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## O'DOCHARTAIGH CLANN REUNION 2008 A GRAND TIME IN COUNTY DONEGAL!



Ye Lords & Ladies  
of the Reunion 2008 Medieval Banquet pose for a  
group photo while sharing a laugh with the  
Court Jester and their invited Viking guest!

*[Photo courtesy of Kitty Barr, seated immediately behind the Young Lord lad.]*

## MADDIE, THE BEE, & THE SILVER KEY

Can you spell "exceptional?" Allow me to use the word in a sentence: Madeline "Maddie" Weiner is an *exceptional* young lady! She finished the eighth grade, at Turkey Foot Middle School in Edgewood, Kentucky, by competing in the Scripps National Spelling Bee Competition in Washington, DC; a few weeks before her poem, "Different and Dead," (at left) was awarded a Silver Key in New York City.

Maddie, who turned 14 years old on St. Patrick's Day, is quite a busy 'bee' herself. She was a member of her school choir and drama club, editor of the school newspaper, and served on the yearbook staff. In her 'free' time, Maddie enjoys writing, which led to her Scholastic Regional Gold Key and American Voices Award for poetry, followed by the National Silver Key Award; and drawing, a talent she undoubtedly inherited from her grandmother, Anne Daugherty, who has contributed numerous watercolors to this newsletter. An avid reader, Maddie plans to become a novelist or comic book writer/illustrator.

The Northern Kentucky/Indiana Regional Spelling Bee Championship opened on March 1<sup>st</sup>, with approximately 150 students in competition. Maddie won the event after successfully spelling "manteau," and was on her way to the National Bee in Washington, DC, with 287 students from around the country. Although she didn't make it to the final round, her family and friends are extremely proud of and excited about her accomplishments, perhaps none more so than her grandfather, John Daugherty. Again, talent runs in the family. Maddie's mother, Dawn Daugherty Miller, won the District Spelling Bee Championship when she was a middle school student.



Don't let her scholastic achievements fool you though; Maddie is an All-American girl with flowing red hair, dimples, and a smile that lights up a room. She descends from John and Elizabeth Conway Dougherty (Family Group #506), articles about whom have appeared in previous newsletters.

Prepare yourself, Literary World, Maddie Weiner is on her way!

### DIFFERENT AND DEAD [Maddie Weiner's Award-Winning Poem]

Bright summer day  
Colors too rich to be real  
I walk along until I find  
A sight  
Five trees  
Curiously arranged and  
Coincidentally contrasting  
Four to the left, clustered together  
Bejeweled with green leaves  
Winding up the chocolate trunk  
So full that some leaves  
Had fallen to the ground  
And instantly camouflaged themselves  
To match the grass  
Exactly  
They were living trees  
Beautiful

To the right  
Isolated  
A dark tree  
A naked tree  
Proudly stood alone  
Its trunk the black of a raven's wing  
Its branches twisted  
Reached for the sun  
The gnarled bark just missed the mark  
A dead tree  
Also  
Beautiful

How strange to see society  
Reflected in the scenery  
Conformity surrounds itself  
With conformity  
And the odd one out  
All by itself  
Distinguished  
And discernible  
Different  
And dead

## BILL'S READINGS & RESOURCES



Welcome home to the Reunion 2008 attendees! All of your comments indicate this was once again a great event, and much praise is due to the Reunion Committee, coordinators, and volunteers involved in this grand celebration! Surely, this trip will have inspired first-time participants to embark on another journey - a genealogical expedition in search of their Irish ancestors. For those veteran reunion attendees, who have been pursuing family connections for sometime, perhaps this 2008 experience will push them to break through those old "brick walls" and clear off dusty pathways of their lineages.

Since our last newsletter was published, I have spent more time developing my landscape, boating in our community lake, and learning to play golf, than I have on reading and working on genealogy issues. However, I have come across a few books and websites that may be of interest to you. I found two genealogy resources that have been very helpful to me; and, since I can claim only amateur status as a family researcher, I need all the help I can get!

One of my favorite resources is Family Tree Magazine, published bi-monthly in Cincinnati, and found online at [www.familytreemagazine.com](http://www.familytreemagazine.com). This magazine provides some of the most comprehensive and up-to-date genealogy information available, with such tools as individual state research guides, reviews of books and software, the Genealogy 101 Forum, and free genealogy forms. Each year, I look forward to the annual article, "101 Best Web Sites" for tracing your roots online. A yearly subscription costs \$27.00 US and includes 6 issues. Access to the website is free and it offers an email newsletter, bookstore, free forms, a

Soundex-code generator, forum discussions, and PDF links to magazine topics.

In 2006, I heard William J. Roulston, a Research Officer with the Ulster Historical Foundation in Belfast, speak at a genealogy workshop offered by our local college. I also purchased Roulston's book, *Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors*, a treatise and genealogical guide of early modern Ulster from 1600-1800. This book primarily is aimed at the family historian searching for Ulster ancestors in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. As many of you may have learned, the loss of so many records in the 1922 destruction of the Public Record Office in Dublin has made it very difficult to trace family roots prior to 1800. To meet this need, Roulston compiled a huge collection of family record sources through hearth money rolls, the Registry of Deeds in Dublin, estate collections through the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), and private estate records. This type of information may be invaluable to those whose ancestors left Ulster, including Donegal and Derry, as part of the Scots-Irish immigration to Colonial America pre-1800. In addition to the plethora of genealogy sources, Roulston wrote a very good history of 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> century Ulster, covering a broad spectrum of social, political, and religious trends. His book may be purchased for \$23.00 US, plus shipping, at [www.booksireland.org.uk](http://www.booksireland.org.uk). (For a search of availability at other bookstores and public libraries, use ISBN 1903688531.)

Hugh Doherty, a retired Marine Engineer from Victoria, BC, Canada, has traced his roots from 1480 County Donegal through Canada in the early 1800's to his present Doherty family.

He also has compiled detailed genealogies of numerous connected families and wrapped them all into his comprehensive website, along with several useful resource links. The homepage for this family site may be reached at <http://www.islandnet.com/~hdoherty>.

Mary Frances Eubanks, a Reunion 2008 attendee, is a descendant of James Daughtrey, Sr., a Colonial Virginia planter. She and I, along with Shirley Chandler and Robert Brown of Texas, are a few of the many cousins evolving from this 17<sup>th</sup> century family. Mary's family may be found at <http://www.geocities.com/~rewoodham/dale/family3.html>. In my column of February 2008 (page 6), I referenced the website (<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~lawrpaul/daughtrey-o/index.htm>) of another Daughtrey cousin, Paul Lawrence. If you descend from these Daughtreys, please contact Paul or me so we may share our findings.

An informative website for those of the Docherty persuasion was developed by a member of the family in Wilton, Connecticut. It offers a comprehensive genealogy of the Dochertys who originated in Ireland and Scotland, along with an Ellis Island immigrant list, and details of a number of Dochertys in the US and around the world. Also, there are sections on O'Dochartaigh history and heritage, the Coat-of-Arms, and links to other interesting Docherty family websites. For a look at this site, go to <http://uk.geocities.com/charliedocherty@btinternet.com/>.

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Tom Doherty, of Pennsylvania, recently returned from Reunion 2008, recommends a website that tells the dramatic story of Lady Maria Rosa O'Dogherty O'Neill, sister of Sir Cahir O'Dogherty. Lady Rosa left Ireland in 1607, at the age of 17, during the famous "Flight of the Earls" voyage to the continent, and later married the great Owen Roe O'Neill, who quickly was recognized as the 'father figure' of the exiled Irish community. The fascinating story of this Irish noblewoman, whose life reflected not only her nobility but her courage and patriotism, is found at [www.ladyrosa.net](http://www.ladyrosa.net). Additionally, *Rosa O'Dogherty: A Gaelic Woman*, by Jerrold Casway may be ordered through [www.antiqubook.com](http://www.antiqubook.com).

I was pleasantly surprised to find the Irish national sports website, [www.hoganstand.com](http://www.hoganstand.com), contains a link called "Irish Identity," which offers a hodge-podge of various Irish cultural and historical segments. Included among the wide range of topics are: famous Irish people, places to visit, gatherings of the clans, ghost stories, "craic" tales from around the country, writers and poets, and politics. The contents are periodically changed and updated, and the site is easy to maneuver in order to discover delightful and entertaining information about past and present Ireland.

While scanning Amazon.com for Doherty books, I came across an interesting one, *O'Doherty's Rebellion: The London Newsbooks*, by Rob Dougherty, \$14.95 US. The book reproduces three newsbooks that appeared in London, shortly after the slaying of Sir Cahir O'Doherty. The introduction includes an explanation of the historical context of the event, as well as a history of the O'Doherty name. The publisher's website, [lulu.com](http://lulu.com), points to another site, [www.odoherty1608.com](http://www.odoherty1608.com), which

not only advertises the book, but contains numerous links to information about Sir Cahir, County Donegal and Inishowen history, O'Dohertys and O'Doherty families, Flight of the Earls, and various Irish-related topics. This website is definitely worth a visit for Irish history buffs.

Many of you are familiar with New Zealander, Jack Doherty, from the 2005 and 2008 Reunions. His wife, Joanne McPadden Doherty, recently published a book with a fascinating title, *Mind y'self now, Jewarne*, an entertaining collection of tales, photos, and poetry that records Joanne's observations and experiences while living in Donegal and Dublin. She describes the book as a personal tale of "contemporary rural and urban Irish life, my reflections on Ireland's ancient and often painful history, its future hopes, and my great love and delight in the 'craic' enjoyed by its people." Purchase information is available from the author, [www.joannedoherty.co.nz](http://www.joannedoherty.co.nz), or through the publisher, [www.steele.roberts.co.nz](http://www.steele.roberts.co.nz) (\$32.00 NZ plus shipping).

I have not yet set a course for the next installment in this series, so I invite you, the readers, to offer suggestions for topics, books, and websites you have found to be interesting and which we may share with the membership. As always, I welcome any feedback regarding my articles, and would ask you to submit any comments to the editor at [Dougherty@fuse.net](mailto:Dougherty@fuse.net) or to me at [wdaugh2@msn.com](mailto:wdaugh2@msn.com).



## *VOYAGERS (On Irish History)*

*A creeping past flashes before  
us  
throughout greening rolling  
hills  
exposing stone coffins up from  
turf.*

*Glimmers from castles to seas  
thus  
bring forth long trials of many  
ills  
marking death unto promised  
birth..*

*Welcome, ancestry, to one and  
all,  
fashioned into flimsy  
monuments.  
Sit by the fire for pints and  
songs.*

*Rest near a bit for warmth.  
Recall steel cold blowing  
nights, so intense.  
Let's chat a jiff. Forget your  
wrongs.*

*Understanding history keeps  
secrets,  
explanation breaks beyond dim  
shade  
as missing links proving roots  
below.*

*Realizing people surely own  
regrets  
of tactics warring lords poorly  
made,  
despite connection, we shall let  
go.*

Written by

## THE LAZY BENCHES IN ADEL

Each year, as the hot and humid days of August roll around, I am reminded of my early childhood in the sleepy, little town of Adel in South Georgia. Images come to mind of my grandpa's farm where he grew corn, peanuts, and watermelons after King Cotton was decimated by the boll-weevil. I still can almost taste the country cooking, embellished with wild blackberry jam, cane syrup over hot biscuits, and peach cobbler, turned out by my grandmother on her Home Comfort woodstove.

When profits for the small farmers declined in the 1930's, my grandfather, Henry Daughtrey, began a "truck-for-hire" business to supplement the family income. He would contract with proprietors of larger farms to transport their products to the state-operated farmers' markets, where retailers purchased their produce. I often helped load watermelons, tobacco, and other crops onto Papa Daughtrey's Chevy truck, and traveled with him to markets in Cordele, Macon, and even to faraway Atlanta.

While my father was involved in the WWII battles of the Rhineland and Central Europe, and my mother was helping build Liberty ships in Savannah, I spent much of my time during the summer months with my grandparents in Adel. There, near the Southern Railroad depot and across from Deen's Drugstore, were probably a dozen sidewalk benches that commanded an excellent perspective of the town's barter and commerce, and came to be known for years by Cook County residents as the "lazy benches." Since Papa Henry operated his trucking business from this point, the benches became his headquarters.

According to my father, who, before leaving for the war, spent a lot of time there with my granddad between 1930 and 1942, "there were regulars who were on the benches a great deal - mostly older men, retired, disabled, unemployed, and then there were the 'drop-ins', farmers, merchants, or workmen killing a few minutes or an hour." He recalled, "there were checker games continuously, arguments, fights, drunks, political speeches, medicine shows, salesmen of everything, cigar smokers, pipe smokers, whittlers; what have you."

In his 1983 family history book, Dad stated that the "lazy benches" experience provided a "learning place" for much that influenced him throughout his lifetime. He said, "the most impressive part of it to me - the part that seems to stick with me now in my older years - was the common sense, down-to-earth discussions of the facts of life (economic and others); how to treat your fellow man, how to treat your wife, etc., which I heard from the wise men on the lazy benches." Dad felt that, as much perhaps as the genes from our ancestors, we are products of our environment. The "lazy benches" experience for him was one important example of how his life was shaped by his small town upbringing.

As a small child, I gained some of the same influences from the wise old farmers on the "lazy benches." When the heat of August approaches, I also have vivid memories of Papa Daughtrey taking me to the Deen's for a five-cent, chocolate ice cream cone; of watermelon cuttings surrounded by gnats; of blackberry picking on a dusty, roadside bank; of splashing in the cool waters of Cat

Creek; and of going into town to the Saturday "picture shows" starring Roy Rogers and his faithful steed, Trigger. These were the days of childhood innocence, steeped in love, guidance, and close family relationships which formed a solid basis for the person I have become.

*In this brief recollection, I have used excerpts from "Daughtrey and Some Connected Families of the South," written and published by William E. Daughtrey in 1983, pages 5 and 6. Anyone interested in purchasing a copy of this book, should contact me at wdaugh2@msn.com.*



### VISION

*I once dreamt a maiden -  
Sweet Miss Donovan -  
Face of an angel with body to  
match.*

*She gave me the eye.  
T'was surely not shy.  
A supple, luscious catch, dear  
Sweet Miss Donovan.  
Though as I awoke, she had  
gone again.*

Written by  
Ron Dean Daugherty

## DOHERTY NEWS FROM IRELAND

*The following bits of news from Ireland were submitted by Kitty Daugherty Barr. All have been edited for space.*

### Lights, camera, erm...rain machine Hot weather means film company has to fake the rain!

Normally a prop used in sun-drenched California, a rain machine, was the last thing directors filming in Malin Head thought they'd need.

But as the cast and crew set up to film 'A Shine of Rainbows' last week they found themselves gobsmacked - and reaching for the rain making device - because of the unusually good weather the peninsula was experiencing.

Renowned for bucketing it down all year round, Malin Head was supposed to be the idyllic setting for film companies Sepla Films, Canada, and Octagon Film, Ireland, who are currently shooting what it's hoped will be blockbuster film.

But with the temperatures soaring to a scorching 24C [75°F] the crew had down tools to create some fake rain.

Producer Tina Pehme said she had to bring in a Derry-based special affects [*sic*] company to build rain towers for one particular scene where the cast members are splashing around in puddles.

"It is pretty ironic because from what we have heard it always rains here.

But she did say the glorious sunshine has helped to wrap up outdoor filming.

She said: "The weather has helped us tremendously. It has been brilliant. We have been able to film a lot of the stuff outside."

She said: "It is a really beautiful place. We have built a cottage in the location where we could see all the landscape and it is just stunning.

"It has been brilliant, the people have been wonderful, the crews are just fantastic. Everyone is really cooperative and friendly. And everyone waves at you, even when you are just passing by in the car. It's really nice."

And for heartthrob star, Irish actor Aidan Quinn (of Legends of the Fall) and Danish actress Connie Nielson (Gladiator, One Hour Photo), it's home from home.

Tina said: "Aidan and Connie have both mentioned how beautiful it is here.

"Aidan has said he loves the area, despite never being here before. As for Connie, well, she was just blown away! She was born in Denmark and grew up in a fishing village - so it really is home from home for her."

The production is based on a novel by Lillian Beckwith and tells the story of how a lonely orphan's life is transformed by an extraordinary woman who teaches him to conquer grief and discover the magic in nature and himself.

Tina said all of the extras and some crew and cast members are from Inishowen. [Article, written by Donna Pryce, and photo from Inishowen Independent, May 27, 2008]



**Aidan Quinn pictured with  
Hillary and Ray Doherty of the  
Moville Clothing Company**

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## Historian publishes new book on Siege of Derry

Military historian Richard Doherty has always been enthralled by the story of the Siege of Derry. His first "awareness" of the famous siege took place during his school days in Derry fifty years ago - thanks largely to his teacher, the late Danny McLaughlin.

Doherty - whose new book "The Siege of Derry 1689: The Military History" is about to be published by Spellmount - recalls: "Danny McLaughlin had written an account of the siege which he read to us on an instalment [*sic*] basis. I was enthralled with the tale he told and can still recall his telling us about Governor Lundy who was prepared to sell the keys of Derry, as Danny McLaughlin put it, 'for a bap', and of how Captain Browning, commander of the relief ship Mountjoy, died, like Wolfe and Nelson, in his hour of glory and triumph.

"The school that I attended as St. Eugene's Boys' Public Elementary, although we called it the Rosemount School, and its very name is a clear indication to anyone raised in, or knowing anything about, Northern Ireland that this was somewhere one would not normally expect the defenders of Derry to be lauded as heroes. And, yet, this is how they were presented to us in that classroom all those years ago - as individuals at the centre of a gripping story."

As a military historian, Doherty says he is intrigued by the way in which the events in and around Derry during the spring and summer of 1689 are celebrated and commemorated.

"At the risk of being accused of mixing metaphors, it has become something of a tug-of-war with politicians of different hues using it to their own ends; and, of course, it has given Northern Ireland's unionists their rallying cry of 'No Surrender'."

The siege of Derry, insists Doherty, is not a story that belongs exclusively to any one element of our population.

"Rather, it is part of the history of everyone who lives anywhere in Ireland and, indeed, throughout the British Isles, while it also has resonances further into Europe. What is often forgotten in our myopic view of 1689 is the fact that, for 105 days in that year, a small city on the very edge of Europe was the hinge on which the history of the continent swung.

### **Siege events crucial**

"This was not simply a spat in a war between native Irish and planter Irish but also a crucial event in the second British civil war of the seventeenth century and of an even broader struggle for the domination of Europe. It is my aim in the book to demonstrate that events at Derry were crucial to the outcome of each of these struggles and how the defeat of Jacobite forces helped shape a continent for centuries to come."

In the new book, Richard Doherty brings his experience to bear on the tragic events of that year, using contemporary accounts, official French and English records of the day, and published works on the siege. With an understanding of seventeenth century warfare, especially siegecraft, he probes many of the myths that have grown up around the siege and sets it in its rightful context. [*Written by Sean McLaughlin, Derry Journal, June 27, 2008*]

### **Doherty - 'King of Kirkistown' Buncrana boy wins K. Plate title**

The North West of the country has always had a strong motor-sport following and now it has its own karting 'superstar' in the form of Buncrana's David Doherty who scooped the prestigious K plate title on Saturday [*June 14, 2008*].

Young Doherty has been making some serious in-roads in the Junior Cadets class in recent times but Saturday's big win at Kirkistown race circuit, Co. Down is by far his biggest accomplishment to date.

Young Doherty has only turned ten years of age but last year saw him finish an impressive third in both the Ulster

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Cup and NI Championships and as a result pick up a special best newcomer award.

The impressive result in only his first year in the sport was no beginners luck and a big win recently in the series sent out messages that he was determined to win.

The K plate meeting is a very tough affair with timed qualifying, then two heats and a pre-final to go before the final.

After setting third fastest in timed qualifying, David took third in his opening heat behind two of his Ulster Cup rivals, Scott Finlay from Stoneyford near Lisburn and Drumquins Jason Dickson.

The next heat though didn't go as well with a seventh to Doherty's credit - that shook him up a bit and when it came to the pre-finals it was clear that young Doherty wasn't going to make any mistakes.

This time around Doherty waited and picked off the drivers in front and then it was a final lap shoot out with Dickson. As the pair stormed towards the line Doherty just won by a fraction of a nose cone.

The finals saw Dickson really pile on the pressure with the pair neck-a-neck throughout once again.

Finlay then entered the hot pace but when the challenging pair got themselves tangles up with four to go Doherty stormed home to win by over a second from Ben Crealey and in so doing lifted the 'King of Kirkistown' K plate.

Doherty is not going to rest on his laurels yet though as he has a tough season ahead of him but he recently let his hair down on his tenth birthday - by taking his dad Dermot and his mates out for a night of an indoor kart racing centre. Needless to say he gave them all a good run for it. *[No author, Inish Times, June 18, 2008]*

#### *[Untitled Article]*

A Quigley's Point teacher is proof that beauty and brains do go together after being selected as this year's Donegal Rose.

Stunning Fiona Doherty was chosen recently from 16 finalists to represent the county at the regional finals in Portlaoise next month.

Fiona - a Queen's University graduate - teaches English, learning support and Social, Political and Health Education (SPHE) at Buncrana's Crana College.

Fiona sailed through her pre-judging interview and was then interviewed on stage by UTV presenter Julian Symons.

For her party piece, the Eva Cassidy fan sang Songbird.

She said: "I was just so shocked when my name was called. My friends and family were going absolutely mental."

"The reaction in the school has been fantastic. They have a poster on the wall and the students keep shouting 'Donegal Rose' at me in the corridor."

She is now looking forward to the regional final. She said: "I can't wait. I'm not really looking beyond that. It would be great if I got through to the Rose of Tralee final - it is a permanent fixture in my house every year - but I'm just enjoying the experience at the minute."

Fiona is the daughter of Mickey and Marian Doherty, Quigley's Point. *[Written by Laura Glen, Inish Times, May 28, 2008]*

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# In Memoriam

## Peninsula mourns Don O'Doherty Bishop leads tribute to "a close friend"

Retired Bishop of Derry, Most Rev Dr. Edward Daly, has led tributes to Highland Radio presenter, Don O'Doherty, who died at the weekend.

Don, who had strong family connections in Greencastle and Bunrana, was widely known for his charity work and involvement in the entertainment scene throughout the North West and further afield.

Leading the tributes, Dr Daly said he was deeply saddened at the passing of one of his closest friends.

Comedian Frank Carson, who starred with Don in numerous variety shows including the hugely popular Christmas pantomimes in Derry's St. Columb's Hall during the 1960s, revealed he was to ask his family if he could keep his bow-tie as a keepsake.

He said: "He was a close friend for 40 years - every time I went to Derry I'd stay at his house, so I was part of the family. His bow-tie is something which will always remind me of him and I'd wear it every chance I get."

Inish Times editor, John Gill, said the entertainment world in the North West had lost a "true gentleman."

He said: "I first met Don when my father used to take me as a young boy to Bannon's clothes shop in Butcher Street in Derry where Don worked. The fact those encounters are still very vivid in my mind tells you everything you need to know about Don. Later, in adult life, when we bumped into each other he would always be smiling, have time for a chat and always ask about the family. He was that type of person, a true gentleman. He will be sadly missed."

Former Mayor of Bunrana, Cllr Joe Doherty, said he regarded Mr. O'Doherty as a "Lifelong friend."

He said: "I met up with him a short time ago and we had wonderful time talking about the old times. He was a lifelong friend, a great professional and a gentleman at all times."

Before joining Highland Radio, Mr. O'Doherty was a hugely popular presenter with BBC Radio Foyle. Throughout his career he brought many big names in the world of entertainment to the North West. He was pre-deceased several years ago by his wife, Maryó, who ran the highly successful MacLaughlin School of Irish Dancing.

Mr. O'Doherty was buried in Derry City Cemetery yesterday following one of the biggest funerals ever seen in the city. *[From Inish Times, May 28, 2008]*

## Donald O'Doherty, 17 Feb 1930 - 24 May 2008

There was deep shock and genuine sadness in the North West and right throughout Ireland and in Irish communities in the United States and Canada on hearing about the death of Donald O'Doherty, who passed away in Altnagelvin Hospital after a very brief illness.

...He came from rock solid Donegal stock. His father William O'Doherty was from Bunrana, his mother, Elizabeth McDonald came from Greencastle. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Mary McLaughlin who died in Jan. 2007.

He is survived by his brother Roger and his nephews Donald, John Paul and Ruairi, and his sister-in-laws Eilish, Anna, Kathleen, Patricia and Vera. He is also pre-deceased by his brothers William, Richard, Michael, Joe, James R and his sister Mary. *[Excerpts from The Derry Journal, June 3, 2008]*

## 2008 O'DOCHARTAIGH CLANN REUNION EVENT REPORT

*Published as written and submitted by the 2008 Reunion Committee.  
Thank you to all of the Committee Members for their hard work and dedication.  
Congratulations on another successful Reunion! See you in 2010!*

**Tuesday, 1 July** - Our first event was the Mayors Reception, Buffet Dinner and Musical Entertainment. We had 220 in attendance. The Guildhall was an amazing venue. The hall was impressively laid out. St. Eugene's choir members were sitting on the stage alongside a beautiful grand piano. The welcome speeches were heartfelt and short. Carita Kerr was the MC and the guests were addressed by Eva Doherty Gremmert, reunion coordinator, James Doherty, reunion chairman and Gerard Diver, the Mayor of Derry. The choir performed beautifully that night both before and after the meal. The buffet Meal was a "Cold Meat Platter" buffet with red or white wine served. It was a great start.

**Wednesday, 2 July** - For the Derry City Walls Guided Tour we had 80 participants. We met in the Inner City Trust office on Bishops Street. The display from the children's art competition was there for viewing. We split into three groups with separate guides and toured the Derry City Walls including St. Columbs Cathedral and the Tower Museum Tour. We saw Cahirs sword at the Tower Museum. It was very wet.

**Thursday, 3 July** - 92 people went on the West Donegal Bus Tour to Rathmullan, Kilmacrennan and Doon Rock. We arrived in Carndonagh in separate vehicles and many took advantage of the waiting to leave to have a coffee or buy a paper. Once we were assembled we traveled to the Flight of the Earls Museum. The display was interesting and very informative. Then we traveled on to lunch at the Milford Inn. It

was a nice opportunity to get to know one another a little better. After lunch we went to Doon Rock/Well. We had a plaque prepared and permission to put it up at parking lot. Mary Gallagher gave us a history of Cahir Rua and his death. Kitty Barr and Anna Connolly read a poem. Eva Gremmert laid a wreath on the monument. It was solemn, with just a drizzle of rain. Many walked down to the mass rock and up to Doon Rock.

**Friday, 4 July** - Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh, Co Tyrone was the next event. The bus pickup was in Carndonagh. There were 60 on board. We had a lecture in the Assembly hall upon arrival and then walked around the folk park with a self guided tour. Many of us spent time in the Centre for Migration Studies. Dinner was at the Mellon Country Hotel. The dinner was a choice of Turkey & Ham or Roast Beef. Soup was included and a dessert sampler. There was lots of laughter and sharing of stories as well as photographs taken.

Over 50 attended the Play in the Colgan Hall in Carndonagh. This event called a "Hoolie in the Kitchen" was a compilation of small skits, recitations and songs performed by local talent. A donation was made to the Colgan Hall Restoration Fund of a percentage of the ticket prices. We all felt as though we had been made welcome in someone's kitchen for an evening party.

**Saturday 5 July** - The Historical and Genealogy Workshops were a success. 108 turned out for the lectures at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel Buncrana. The presenters

were: Kathi Gannon - DNA Project; Robert Smyth - Derry Genealogy; Boyd Gray - Donegal Genealogy; Mary Slawson- Interviewing Techniques for Writing Family Histories; Paul Mc Kevitt - Historical significance of Cahir's Rebellion; Brian O'Doherty - Rosa O'Dogherty and other O'Dogherty history. This event was really well received. Most of the attendees stayed for all of the lectures. We all came away feeling that we had learned a lot and had a greater understanding of our clans' heritage and history.

Medieval Craft Faire - Local vendors and artists were selling items. We had 10 tables available full of art, books, jewelry and knitwear.

The Medieval Banquet was held at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana. 160 were for served dinner. To begin will we had a Mulled Wine Reception. We invited the attendees to dress up in costumes. There were about 20% of the people dressed up in fancy dress. Before the meal Hazel Mc Intyre entranced us with a few short stories of local people. They were very engaging. After the sumptuous meal, we heard a few remarks from Brian O'Doherty about Cahir Rua and the times that he lived in. The main entertainment was Roy Arbuckle. He performed a half hour program of singing and talking with his guitar. He made up CD's to sell of the program for €10. They were very well received. Merville Pottery made goblets for use at the Banquet that have the O'Dochartaigh crest on them. The wait staff was dressed in period costume and we had a medieval theme to food. King and Queen of the Ban-

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quet were the same as last time, John Saddler Doherty, Carndonagh and Mary Doherty, Bunrana. We had a short parade of the costumes and many photos were taken.

**Sunday 6 July** - 110 were at the Grianan of Aileach Event at the An Grianan Hotel. Upon arrival there was a two piece band playing traditional songs and ballads. The minibus shuttle began almost immediately up to the monument. The Carvery opened on time and the food was exceptional. The best part was the wee children performers from the dancing school of Donna Doherty and the traditional music school of Teresa Doherty Mc Clure.

**Monday 7 July** - Golf Tournament at Ballyliffin Golf Club had 14 playing golf with some locals. All reports indicated that it was a great day out.

Irish Cultural Classes in the Tullyarvan Mill were well attended. There were about 40 total for each class time. The classes were: Knitting Classes - Rosaleen Hegarty; Celtic Art Classes - John Quigley; Playing the Tin Whistle - Teresa Doherty Mc Clure; Basic Irish Genealogy - Mary Slawson; Computerized Genealogy Recordkeeping - Michael Noone; and Basic Irish Language - Deirdre Tynan. The small numbers in the different classrooms helped to create a great learning environment for those who attended these classes. After class tin whistles were heard amidst Irish spoken and discussions of which genealogy software should be used. It was a great afternoon.

Clann Genealogy Forum was held at the Ballyliffin Hotel. 112 gathered together for open discussions and sharing of genealogy. There was a no-host bar open. Room was set up with tables around the area representing the various local areas for research. Volunteer table coordina-

tors: Donegal: Boyd Gray, Merville: Teresa Doherty, Clonmany: Michael Noone, Malin Head: Kathi Gannon, Bunrana: Angela Mc Laughlin Porter, Carndonagh & General Irish: Eva Gremmert, Medieval Irish & Computer Genealogy: Mary Slawson. We saw many books read, charts consulted and notes taken. The second Genealogy Forum was a great success.

**Tuesday 8 July** - The Northern Ireland Bus Tour to Derry Murals and Giants Causeway Bus tour left from Carndonagh. 69 were with us. John L. Doherty gave the Murals walking tour and we then viewed the Bogside Museum. Lunch was in Derry at the Gas Yard. We then traveled on to the Giants Causeway. We also stopped to see the rope bridge and take pictures of Dunluce castle. The weather was perfect.

**Wednesday 9 July** - We had Traditional Music and Ceili at the Strand Hotel in Ballyliffin. 120 came to dance. The music was by the Muff Ceili Band. They were very successful in encouraging everyone to dance. One man mentioned that he really enjoyed the Irish aerobics. Sarah Doherty and four friends performed an excellent Irish Dancing exhibition. .

**Thursday 10 July** - The Closing Banquet at the Gateway Hotel in Bunrana had 111 participants. The Hotel put on a carvery which contained traditional starters, local main dish choices of Turkey & Ham, Salmon or Roast Beef and incredible dessert with Tea and Coffee. We had a few short speeches, with some awards and prizes handed out to reunion attendees. The entertainment was Zig-Zag, a band from Merville; they filled the dance floor until after 11. A few of us were so sad to see it all come to an end that we had a sing-song for an hour or so.

## 2008 O'DOCHARTAIGH POST-REUNION SURVEY SUMMARY

*Dated 22 July 2008*

Survey and database created by Michael Noone at no cost to the committee. Congratulations to Michael. We still have the survey open, but here are the results.

Of the 56 responses received: 8 were blank, 18 had not attended, and 30 had attended. These responses were representative of a total of 88 attendees; or, since we had 225 attendees, representative of 39.1% of those attending the reunion. Overall the responses were extremely positive. There were some suggestions for improvement and enhancement. Some of these suggestions are possible and will be discussed; while others are unrealistic because of logistics and available venues.

1. **How did you find out about the reunion?** 38% from friend or family; 24% surfing the web; 6% through [www.odochartaigh.org](http://www.odochartaigh.org); and 6% from previously attending a reunion; the remaining 26% from committee members
2. **Have you been to Ireland before?** 75.5% yes; 24.5% no
3. **Of those who previously attended a reunion** 35% had attended in 2005
4. **Did you attend the reunion? Why not?** (With the 18 responses from those who did not attend, we wanted to find out why they hadn't come.) 44% unable to come during the dates; 16.7% too expensive at this time; the remaining 39.3% because of family reasons or previously made vacation plans.

As we said, the overall comments concerning the reunion were very positive. We definitely achieved and exceeded our goals.

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By far the Opening Event was voted the most popular, both by attendees and comments afterward. The Northern Ireland bus tour was second. People liked the Carndonagh Play and the Ceili and want more entertainments like that, or to have them earlier in the schedule. The suggestion was to have a Talent/No Talent night where the attendees sign up ahead of the reunion to perform. Food received rave reviews. The suggestion was to have children's prices as well. We can approach hotels/caterers for that. The Workshops and Classes were well received and people were glad that there was time to share genealogy and get to know one another better. A couple of comments mentioned that they noticed that we had responded to suggestions from the previous reunion survey in 2005. They thanked us.

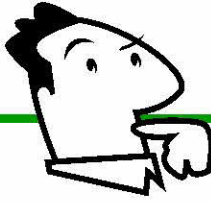
#### EVENT ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Reunion Opening -	220
Derry Walls Tour -	80
County Donegal Bus -	92
Ulster Folk Park -	60
Workshops -	108
Medieval Banquet -	160
Grianan of Aileach -	110
Golf Tournament -	14
Cultural Classes -	40
Genealogy Forum -	112
Northern Ireland Bus -	69
Ceili -	120
Closing Banquet -	111



The Gremmerts -  
Eva, Nick, & Arden

(Photo from Derry News)



### THE MUSINGS OF DENIS FROM DOWN UNDER

It requires a major effort to get to Ireland from here so I felt I had to miss the recent reunion to commemorate the fourth centenary of the death of Cahir Rua. The reunion was over and I was reading reports about yet another wonderful gathering when I stumbled on some old files on my computer, including extracts from the Annals of the Four Masters. Four of those entries refer directly to Cahir Rua. I wanted Sherida to report them, but that would require too much space in this issue. However, she found room for two entries; the remainder may be read on Doc's website (<http://members.aol.com/doughertym/index.html>).

**M1601.7:** O'Doherty (John Oge, the son of John, son of Felim, son of Conor Carragh) died on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January. He was Lord of the triocha-ched of Inishowen; and there was not among all the Irish of his time a lord of a triocha-ched of better hand or hospitality, or of firmer counsel, than he. O'Donnell nominated Felim Oge, i.e. the brother of *the deceased* John, the O'Doherty; but the Clan Ailin and the Clan Devitt took Cahir, the son of John Oge, to the English, to Derry; and the General, Sir Henry Docwra styled him O'Doherty, to spite O'Donnell.

**M1608.1:** Great dissensions and strife arose between the Governor of Derry, Sir George Pawlett, and O'Doherty (Cahir, the son of John Oge). The Governor not only offered him insult and abuse by word, but also inflicted chastisement on his body; so that he would rather have suffered death than live to brook such insult and dishonour, or defer or delay to take revenge for it; and he was filled with anger and fury, so that he nearly ran to distraction and madness. What he did was, to consult with his friends how he should take revenge for the insult which was inflicted upon him. What they first unanimously resolved, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, was to invite to him Captain Hart, who was at Cuil-mor (a fort on the margin of Lough Foyle, below the Derry we have mentioned), and to take him prisoner. *This was done*, and he obtained the fort in his release. He repaired immediately at daybreak to Derry, and awoke the soldiers of that town with the sword. The Governor was slain by Owen, the son of Niall, son of Gerald O'Doherty, and Lieutenant Corbie by John, the son of Hugh, son of Hugh Duv O'Donnell. Many others were also slain besides these. Captain Henry Vaughan and the wife of the bishop of the town were taken prisoners. They afterwards plundered and burned the town, and carried away immense spoils from thence.



## DIRGE FOR SIR CAHIR O'DOGHERTY

The following poem was read by Kitty Barr and Anna Connolly during the wreath laying ceremony on July 3, 2008.

The author remains unknown.

Photo courtesy of Eva Gremmert.

Weep, weep, the lost Chieftain, the noble the brave  
Who in youth's early morn has gone down to the grave.  
Weep, weep, the young warrior whose prowess has thrown  
A glory unfading o'er old Inishowen.

In the battle the bravest, the first in the fight,  
His foes trembling fled from his sword flashing bright,  
And his tall waving plume was a terror to all,  
From the borders of Dublin to dark Donegal.

With Absolem's beauty, and Jonathon's grace,  
The pride of his clan and the flower of his race,  
His eye beamed with love for the sons of his Gael,  
But the fire of its wrath made his enemies quail;  
Deceived by false friendship, he trusted the foe  
Till, lashed into madness by Paulet's fierce blow  
He swore to clear Sasanach lords from the soil  
And reign a free Chieftain from Swilly to Foyle.

Chichester had robbed him of land and of fame,  
And had vowed to extinguish his clan and his name,  
Nor thought he would dare to contend for his own-  
But he knew the Chieftain of old Inishowen.  
He roe in his wrath, though his warriors were few,  
But just was his cause and their fealty was true,  
And he swept through the north like the hurricane blast  
And scattered the foeman wherever he passed.

In the land where his kinsman Columba was born  
He marshalled his hosts in the grey of the morn;  
By Doon's lonely rock he met Wingfield's array,  
And hero-like roused to the deadly affray;  
But the ball of a foeman, unerringly sped,  
Pierced the brain of the chieftain, and Cahir lay dead.  
His head, as a trophy of Britain's fell power,  
Was spiked by Chichester on cursed Dublin Tower.

The halls of Buncrana are filled with deep gloom  
And Elagh the princely is still as the tomb;  
From the Foyle to the Swilly tears fall thick as rain  
For the Chief who shall never lead Fiamuin again;  
From Burt's lovely castle and Inch by the sea,  
From Shrove's sandy shore to the rock of Dunree,  
One deep wail of sorrow, like ocean's loud moan,  
Rends the hearts of his clansman in old Inishowen.

Weep, weep the lost Chieftain struck down in his bloom-  
In life's early morning, consigned to the tomb;  
The noble, the brave and the hope of our land,  
Whose night in the battle no foe could withstand.  
He's gone from our eyes when we needed him most,  
Gone, whose prowess in war was our stay and our boast,  
Gone, the day-star whose brightness we each thought his  
own,  
Gone, the valiant Chieftain of old Inishowen.

Without him the sky seems bereft of the sun;  
Singing dirges to ocean the rippling streams run;  
The song birds are silent, joy's spirit has flown,  
Night's deep cloud of sorrow enwraps Inishowen.  
But his name, unforgotten, in song and in story,  
Shall live through the ages, encircled with glory;  
While the hills are reflected in Swilly's blue wave,  
Shall the fame still be cherished of Cahir the brave.

[The poem appeared in *Derriana, Essays and Occasional Verses Chiefly Relating to the Diocese of Derry*, by Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry (Dublin 1902). Bishop O'Doherty writes an interesting account of the 1608 Rebellion in *Derriana*, entitled "The Rebellion of Sir Cahir O'Doherty" pp.180-265. This copy was published in the *Donegal Annual*, No. 59, 2007.]

Plaque transcription Irish:

Maraidoh Cathair Rua Ó Dochartaigh  
Ceannaire na nDochartach is an taoiseach  
gaelach deireanach,  
a sheas in éadan na Sasanach,  
ar an fódh seo ar an 5ú Iúil 1608.  
Seasann an Cuimhneachán seo  
dá cheannaireacht is dá chrógacht.



Plaque transcription English:

Cahir Rua O'Dogherty  
The last great Gaelic chieftain to stand  
Against the English oppressors was  
Killed in this area 5 July 1608.  
This reunion commemorates his  
Leadership and courage.

Ar nduthcás Clann Ui Dhochartaigh, 5 Iúil 2008

## EDITOR'S NOTE

*Dear Members & Readers,*

*As I was putting the 'finishing touches' on this issue of *Ár nDúthcas*, it dawned on me ~ the next issue, November, will be the last issue published in 2008! By then, I will be anticipating (most eagerly) the winter cold; while my good friend, Denis, will be preparing for a summertime Christmas. How odd, but interesting and fascinating, our worlds appear to each other. There are many Dohertys around the world, full of interesting and wonderful tales, both past and present, to tell. Won't you consider sharing a tale with our readers? I'd love to hear from you, and I am certain our readers would as well.*

*Our next issue is in the early planning stages; there is plenty of room available for your contribution! Bill and Kathi are seeking suggestions and contributions for their respective columns. Kitty shares Doherty news from Ireland ~ certainly you, too, read of Doherty folks in your newspapers. How about sharing those? I hope to include a few more photos from Reunion 2008 ~ perhaps you have some of interest? Also, I desperately need submissions of or suggestions for articles! At the risk of sounding like the proverbial broken record, please consider helping your newsletter staff.*



*Slán go fóill ~  
Sherida*

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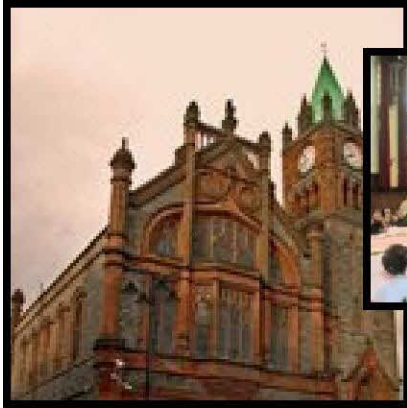
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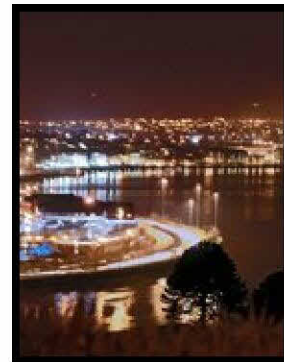
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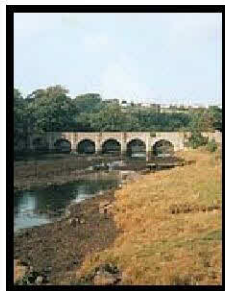
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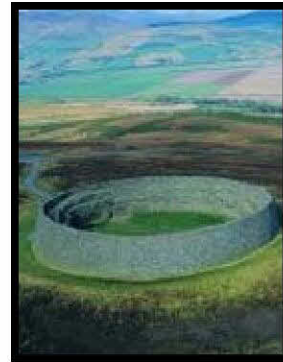
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