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O'DOCHARTAIGH CLANN ASSOCIATION

## What's in an Irish Name? An Irish Story, of Course!

According to tradition, when the Celts invaded Ireland from continental Europe, the Irish goddess Eriu bestowed her blessing upon them. In response, the Celts agreed to name the land for her, and so it became Eriu, Eire and eventually, Ireland. Likewise, the names of Ireland's people and places also originate from Celtic traditions. However, many have been altered by the influence of newcomers such as the Christians, Vikings and Anglo-Normans.

Many of the oldest place names of Ireland are descriptive of the landscape features, incorporating words such as *drum* (height), *knock* (hill) or *derry* (oak woods). Later, man-made features were added such as *rath* (fort) and *bally* (farm). Later still, the names of clans and prominent people were used to designate specific sites. Nothing, however, influenced the names given to specific places more than Christianity. Many a mountain, island and spring bear the name of a native saint, and two of the most common prefixes, *kil* and *donagh* come from the Irish words for church.

Christianity also introduced many new Irish personal names. The prefix *Gil* is an Anglicized form of *gilla* (follower or servant). Thus, "MacGillycuddy" translates as "son of the follower of Saint Mochuda." Also common is *Mul* from *Mael* (bald), alluding to the grooming of monks. Thus, a Mulligan or a Moloney probably descended from a "servant of the church."

Other personal names derived from physical characteristics. The popular name *Flan* means "ruddy", while *Finn* denotes "fair haired" and *Cassidy* "curly headed." Allusions to personal traits or livelihoods also frequently appear, as in *Conall* (strong as a wolf) and *Murphy* (sea warrior).

To form surnames the Irish added the prefix *Mac*, meaning "son of," to the personal name of a father (or mother). Originally, these names were not hereditary. They only lasted one generation. Conchobar Mac Neill, for example, would have been Conchobar (or Connor) the son of Niall, while his son, Diarmait, would be Diarmait (or Dermot) Mac Conchobar. However, in a land rife with rivalries, fixed surnames became a political necessity. By the 11<sup>th</sup> century, Irish families began to adopt hereditary names. They did this by the use of *Mac*

and also *O*, the latter meaning "grandson of." In later years the *Mac* has been replaced with *Mc*. The rumor that the *Mac* is Irish and the *Mc* is Scottish is false. Both people use both.



As Viking and Norman invaders settled down and adopted Irish ways, *Mac* was combined with Norse personal names, such as Magnus, to produce Irish names, such as MacManus, "son of Magnus." *Fitz* is a corruption of the French word *filis* meaning "son" and began to be used by Normans in place of *Mac*. One such name, "Fitzpatrick," was a Norman rendering of the Irish name "Mac Giolla Phad-raiga" meaning "son of the follower of Patrick."

So, the next time you see an Irish name, try to figure out the story behind it. Such stories may take you back to the island's ancient times, for most Irish surnames derive from ancient families and reflect the variety of cultural and religious factors at play in Celtic Ireland. One of the most ancient is O'Dochartaigh, and one of the most interesting, too!

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**Greetings Members and Friends of the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association,** from the Executive Committee

When you read this, we will be in the middle of our largest organized membership drive, developed by members of committees whose functions include advertising and Web sites, and followed up by committee members responsible for welcoming new members. Check our Web sites for progress reports!

We may have many months to go before our new reorganization into committees gets into full swing, but we want you to know what is happening. The early members are responding to the new organization and are willing to help in any way they can. They are looking forward to involving new members with their ideas, too, and to share with them the personal satisfaction that involvement in our family clan has brought them.

Active members share their experience and skills. Newcomers can learn about so many things by working closely with our experts in various fields. In this way, a couple of hours each week will bring new discoveries and a sense of accomplishment to all of us, as old and new members team up.

As coordinator for the clan's committees, Cameron promises you that committee work can be kept to as few as two hours per week, and that all assignments can be done from your home. You can come in and out of 'active' service as your schedule allows, and you can switch committees to one that you find more closely fits your interests at anytime. Furthermore, Clan leadership is dedicated to keep you well informed, and to help you get acquainted with the family members you will be working with. You will freely express yourself, tackle new challenges, make close friends and take pride in the progress your joint efforts will achieve.

*"Be involved...  
feel involved.  
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anything like it."*

This clan is about family, and our family history – our shared identity – which is very important to us. Our genealogy points to our shared ancestry – despite the various spellings of our surnames. Everyone has special talents and we will make room for yours. Like every family, its success ultimately depends on family members who pitch in from time to time, but unlike some families, we get to pick the "chores" that interest us. Because the O'Dochartaigh clan is scattered to the four corners of the globe, mobilizing the "family" will require a lot of organization and a little work.

The founders of the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association bonded together and gave of their loose change and spare time, and a miracle has happened. The genealogy and Irish history they have assembled is a monumental gift to this, and to future generations. Tens of thousands of dollars have gone into computerizing comprehensive lists of the Clan's ancestral records, surpassing anything that any other family has accomplished.



Please spread the news about us. In addition, please consider using your talents to help -- or just jump in anywhere and start getting to know kin who also are discovering their roots and talents. We will be glad to show you how to get started. Your efforts will help our scattered family come together again. The motto for this early part of our new reorganization has been "Be involved... Feel Involved. There isn't anything like it. Everyone who is participating can attest to this.



*You are invited...*

**2005 O'Dochartaigh Clann Reunion**

*(Submitted by the 2005 Reunion Committee)*

O'Dochartaigh clan members from around the world will gather in Ireland, July 1 through July 10, 2005. Hundreds of clansmen will descend on the Inishowen Peninsula, Co. Donegal, Ireland, and Derry, Co. Derry, UK to visit their ancestral homeland.

"We are organizing an extensive schedule of tours and attractions for the reunion," Eva Doherty Gremmert said.

"We are building on the success of four previous reunions held in Ireland since 1985." Doherty Gremmert is a member of the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association Executive Committee, assigned as

the Reunion Coordinator.

Advertising and promotion of the event will begin soon in Ireland, the UK, the USA, Australia and Canada specifically. Other countries will be added as contacts with clan groups emerge around the world.

"Both established Clann websites, Daniel Doherty's site at <http://www.odochartaigh.org> and Brian Baker's site [www.dohertyclann.homestead.com](http://www.dohertyclann.homestead.com) have offered to carry official information, schedules, registration and other important references," Doherty Gremmert said. "Using this powerful tool, the organizing committee intends to attract more participants than ever before."

Research and initial planning has begun on: the opening and closing events; Inishowen bus tours; walking tours of Derry; a Medieval banquet; Foyle boat cruise; as well as showcasing local talented musicians, dancers, and storytellers. The selected dates will allow visitors to do self-directed touring on either the beginning or end of their trip.

Members of the Reunion Organizing Committee include many individuals who have diligently served the clan over the past 20 years. Decide to make this your "once-in-a-lifetime trip" or come again and join us in 2005.

**IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(by Denis Matthews in response to inquiries regarding new memberships and renewal of memberships)

**Mail membership checks payable to the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association to:**

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Maintenance of an accurate membership list is one among many responsibilities that Cathy has undertaken for the Association. **Please** let her know if you are not receiving your copy of the Association Newsletter. If you do not live in North America you may have missed some recent newsletters because the Bunrana Headquarters is focusing on genealogy activities, and is no longer posting the Newsletter to members outside of North America. We hope that in the near future, the Newsletter will be distributed primarily via the Internet. "Hard copies" will only be posted/mailed to those who cannot access the Internet.

**NOTE:**

IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE SEND IT TO CATHY SO WE CAN EMAIL FUTURE NEWSLETTERS TO YOU.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE EMAIL BUT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS PLEASE NOTIFY CATHY SO WE CAN SEND YOU A POSTCARD WHENEVER NEWSLETTERS ARE READY FOR DOWNLOADING.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FULL NAME AND STREET ADDRESS FOR PURPOSES OF CORRECTLY IDENTIFYING BETWEEN MEMBERS WITH SIMILAR NAMES.

**Clan Association Structure.** An Executive Committee (EC) is the duly elected International Ruling Board of the world-wide O'Dochartaigh Clann Association headquartered in Bunrana on the western shores of the Inishowen Peninsula, County Donegal, Ireland. The three EC members appointed at the Year 2000 world-wide "Gathering" of the Clann are Cameron Dougherty, Eva Gremmert, and Steve Daugherty. EC members serve for a five-year term or until their successors are appointed. The EC is incorporating the Association as a non-profit and is reviewing the working drafts of its Articles and Bylaws.

The Clann Association is being restructured to promote a new stage of growth. It is proposed that clan members from each country with major O'Dochartaigh Clann populations will serve on regional or multi-national boards/committees/subcommittees empowered to react quickly to local difficulties and opportunities, and to increase the ability of clan members to interact.

At present, the EC is establishing an organization and board to administer the affairs of the US/Canadian Branch of the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association. At least one EC member will serve on future regional/multi-national boards so as to provide the worldwide Clann Association with the legitimacy it needs to build membership, and to provide experienced guidance in clan matters.

In addition, the Executive Committee is organizing several committees to handle particular aspects of the organization. These include:

Executive Committee  
Newsletter Committee  
Legal Committee  
Membership Records Committee  
Welcoming Committee  
Website Committee  
Fund Raising Committee  
Charities/Sponsorship/Grants Committee  
Family History Committee

Rules & Regulations Committee  
Genealogy Committee  
Advertising/PR Committee  
New Membership Drive Committee  
Reunion-2005 Committee  
Merchandising Committee  
Finance/Budget Committee  
Advancement of Irish Culture Committee  
Historical Preservation Committee

## Martin Joseph Darity



Dateline: Montgomery, Alabama

My Grand granddaddy was Michael Darity. He came from Ireland in the mid-1850 with his brother Patrick Darity. Michael Darity married Malinda Delana Nobles and had one child, my Granddaddy, Thomas Martin Darity who was born near Danville, GA. 1867. Michael Darity left with his brother Patrick in 1868 looking for work and never came back. We do not know what happened.

My granddaddy Thomas Martin Darity married Nancy Janie Lynn (b. 1877, d. 1907). They had 12 children and they all lived in and around Macon, GA. except Hilton Martin Darity who moved to the Orlando, FL. Area.

Many, if not most, of the Doughertys (root spelling "O'Dochartaigh") came from either Derry or Donegal Counties Ireland. Even after years of research, we have not been able to trace our heritage to a specific location in Ireland. We are now trying to contact as many Daritys as we can to see if, and how, we may be connected and find our Irish connection.

The Thomas Martin Darity Family & Friends Reunion is held every second Saturday in August near Danville, GA. about 125 miles south of Atlanta. You, your families and friends are always invited to attend. Contact me for more information.

I grew up in Macon, Georgia and attended local schools and latter, the University of Georgia. My family operated retail grocery stores. I worked with the Campbell Soup Company before getting into the broadcasting and advertising business. I served as the Alabama State Travel Director under two governors and served twice in Washington DC as Assistant Secretary of Tourism with the U.S. Department of Commerce.

During my tour of duty with the State and Federal Governments, I was privileged to speak in all 50 States and several foreign countries.

While in Washington DC I learned of the O'Dochartaigh Clann



reunions and was invited to go to Ireland to help set-up the 1995 reunion. Betty, my wife, and I did attend and participate in the International O'Dochartaigh Clann Reunion in Ireland during June/July 2000. We are in close communications with the organizers for the 2005 O'Dochartaigh Clann Reunion and are excited about the plans. These reunions are held every five years, and we would encourage everyone to attend the next one. We have met many wonderful friendly people from around the world (our "extended" family) and we now maintain contact with many of these fellow clan members and kinsmen.

My family and I have been doing a great deal of research and everyone has been very helpful. So, if you are interested in tracing your own family heritage, this is the place to start. Don't put it off. Get started now.

Janie (Darity) Townsend (JGrandmaT@aol.com), my sister, is the record keep and researcher for the Thomas Martin Darity Family & Friends Reunion. She keeps track of all family members and is in continuous contact with most of them. "I try to gather names and addresses (E-mail, too) and additional information from everyone and then I am willing to share this information with anyone who is interested" said Janie (Darity) Townsend.

"This truly is a labor-of-love and I am having so much fun contacting people from around the world", she continued, "and I am learning more and more everyday. I highly recommend this to anyone. Try it you'll like it."

I do not know what our family would do without Janie's research and contacts. If you want to know anything about our family, Janie is the one to contact.

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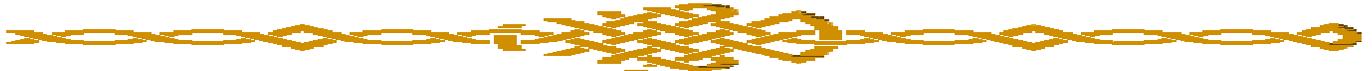
If you have not contacted a member of the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association, I would suggest you do so TODAY. You will be so glad you did and you will meet some of the nicest, friendliest, most lovable and caring people you will ever have the pleasure of knowing. They all are so willing to help.

Make your plans now to get involved in the O'Dochartaigh Clann organization, be a part of the program, and by all means start making plans to attend the 2005 reunion. I will be looking for you there. May God continue to bless our families.

Love To All,

Martin J. Darity

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and his leisure time are soon parted. A journey of a thousand sites begins with a single click. Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach him to use the Net and he won't bother you for weeks. What boots up must come down.



## Musings by Denis Matthews

### What's in a name?

I have been thinking about Martin's article in this newsletter. He knows a lot about

his ancestors *after* they arrived in the USA, but can go back no further. Is the problem with the spelling?

I grew up knowing that my mother's maiden name was Doherty. I knew that the first syllable rhymed with "dough" as in the making of bread, which was also our nickname for money. The second part of the name was not a worry to me, but then I went with two of my brothers to visit my mum's brother and sister, who still lived on the farm where my mother had grown up - until a family bust up.

We sat on the train all day until we got to Warwick; then we got on the Killarney Rail Motor. It would have been scary for a nine year old, but I knew my brothers had been there before. It was during WWII and they had been evacuated the year before to stay with Mum's old friend in Killarney.

While there, they had met up with mum's brother and sister and had gone to visit their uncle and aunt on the farm. I suspect that this was the catalyst for a family reconciliation so there we were one day in 1943, standing on the platform at Tannymorel in the late afternoon. The little rail motor had continued on its way to Killarney and there was not a soul in sight. Eventually a lady came to the rail crossing and asked if we were there for the

"Dockertys". I promptly said we were NOT - I had never heard the name that way before. My brothers, who were within earshot, were quick to explain that this was my first visit. *Of course* we were there to visit the Dohertys.

I have a clear recollection that, during that wonderful visit, Aunty Rene showed us our grandfather's birth certificate. Some foolish person had written down his name as Dogherty and an affidavit had been produced to correct the spelling. At age nine, I was not well up on affidavits but I could see the note written on the certificate attesting to the obvious need for a correction in the spelling of his name.

Years later when we started our research, we found that our great grandparents had migrated from Solohead in Tipperary. A young cousin was going on a visit to Ireland so we asked her to call on the parish priest in Solohead and get some info. What a disappointment! There were no Dohertys to fit the description. There were some records on some little cards which were put aside in disgust, until one night my brother jumped out of bed and retrieved those "worthless" cards. He had suddenly remembered our visit to the Hunter Valley, looking not for Dohertys, but for Ryans. We had been unsure of our whereabouts and had stopped to ask an old lady who was mowing her lawn. She stopped her motor mower and was on for a chat. I think she was in her nineties, but she could handle that motor mower and she wanted to know all about us, and our quest. It was not long before she was referring to the various

"Doortys" who lived in her locality. One of those "worthless" cards brought from Solohead showed the baptism of our great grandfather in 1815. Information about his siblings were there too, and his parents' marriage. Eventually, "Paddy" was able to link us to a line of ancestors going back past Nial of the Nine Hostages (with the help of computerized information at Headquarters in Buncrana). Yet when we had first seen the name "Doorty," we had rejected the information as useless.

By the time of Reunion 2000, I had learnt to modify my pronunciation of the surname. Until then, it was no use telling me to rhyme the Doch with "Lock" (as in Loch Lomond), which incidentally, was where my uncle had his farm. However, I eventually learnt to aspirate the "C" in the Gaelic spelling of the surname.

When the great day of the Reunion arrived (year 2000 worldwide gathering of the O'Dochartaigh Clann), I had to get to the printer but I could not get the car to start. Then I saw a car stop and a sprightly couple emerged. It was Martin Darity and his wife. But when he told me his name, I did not hear "Darity" as I had expected, he said "Dochartaigh". Not an approximation, but right on - "Dochartaigh"

So Martin, the moral of the story is that spelling can be given too much importance. Find the records of your great-grandfather's arrival in the US and you may find the parish he came from. **TAKE ANY SPELLING THAT MIGHT REPRESENT WHAT AN IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT HE HEARD and GOOD LUCK!**



## **FUTURE NEWSLETTER ISSUES**

***"You never waste time when you stop to sharpen your axe."*** This is a lesson I learned many, many years ago. It is also something I have applied to dozens of situations in my life since that time. This time it's not just me, it's the entire clan association.

Over the next several months, we will be applying all of our energies and skills into forming a new organization to lead this association. It is a formable task to be sure, but not one of your leaders, or one of the key active members sees it as impossible. It is only making our axe

sharper, so we can accomplish more. While we are at the sharpening, I thought it good to also publish in our newsletter, historical people and events key to the understanding of O'Dochartaigh history. Each new issue will contain a historical section.

You will be enriched with some great work on our ancestry chart, up to the High Kings of Ireland, many of which will be featured in future issues. You will be able to read about Ireland's pre-Celt history, the Celt invasions, the various races in Ireland, the change brought on by St. Patrick, the beginning of the Doherty name, the Viking raids, our move into Inishowen, the English attempts at dominance, our clan's growth and power, the O'Neill and

O'Doherty uprisings, and of course famous Dohertys throughout the world, all of which will be posted on our website in much more detail.

We can't promise that you will be speaking Gaelic when we're done, but you will be an expert on your "O'Dochartaigh" talk. That, I can promise!

For some, every word will be new and thrilling. Others will simply be sharpening their axes. We have never before put all of our research together in such a systematic and methodical step-through-time format. You are sure to enjoy it.

If you are interested in helping in any way on this project, please contact Cameron Dougherty (see contact information on page 3).

## The Age of Arthur- A History of the British Isles from 350 to 650

By John Morris

(Book Report by Cameron Dougherty)



I was delighted to find a book so well written and researched on the three centuries following the fall of Rome, an era that other historians have declared to be "lost."

There was little difference between the Celts living in what are now Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Britain before the Romans came to the Is-

lands. The Romans changed all that. Later, the Romans left, warning Britain to "look to [its] own defenses," Britain's status as a wealthy, integral part of the sophisticated Roman Empire crumbled into lawless destruction, mutiny, civil war and economic chaos. The four countries drew further and further apart as time passed, but amazingly, they deeply influenced each other. The inhabitants brought in by Rome, predominately the English and the Britons, were greatly influenced by Celtic Christianity, taught by the Irish. Fluctuating military and political strengths set the limits within which each nation would develop, but the power of Christianity held them together. Sharing among the island nations increased with the dominance of Christianity.

Throughout the book, Morris writes about the influence of the Irish. "Through the Church, the example of Ireland deeply influenced the secular development of the other British peoples... Irish Christianity was a major influence in the formation of the new society in Britain...

Morris makes no small point about the influence of Irish Christianity on neighboring island nations and in Europe.

Christian clerks and statesmen trained in Ireland or by Irishmen were prominent among its [Britain's] builders and are chiefly responsible for the manner in which its history is preserved... The British and the English owe a debt to the Irish Annals... The Christian Irish set down a detailed account of their pagan past in the Irish Annals [which was] also a direct source for the history of Britain (many events not recorded elsewhere)." Then Morris makes his boldest statement: "The story of Ireland's impact upon Britain and Europe cannot begin with Christian Ireland, for the Irish monks who made that impact were soaked in the learning, the customs, the social outlook of their own

historical traditions." Then Morris begins recounting the early Irish history helping you to see how each successive immigration to the island led to the importation of historical traditions. Each was unique, yet each was a building block in the formation of the great Irish culture.

Morris makes no small point about the influence of Irish Christianity on neighboring island nations and in Europe. The author covers much of Irish history to give the reader a clear, in-depth understanding of the enormous events that took place; history comes alive province-by-province, city-by-city and nearly family-by-family. The reader can enjoyably follow the lineage of the legendary High Kings of Ireland whose fame spread to all parts of Europe and after whom King Arthur modeled himself. Here is an excerpt from Morris' account of Cormac (218-267AD): "Cormac was the first lawgiver, and inventor of the Irish written record... From his fortress at Tara, he maintained a central administration with a hundred and fifty governors and a standing army...recruits 'of the very huge and tall bigness' were required to graduate in the learning of professional scholars and also undergo a strenuous commando training and to accept a quite un-Irish disci-

pline...they were bidden to plunder  
ness was to 'uphold  
injustice', to guard  
foreigners... 'putting a stop to robbery, exacting the  
payment of tribute, putting down malefactors'... Then  
followed Crimthann and Niall who each conquered and  
inhabited so much of Britain that they were sometimes  
referred to as the High Kings of Ireland and Britain."



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After the death of Niall (405AD) and his successor Nath-I (428AD) and during the reign of one of Niall's sons, Laegaire, came Saint Patrick (432AD). With the fall of Roman power, came the loss of a common enemy for the clans of Ireland. This led to the rise of individual dynasties and an immense number of petty local princes, and a new system of names (persons and territories) that survive to the present. Kinglets developed all over Ireland, and as is the way of the world, the weaker became subjects of the stronger. By the end of the fifth century, the hierarchy of kings had adapted to the older province structure, so that in Ulster, Connaught, Munster and Leister each had at least two major dynasties competing and alternating in the use of the title and provincial revenues. Although the lesser "kings" admitted the formal supremacy of the High King of Ireland, their armies commonly resisted his authority. Proof of this is that no dynasties are named for persons who lived earlier than the time of Niall.

Here is where our O'Dochartaigh Clan (Cenel Conaill) history begins. Conall ("Gulban") who lived in Ballyshannon (County Donegal) was an acquaintance of an enslaved Celtic Briton named Patraic Sucat. He escaped and returned to Ireland as Saint Patrick on a mission to Christianize the Irish. He visited Conall many times in the Ballyshannon area. The new religion was accepted quickly by all three brothers: Owen, Conall and Enda.

With St. Patrick, "Ireland's faith stemmed from Britain, and its strongest impact was returned upon the people of Britain... Its [Britain's] political direction was determined by the new-found strength of fifth-century Britain (High King Mac Erca of the Ui Neills was a contemporary and possible 'model' of King Arthur)... The Britons and the Welsh retained a warm affection for the Irish, and gladly acknowledged the inspiration that had come from Ireland... The victory of the monks equipped the Irish to become the intellectual inspiration of Europe... But the cost was heavy...the monasteries absorbed the energies of the ablest Irishmen, and spent them in the service of other lands."

There are many more people and events which happened between the years of 350-650 than I could report to you. I would encourage you each to pick up this book at your public library, as I did, and enjoy learning these important years of change and formation.



## Oh, The Irish Ego:

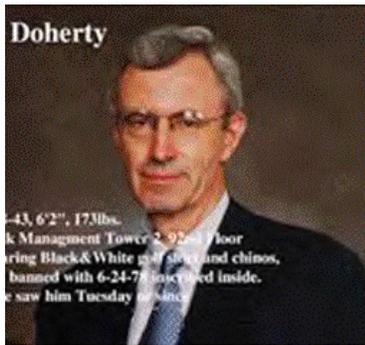
Saddam Hussein was sitting in his office wondering whom to invade next when his telephone rang. "Hallo! Mr. Hussein," a heavily accented voice said. "This is Paddy down in County Cavan, Ireland. I am ringing to inform you that we are officially declaring war on you!" "Well, Paddy," Saddam replied, "This is indeed important news! Tell me, how big is your army?" "At this moment in time," said Paddy after a moment's calculation, "there is myself, my cousin Sean, my next door neighbor Gerry, and the entire dominoes team from the pub -- that makes 8!" Saddam sighed. "I must tell you Paddy that I have one million men in my army waiting to move on my command." "Begorra!," said Paddy, "I'll have to ring you back!" Sure enough, the next day Paddy rang

back. "Right Mr. Hussein, the war is still on! We have managed to acquire some equipment!" "And what equipment would that be, Paddy?" Saddam asked. "Well, we have two combine harvesters, a bulldozer and Murphy's tractor from the farm." Once more Saddam sighed. "I must tell you, Paddy, that I have sixteen thousand tanks, fourteen thousand armored personnel carriers, and my army has increased to one and a half million since we last spoke." "Really?" said Paddy, "I'll have to ring you back!" Sure enough, Paddy rang again the next day. "Right Mr. Hussein, the war is still on! We have managed to get ourselves airborne!



We've modified Ted's ultra-light with a couple of rifles in the cockpit and the bridge team has joined us as well!" Saddam was silent for a minute, then sighed. "I must tell you Paddy that I have ten thousand bombers, twenty thousand MiG nineteen attack planes, my military complex is surrounded by laser-guided surface-to-air missile sites, and since we last spoke, my army has increased to two million." "Faith and begorra!," said Paddy, "I'll have to ring you back." Sure enough, Paddy called again the next day. "Right Mr. Hussein, I am sorry to tell you that we have had to call off the war." "I'm sorry to hear that," said Saddam. "Why the sudden change of heart?" "Well," said Paddy "We've all had a chat, and there's no way we can feed two million prisoners."

## The O'Dochartaigh Clan Lost John Doherty on 9/11/01



**Name:** John J. Doherty  
**Age:** 58  
**Residence:** Hartsdale, NY, United States  
**Occupation:** Vice President, Aon Corp.  
**Location:** World Trade Center, Tower 2  
**Tributes and Information:**

Mr. Doherty, 58, was a vice president for Aon in the trade center. His wife, Mary, said that on Sundays, Mr. Doherty and his eldest daughter,

Barbara, who was born with developmental disabilities, would travel from their home in Hartsdale, N.Y., to a driving range. In the summers, Mr. Doherty took daughters Barbara (age 16) and Maureen (age 13) for walks in Vermont. In the woods, John would find them walking sticks and skip rocks across mountain streams with them.

John, How can I ever forget you!!! What fun I had growing up with you and sister, Irene, back in the 50s when we lived in West Medford, Mass. .... I know you are in peace with your parents and dear sister. .... My prayers and thoughts remain with you. *Nancy Abbott-Kiely (Ft. Myers, FL )*

If you knew John, his laugh was definitely memorable (and loud). I will miss having a "glass of white wine" and laughing with him, Mary and the girls! *Kate Boland (Hingham, MI )*

I grew up with John and went through school

with him in West Medford, MA. .... A fine man and I'm sure he was a great husband and father. We will all miss him, however, we will never forget him. *Chad Aston (Westwood, MA )*

I can't even begin to tell all the funny times we shared back when he and Mar (as he called Mary) first got married. *Richard Vialard (Secaucus, NJ )*

I graduated from Medford [Mass.] High School, Class of 1961, with John. .... John was a sweet and wonderful person as would all his classmates attest. .... Our class reunion held a moment of silence for John in November ...., and there were lots of tears to be seen. I am glad that I knew John and that he turned out to be an accomplished executive. ....I extend my condolences to his family and friends. *Barbara (Cotter) DiFranza (Salinas, CA ).. AS DOES THE O'DOCHARTAIGH CLANN*

## Genealogy Research

Pat Dougherty (Buncrana, Ireland), is still registering family groups. If your family does not know your group number please obtain it, or register it, with Pat.

Pat is doing research of various kinds and

would love to assist you. Please contact Pat directly about his genealogy services and related fees. Please note that genealogy fees are mailed directly to Pat to cover expenses, but your dues and contributions to the association go to Cathy Doherty (see page 3) for proper record keeping and bookkeeping.

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## "For Our Inheritance"

### What's in Your Family Name? Family Stories, of Course!

To be a part of a family is something wonderful, mystical and eternal. Many of our ancestors battled hunger, pain, diseases, humiliation, freezing colds and horrid heat, long voyages and much effort of body and soul, just to hang onto their life as long as they could in order to make life a little better for you and me.

What wonderful stories we have already found! What they do for our souls! There must be thousands more. Stories to let us look and feel our way into the past. Does learning more about my earlier family make me better? You bet it does! What about my children? Do my children benefit from these memories and stories? You bet they do! What about your ancestors? Does your heart ache to know more about your roots? Is it too late to discover more about your earlier family? I suppose there is only one way to find out.

I'm here to tell you that we (that is, you, me and the entire O'Dochartaigh clan) are standing on a goldmine of information. There is more information all around us, than you realize. Finding it is not so difficult as you may think. Besides, you will be too busy basking in what you do discover to worry too much about what you can't.

The goldmine is our global family clan. The tool is our clan association. We need to activate our members, teach each other 'how to' and 'where to' mine it, then gather in all the stories and genealogies we can.

Families and individuals will start rediscovering themselves as the stories are collected and shared. Even though you will go on to discover greater and greater stories, you will always cherish those first two or three stories you find above all the others. Those will be the ones to open your eyes to a completely new world. An earlier world that will no longer be aligned around events, but around people and their resolve, struggles, efforts, hopes and love.

The clan association can help you open this hidden world. History will become alive and be life changing. Those gone before us can speak to us through the ages and their courage will once again make a better life for their descendents.

Will you match their efforts with efforts of your own? Will you help us give the next generations of Dohertys something that no child should ever lack? That is, to intimately know their early family and to know that their own life, and how they live it, holds a message which will be preserved for generations yet to come.

We are the **O'Dochartaigh Clann Association** and we are in need of your assistance, on many levels, to carry out this task. For it takes a clan to do the business of a clan, it takes every family to document every family and it takes individuals to get the message out to individuals. Like any family, it's your responsibility as a family member, and also as a family member, you reap the rewards.

Will our clan stay scattered over the entire world, largely ignorant of its great heritage, unknowing about one another, struggling to find even little glimpses into the past? No, we have proven that we are different. We already have one of the largest family genealogical databases in the world. We are blessed with uniquely talented and hard working members. However, now we need to move to the next level. We need to increase our numbers. While we continue to improve our genealogy records, we need to become a clan of organized and active members with a place for everyone whereby all our combined talents and efforts can be dynamically channeled towards our self-determined goals.

Can it be done? It is being done! Come and get to know us better. Come and find your place. We do not want to leave anyone out. After all, we are family. Our battle cry has always been and will always be, "**For Our Inheritance!**" by Cameron Dougherty



# O'Dochartaigh Clann Association

## New/Renewal Membership Form

**Make Checks payable to:** O'Dochartaigh Clann Association  
**Mail Payment & Form to:** *Cathy Doherty, 830 Leland St., Flint, MI 48507*  
**Executive Committee:** *Eva Doherty Gremmert, Steve Daugherty, Cameron Dougherty*

### Member Profile

**Member's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country/Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** ( ) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_      **Home Fax:** ( ) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ Description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ Description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Members in Your Household (Free Members)

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Relation</u>
_____	_____	_ / _ / ____	Yourself
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### Membership Rules

- Member must descend from the O'Dochartaigh Clan or through marriage or adoption.
- All family members living in the home of a paying member are also members.
- The membership period runs 12 months from the beginning of the month we receive your dues.
- Only paying members have a vote during elections. It can be delegated to a family member.
- In the event of death the member's voting right ceases.

### Membership Dues

*Dues can be paid in any currency, but the amount needs to be equivalent to the following US\$ amounts:*

Regular Member Annual Dues	\$ 35.00 per year
Senior Member Annual Dues (over 65 years old)	\$ 25.00 per year
Lifetime Membership Due	\$350.00 onetime payment