very narrow and while looking for a place to pull over, we saw a sign for "Kiltubrid Old Cemetery", just what we were looking for. Another sign of good luck, or was it something more? We explored the old cemetery until a heavy hail storm made us return to the car. While the graves were ancient and the markings on the stones worn away, we

knew that we were walking on the graves of generations of my wife's family. **Lesson number eight:** if you get an impulse to turn on a road or to stop and look around, follow the impulse. The results may surprise you.

Several days later we returned home with a wealth of information, pictures and memories of people and places that two months earlier were completely unknown to us. As I reflect back on these events, I can see that the "morale of the story" is **Don't Give Up!** If you keep looking, sooner or later you will discover something. If a family was in the same area for generations, there has to be some trace of their existence. Use both the new and old Ordnance Survey maps. They contain a wealth of detail that will help you find very small features, even individual farms.

Use the internet, I use ancestry.com and find it to be very helpful, but there are other services you can try, too. Look for clann and local or county historical and/or genealogy centers. They often have access to sources you might not otherwise ever find and they can do a lot of local research in a very short period of time. Get to Ireland and get your feet dirty. You need to do some ground work yourself and besides, there is nothing like being there. Talk to local people. Explain who you are and what you are looking

for. Give them time to get comfortable with you and they may turn out to be great sources of information. Follow instincts and impulses.

At times you may be guided in ways you don't expect or understand. Let me leave you with this last impression, no doubt derived from having heard so many genealogy success stories. It seems like ancestors help things happen when they want to be found.

"I will end my story with an urgent plea to all clann members and to anyone else reading this article. Please share what you know. You may have the key to opening the door in someone else's genealogical research brick wall. It is understandable to feel possessive of information we uncover, but we must realize that we do not own that information. We did not invent or create it. All we did was to uncover what was already there. Please send to the clann any and all O'Dochartaigh information you might have. Even if it is one little bit of information that you may think is insignificant, it could be the missing piece of a puzzle. If you have any old books that contain O'Dochartaigh references, make copies of those references and send them in. Please help us compile the full O'Dochartaigh story to share with all members and all generations of the clann."

## Enrollment Information for Membership ([www.odochartaigh.org](http://www.odochartaigh.org))



We encourage every O'Dochartaigh household to participate in the various activities of your family association and to contribute financially. This association is member driven, member directed, member guided and member supported.

It could not exist if it was not

for the many members that actively participate in it and support it. One way to support it is by paying annual membership dues. The annual dues are \$35, which are discounted to \$25 for members 65 years or older. Life time dues are \$350.

Enrollment can be conveniently executed on-line with a credit

card by going to our website [www.odochartaigh.org](http://www.odochartaigh.org). You may also email Cameron Dougherty at [odochartaigh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:odochartaigh@sbcglobal.net) or write to Cameron at 4078 Bruce Ct. SW, Grandville, MI 49418 for an enrollment form. The forms can also be downloaded from our website.

**Clan Officers:**  
 Steve Daugherty, *President*  
 Eva (Doherty) Gremmert,  
*Vice-Pres.*  
 Cameron Dougherty,  
*Treasurer*

## Enrollment Information for the 2005 Reunion ([www.odochartaigh.org](http://www.odochartaigh.org))

### **How to Reserve Your Reunion Tickets:**

For event prices, information, dates and times please go to [www.odochartaigh.com](http://www.odochartaigh.com).

Here you can reserve any number of places for each event that occurs during the Ó Dochartaigh Clann Reunion in 2005 until they are sold out.

To create new reservations, you must first register by following the link to the left of the screen. Once you have registered, you

will be allowed to login to view or change your existing reservations, as well as add new reservations.

**Deposit Required:** We need \$35.00 per person to accompany your registration before it becomes valid. This is a deposit and it will be applied to your total cost of the events you purchase.

**Refund Policy:** Should you be unable to attend the reunion, any amount that you have paid for the reunion events will be 100%

refunded to you if you cancel by April 1, 2005. If you cancel your reservation between April 1, 2005 and June 15, 2005 you will only lose the \$35.00 deposit per person (i.e. places reserved). There will be no refunds after June 15, 2005 since we will be committed to numbers registered for each event after that date.

**Other Notes:** The tickets are transferable (with conditions). Tickets will be available for pick up in Carndonagh, at the reunion office. The tickets for many of the events are limited so register early to reserve your place.

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## **2005 REUNION COMMITTEE**

After the success of the 2000 Reunion, preparation soon began for the 2005 Reunion. Eva Doherty Gremmert was asked to co-ordinate the Reunion by the Derry branch of the Committee in 2000. The work began in earnest in 2001, with meetings of the Reunion Committee in Ireland, and many transatlantic phone calls and e-mails. Resulting in a wonderful website containing the reunion schedule of events and the ability to register on-line. Go to [www.odochartaigh.org](http://www.odochartaigh.org)

**Seated, clockwise from left:** Sal Litchfield, Paddy "Bogside" Doherty, Rosaleen Hegarty, Paddy Doherty (Doagh Farm), Eibhlín O'Donnell, Mary "Saddler" Doherty, Carita Kerr, James "Sausage" Doherty (Chairman)

**Standing, clockwise from left:** Kitty Barr, Gabrielle Deans, John "Saddler" Doherty, Caitriona "Doc" Doherty, Joseph "Paul" Doherty

**Not pictured:** Eva Gremmert, Michael Ó Nuadháin, Helena Downey, Treasa O'Connor, Michael "Doc" Doherty, Rosemary Kilfeather.