

# The O'Dochartaigh Clann Association's Official Publication

## An nDutchas - Newsletter #40 - April 2003



This issue is dedicated to our emigrant forebears who began this family beyond the sea. We dedicate ourselves to the discovery of their story and descendants.

### The Passing of the Gael

They are going, going from the valleys and the hills,  
They are leaving far behind them heathery moor and mountain  
rills,  
All the wealth of hawthorn hedges where the brown thrush  
sways and trills.  
They are going, shy-eyed colleens, and lads so straight and tall,  
From the purple peaks of Kerry, from the crags of wild Imaal,  
From the greening plains of Mayo, and the glens of Donegal.

They are leaving pleasant places, shores with snowy sands out-  
spread;  
Blue and lonely lakes a-stirring when the wind stirs overhead;  
Tender living hearts that love them, and the graves of kindred  
dead.

Oh, the cabins, long deserted! - Olden memories awake-  
Oh, the pleasant, pleasant places! - Hush! The blackbird in the brake!  
Oh, the dear and kindly voices! - Now their hearts are fain to ache.

They are going, going, going, and we cannot bid them stay;  
Their field are now the stranger's, where the stranger's cattle  
stray.  
Oh Kathleen Ni Houlihan, your way's a thorny way!  
-Ethna Carberry

*(Kathleen Ni Houlihan & Dark Rosaleen are poetical names that our people have applied to the land of our ancestors.)*

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### Who Were These Ancestors?

Who were these ancestors who fled Ireland, driven by famine, pestilence and tyranny to foreign shores where they hoped to obtain for themselves and their progeny to that which the author William Drennan described: "each one his full share of the earth and sky"?

They left by the thousands, the Fitzgeralds, the O'Sullivans, the O'Neills, the O'Donnells, the McLaughlins, the Monaghans and as we know so well, the O'Dohertys. Some found good land and prospered, others prospered in spite of difficulties, and some did not survive the sickness that lurked on every ship.

As their descendants, our hearts are bound by ties of familial affection to that land, but our minds hold too little knowledge of its history and culture. Even our family history was not diligently kept, and much of it was soon lost in the mists of forgetfulness or indifference. If national history is worth recording, more so is

family history. Join with us to discover and preserve this history, and most of all, those who lived it.

### The Dead Have Rights, Too!

Heeding the admonition of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, an emigrant and Canada's most colorful founding father: "The dead have their rights as the living have; injustice to them is one of the worst forms of all injustices." Our association has gathered genealogical records to help you pinpoint the spot whence came your grandparents or great-grand-parents. Once this is discovered, you most likely will be in a position to trace your family through five or six generations. Usually in the rural areas of Ireland the memory of a family having lived in a particular townland will endure. You should search the old cemeteries in the parish and contact our clan genealogy center in Bunrana.

Hopefully, you have begun your own love-affair with Ireland, as many of us have. What you read here will certainly deepen and broaden that affection. Go and walk the hawthorn-girt breen where your people once walked, climb the heather-clad hills and sit beside a mountain stream. Listen to the soft, limp speech of the Gael, whether in English or in the native Irish, sit beside the farmhouse hearth and savor the aroma of the turf fire. Walk the historical ways of Donegal, sit quietly in an Irish pub and savor the outpouring of wit and wisdom that makes the Irishman the world's premier conversationalist. Eternity will never seem closer or clearer.

Then, we implore you, commit to learn about your Gaelic roots and your Gaelic blood. Don't let the "Passing of the Gael" speak of its demise, but rather the passing of an inheritance.

*An nDutchas! (For Our Inheritance!)*

## What's Been Happening:

### Formation of New Archive Committee

Dear Clann Family & Friends: Cameron Dougherty (my brother) has asked me to chair the newly formed "O'Dochartaigh Clann Association Archive Committee." My plan is to collect and post all previous newsletters on the official O'Dochartaigh HQ Web site so they are available to all current Clann Members. Because I have been involved with my father (Buncrana Pat) from the inception of the Clann HQ in Ireland, I am already in possession of many past newsletters. My goal is to complete this project sometime this summer, but I need your help. Please e-mail me at [OdochartaighCJ@aol.com](mailto:OdochartaighCJ@aol.com) if you have any of the following Newsletters: #2 – 11, 13, 14, 18, 21, 22, 33, & 34.

I will keep you informed as to my progress on this project and will let you know how to access the Newsletters on the official O'Dochartaigh HQ Web site in future Newsletter. I will also let you know about new projects.

**Catherine J. Dougherty-Murray, Chair**

### The O'Dochartaigh Family Historical Research Project

It is a great privilege for me to participate in the O'Dochartaigh Family Historical research project with Cameron, John McLaughlin and others. I have been researching my branch of the family (from Creehennan and Whitecastle) since I was a boy growing up in London during the WWII. I have always been fascinated by the stories told by

visiting Irish, Canadian and American cousins, who spoke of their common link with the family home on the banks of the Foyle, where they had spent so many happy hours as children. Over the years, I have been touched by the tragedies, courage and fortitude of my kinsman, striving to provide a better world for their children, in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA, Argentina, England, and at home in Ireland. It has been fulfilling to reflect on the lives and aspirations of the men, women and children who have populated the branches of our great family clan. Those of us working on this project hope to create a permanent record of their struggles and achievements. Ar nDutchas, for our inheritance! **John "Brian" Doherty Ireland**

It is a privilege to join the O'Dochartaigh Family Historical group and working on various aspects of clan history and genealogy that have not received much attention from historians. Brian Bonner wrote a wonderful series of books on the Inishowen Peninsula in which he traced the history of the O'Dochartaighs, Lords of Inishowen, in great detail. But there are facets of O'Dochartaigh history that Bonner did not touch upon, and it is these aspects that we hope to research and eventually publish for the posterity of the clan. One such project is to arrive at a definitive pedigree for our clan. As things stand now there are two conflict-

ing versions of the pedigree in Irish manuscript, an unsatisfactory situation to be sure, and one we will attempt to resolve. But this is just one aspect of O'Dochartaigh clan history; there are others that deserve attention, and I look forward to working with Cameron, Brian Ireland and others to help shine a little light into neglected areas of O'Dochartaigh clan history. **John D. McLaughlin**

### THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Hello to all O'Dochartaigh members. It has been my pleasure to serve the Clan as Membership Chairperson. It has given me a chance to get to know many of you. Always feel comfortable to e-mail me with news and information...nothing is too small - and please keep your membership dues coming. Your dues are used for a great cause.

HUGS to you all,

**CATHY DOHERTY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR** [MsCathy42@yahoo.com](mailto:MsCathy42@yahoo.com)

**Don't you think it is time that you join?**



Artwork provided by Nancy Monaghan

## Reunion Excitement Builds as the Ideas for Activities Begin Flowing

**O'Dochartaigh  
Clann  
Gathering  
July 2005**

by Eva Gremmert  
"2005 Clann Reunion" Coordinator  
No matter what the spelling of your O'Dochartaigh name (there are at least

140!), or even if your name is not Doherty, O'Dority, Daugherty, Darity, etc. anymore, you are invited to come to Ireland in 2005. The O'Dochartaigh Clann will descend on the area July 1 through 10 to visit their ancestral homeland. Bring your family and be part of this great event.

Anyone who has a connection to the clan – even if "your granny's name was Doherty" – is encouraged to join the hundreds who will attend the festivities. No matter what your last name is now, if there is a Clann connection in your family, you're welcome.

A very active and enthusiastic fund raising effort is underway in Derry City. Local residents are contacting businesses and agencies for sponsorships that will help cover the cost of activities.

Planning began recently to coordinate the Clann gathering with annual local events in Ireland. This will make promotion efforts more effective and will utilize our volunteer force efficiently. For example, local sheep dog trials held every year near Malin Head are the first targeted events of this planning process. Many more are under consideration and any ideas are being welcomed by the committee.

Also, the tourism offices in Derry City, Buncrana, and Carndonagh are sending the Clann lists of possible activities for visitors beyond the official schedule of reunion adventures. This opens a variety of opportunities for visitors to see and hear and enjoy the best of Ireland, Ulster, and Inishowen's heritage for themselves.

The reunion committee asks that all who read this 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 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.

A central information e-mail address is now functioning and will be used to answer questions or deliver specific messages regarding the reunion. It is [egremmert@attbi.com](mailto:egremmert@attbi.com) and can be used by anyone. Also, clan websites are being updated with the latest reunion plans, etc. and will constantly offer information to those interested in the event. The web addresses are Daniel Doherty's website, <http://www.odochartaigh.org> and Brian Baker's, [www.odochartaighforever.com](http://www.odochartaighforever.com) and both carry lots of great O'Dochartaigh material.

## THE ANCIENT MYSTERIES OF IRELAND

Many times in the last five thousand years the small island of Ireland has stood at the heart of European culture. In the middle of the eighth century B.C. it may have been the wealthiest place in Europe, its gold ornaments and beautiful bronze musical instruments unequalled anywhere north of Egypt. Because it was never absorbed into the Roman Empire, it preserved and gave back to Europe much of its Celtic traditions and culture. After the fall of Rome, Ireland kept scholarship alive for Europe and ultimately carried civilization back to the new barbarian kingdoms rising from the ruins. No tenth century A.D. kingdom could consider itself avant-garde or enlightened unless they had Irish philosophers and theologians in their court.

It is still affecting much of the world! As many as 50 million Americans claim direct Irish descent, with nearly as many more scattered in all parts of the world. Irish pubs are crowded in Russia, Australia, Japan and even in the Congo. This has led to a great interest in Ireland and her ancient history. Hoping to gain a true understanding of itself, the entire country is now re-discovering itself, shaking off influences of the occupying English and re-looking at those long-treasured and time-honored myths.

Some would say that Ireland has always been a place where myth and reality existed side-by-side. If this were the case, we could easily separate one from the other. I say that Irish history, as we know it, started in myths with specks of reality grafted into it as discoveries were made. Until recently, the lack of true evidence has rendered myth and reality inseparable.

Remarkably, there has been enormous energies recently put into "unearthing" the past of the Irish people. Consequently, these last few years have uncovered more information than the previous century. From these findings and studies come an entirely new image of this history, as inspiring and fascinating as the beloved myths. Make no mistake about it, Ireland's ancient past is still clouded in mysteries. However, with each new discovery this past comes into sharper focus. Sharp enough to finally understand how much "Irish" is "Celtic" and how much "Celtic" as we know it today, is "Irish". History shows time and time again that the Irish are little affected by outside influences but are adept at inspiring and shaping others. The Romans, Vikings, Normans, English had much less effect on these Irish than you may think. Which means

that, to study the ancient Irish is to understand ourselves, the modern Irish.

Very few people today can draw such inspiration from their past as the Irish. Past and present, myth and reality are inexorably mixed. Nearly nothing is forgotten, and the past continues to color the present.

Fellow historians, let's turn our attention from studying the great empires of the world. After all, the vast majority of the world's ancestors never lived in these empires. They lived in tribal warrior cultures like that of the Bronze and Iron Age Ireland. Studying Irish history will not only have a tremendous impact on our Irish kin around the world, but also give a glimpse into the way most people lived for much of human history. *Cameron Dougherty*

**Note:** *If you are interested in joining with other members who love to study and share Irish history, please contact Cameron Dougherty. Our vision is to fill our websites with Irish history and develop our family history.*

**Note:** *Credit for this article goes to the authors Carmel McCaffrey and Leo Eaton of the book "In Search of Ancient Ireland" which has been personalized here for our readers.*

## More of Those Notable Dohertys

### Martin Darity

Silver Representative Martin Darity is currently serving the seniors of Alabama as the Chairman of the State Delegation for the National Silver Haired Congress (NSHC). He was appointed to the NSHC by 2nd District Congressman Terry Everett in 1996 and elected to lead the Alabama Delegation in 2000. His contributions in helping to organize the NSHC, and as Chaplain, Public Relations Chairman and on the Membership Committee have been significant.

This man is one of those folks who never meets a stranger and is a caring friend from the first time you meet him. Despite his full plate of civic responsibilities, he is always willing to help someone in need. He is President of the Montgomery Rotary Club, and on the Boards of Goodwill Industries, O. I. C. and the Intertribal Indian Council. He is active in the National Association of Retired Federal Employ-

ees, the Southeast Tourism Society and many other civic and community organizations.

*(We wish to congratulate O'Dochartaigh member, Martin Darity [frequent contributor to this newsletter] on his nomination to the Alabama Seniors Hall of Fame.)*

### William Dougherty, M.D.

William Dougherty, M.D., is director of the Lehigh Valley Hospital Regional Burn Center. He has served as staff surgeon at the USC Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA, as an assistant professor of surgery at the University of Southern California. Board Certified in general, critical care and plastic surgery, Dr. Dougherty is a member of the American Burn Association, American Society of Plastic Surgeons and Society for Critical Care Medicine. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is active in research related to wound healing, tissue engineering, pulmonary burn injuries and other specialized areas of burn care.

### Kathryn Doherty

Kathryn licenses home furnishing designs and patterns for rugs, textile, poster, bath product, wallpaper, bedding, paper products and ceramic. She is multi-disciplined and is equally comfortable with a loose whimsical juvenile style as she is with sophisticated contemporary. This versatility, in addition to her color sense, is one of her greatest strengths as a resource to manufacturers, importers, mills and publishers.

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*"If defeated everywhere else I will  
make my last stand for liberty  
among the Scotch-Irish of my  
native Virginia"  
- George Washington*

**ADVENTURES IN IRELAND - JANUARY, 2003 - Part 1**  
*by clan member Donna Hart, an 11<sup>th</sup>-GENERATION American Daugherty*

*Donna's forefather, Owen Dogharty, came to Norfolk, Virginia, in 1673. Donna is a wife, mother of 4 children (stepmother of 4 more), and grandmother of 4 little boys. She taught in the Illinois public school system for 20 years before earning her PhD in English (Medieval and Renaissance studies). She has taught at Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois, for the last 14 years. Irish history, literature, and genealogy are fairly recent loves. Whenever she can, Donna teaches courses in Irish literature and takes students to Ireland. This is her story of her most recent trip.*

"Nothing is as easy as it looks. Everything takes longer than you expect. And if anything can go wrong, it will, at the worst possible moment." That's what Murphy's Law says. And that's what I said to my 13 Greenville College students before we left for Ireland in January, for the travel part of our 3-week Interterm class in Irish history and literature. Murphy and I were both wrong! Let me share some of the highlights of a wonderful 11-day trip in the south of the Republic of Ireland.

Planning our own trip was great, but patience and cooperation are an imperative when you're doing your own driving and trying to keep two 9-passenger vans together. It's not easy for an American to drive on the left side of the road (with steering wheel on the right and manual gearshift on the left!) - or to negotiate roundabouts the first few times. It takes even longer to figure out how to navigate Dublin streets that suddenly change from "two-way" to "one-way." Our walkie-talkies helped us to not get irreparably separated. And you have to roll with the punches when the 7-passenger mini-van that you THOUGHT you had rented turns out to be a little 5-passenger car that only seats 7 by turning down a couple of bumper seats in the trunk. Because we managed to laugh and "bend" (literally and figuratively), we had a really great trip with very few problems—and saved ourselves about a thousand dollars each! If you've traveled since 9-11, you know that security is much tighter, so I won't go into the details of our getting through the St. Louis, Boston, and Shannon airports. We arrived in Shannon early on a gray morning. The kids didn't feel the "jet-lag" effect yet, so we went on a "look-see" drive through the countryside. We made quick stops at Dromoland Castle (Dru MO lund) and a hilltop church ruin/cemetery in Ennistymon (En is TIE mun), where each grave had to be walled in to keep the coffin from washing down the sheer ascent. Finally, we reached the splendid Cliffs of Moher. By the time we got to the Cliffs, a steady rain was falling and near gale-force winds were blowing. The winds were actually blowing water up and over the top of those 700-foot tall cliffs!

By mid-afternoon, jet-lag finally set in, so we went to our hotel and took naps. Consequently, several of us ended up wide awake at 1 or 2 in the morning, drinking Bailey's in the hotel pub and watching British TV.

We started the next morning with "St. Patrick's Breastplate," a wonderful



prayer attributed to Ireland's patron saint. The speaker petitions God's protection "above, beneath, before, behind, to the left, to the right, without and within." Surrounded by that protection, we headed off down the road. I had driven in Ireland three times before, but the big van made the roads seem even narrower. We held our breath every time we met an approaching truck or bus. We stopped first at the ruins of Quin Abbey, a 15<sup>th</sup> century Franciscan complex, then made a quick stop just to look around at Knappogue Castle, also 15<sup>th</sup> century. There we met a young Welsh woman and young black man who were tending the Knappogue gardens. The man was an American air force "brat" who had returned to the U.S. after he came of age, only to find out that he really didn't "fit" there. He said that his mother was Irish and that he preferred the slower-paced Irish lifestyle. I wondered privately if, in reality, he preferred not to have to deal with American racism. At any rate, the castle gardens were done in medieval style, with separate geometric sections and raised edges, and different varieties of plants in each box. Fruit and ornamental trees, benches, and small statuary completed the pleasant formal layout.

Our main goal for the day was Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. On the way, however, I took the kids by the Craggaunowen Project to get a good look at the 16<sup>th</sup> century castle, a 3 or 4-story square tower. We were pleased to have also been able to see a crannog (a replica of a pre-5<sup>th</sup> century island family refuge with its daub-and-wattle huts), a ring fort, an ancient defended homestead, and a replica of St. Brendan's curragh in which he is said to have made the first trip from Europe to America in the 6<sup>th</sup> century.

(See our next newsletter for the conclusion of the *Adventures in Ireland – January, 2003*)

Have you seen the Clan merchandise which is now available for purchase? Check it out on our website:  
[www.odochartaighforever.com](http://www.odochartaighforever.com)

## Musings by Denis Matthews

### “Living Down Under”

Have you ever considered what it is like living "Down Under?" *Don't honestly think about it a whole lot myself.* I've lived my whole life in the southern hemisphere and somehow got used to the idea. I often use the term "Down Under" with tongue in cheek. I first heard the expression as a 9-year-old, during the US Army occupation of Brisbane, my hometown. I thought it was a fair enough description *back then*. After all, any globe of the world I had seen in 1942 (and for years afterwards) had an axis inclined at 23.5° to the vertical, and there was our island continent located "down under." But this arrangement of the globe is quite inappropriate. Wherever you are, you feel as though you are on "top of the world". Look up and on a clear night you can see the stars circling slowly above you. Of course, it is their path across the night sky that gives a clue as to the latitude of your location.

The theory only became real to me when I had an opportunity to play with a star globe. The globe of the earth was quite a small sphere within a larger transparent globe studded with the constellations...*and* the sun and moon as well. It was a beautiful model and well engineered so that all necessary adjustments could be made very easily. To set up the model meaningfully, I had to begin by aligning the axis of the earth (and of the star globe) in a north/south plane. Then I had to rotate the earth sphere till my particular location was uppermost on it. This aligned the axis of the model with the real axis of the Earth's rotation. I could then roll the "sky" while the earth appeared to remain stationary. This was a moment of truth for me. I suddenly realized that wherever I was, even at home in the land "Down Under", I was always on top of the world.

I was pushing sixty before I ever crossed the equator. I was flying via Honolulu to LA where my sister-in-law and her husband Bill were going to meet me at the airport. They had arrived the day before and already had hired a car and checked into our hotel. The very next day we were going to visit Disneyland – *of which I have strange memories, such as* dozing off during a fabulous holographic presentation. The jet lag had caught up with me. But towards the end of an endless day, we found ourselves in a shop selling memorabilia. There I spotted a wonderful globe of the earth that was not pierced by the usual inclined axle. The globe rested freely on an elegant tripod. I was excited! I picked up the globe eagerly, but I realized, sadly, that it would not fit in my suitcase. I wanted to put it back on its tripod with LA on top and properly orientated in the north south direction, but I had momentarily lost my bearings, so I settled for putting the sphere back on its support with my part of the world uppermost, orientation notwithstanding.

Can you imagine my amazement when a passer-by almost instantly picked up that sphere and replaced it so that North America was uppermost? Not that LA was at the top of the sphere, but some part of the Arctic Circle. Suddenly my jet lag was forgotten. I sauntered back and "examined" that globe again, replacing it as I had done moments earlier. It was barely out of my hands when another passer-by repositioned it "correctly". Before repeating the experiment, I quietly drew Bill's attention to what I was doing. Again, the globe was immediately repositioned by another passerby. Bill then sidled up to run the test for a fourth time - with the same result!

All four people had immediately seen that there was something different about the position of that globe, but not one of them placed LA uppermost. As for the North-South orientation, I did not know where North was, but it was obviously not a consideration to any of our "subjects". *And* so, my abiding memory of my first full day in the Northern Hemisphere was the fact that Terra Australis, The Great South Land, is without a doubt "down under."

Instead of a globe, I settled that evening for purchasing a star chart because I was really anxious to see the northern constellations properly. In particular I am familiar with the huntsman Orion striding across the night sky upside down, with the dog star, Sirius at his heel. I wanted to see this constellation up the right way. But the only time I saw a clear night sky on that trip, I was in Vancouver and it was far too cold in March for me to stay outside stargazing. It was only on a subsequent trip across the equator that I realized I should remember that in the northern hemisphere the sun follows a clockwise path during the day through the southern sky. If I happened to know where the sun was at any time, I could then get my bearings. I have grown used to the idea that during the day the sun sweeps to the north of me from right to left in an anticlockwise manner. I am familiar with the Southern Cross rotating clockwise through our night sky about the South Celestial Pole. I had to think of the sun behaving something like this. To get my bearings in the Northern Hemisphere I had to change the habits of a lifetime.

As for the seasons, I have been known to play Santa occasionally. "Down" here this happens as our pre-schools and kindergartens (like all our academic institutions) are finishing the school year just before Christmas. This can be the hottest time of our year, so I had my red suit specially made of lightweight, drip-dry material. I could give it a quick rinse when I got home from a gig, soaked in sweat. "Down" here I think the days have gone when we would sit down to a traditional baked dinner on Christmas Day. Unlike our parents, we normally opt for a cold repast on this special day. Some people still hanker for the traditions imported from the Northern Hemisphere. We hear of these people sitting down to Christmas Dinner, not in December, but in July.

#### Top 10 Ways to Tell if you are Addicted to Genealogy

- 10. When you are in a different city do you look through the phone book to find people that have the same surnames as your ancestors?**
- 9. Do you get excited when you drive by a cemetery?**
- 8. Do you talk about your deceased ancestors as though they were still alive?**
- 7. Does your librarian know your whole life story?**
- 6. Do you check the obituaries everyday?**
- 5. Does your spouse call the library to see when you are coming home?**
- 4. Do you spend your vacation tracking down ancestors in county courthouses?**
- 3. Can you remember the date an ancestor died but not to feed the pets?**
- 2. Instead of an emergency kit in your car, do you have a research kit?**
- 1. Does your boss call the library to see when you will be coming back from your lunch break?**

# TREASURES FROM THE INTERNET

From: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~irlikik/ihm/baronies.htm>

- **County Donegal [8 baronies]** □ **All** - Inhabited anciently by the Vennicnii and the Rhobogdii according to Ptolemy, and later formed the northern part of Eircael (or Eargal) which extended into Co. Fermanagh. O'Cannon (O'Canannain) were kings of Cinel Conaill here until the O'Donnells broke their power in the 13th century. The O'Donnells were descended from Conall Golban, and hence the territory attained the name Tyr Connell. The name of the county is derived from 'Dun na nGall' meaning fort of the foreigner because Donegal town was a Viking stronghold in the 9th century.
- **Banagh** - The O'Gallaghers, of Cinel Boghaine, a senior branch of the Cineal Conaill, were noted here at an early time, with their original territory extending well into Raphoe and Tirhugh. The MacNelis (Mac Niallghuis), McGillespie (Mac Giolla Easpuig, erenaghs of Killybegs) and McRoarty (Mac Robhartaigh) septs are noted here. A branch of the Mac Sweeney galloglass were chiefs of Tir Beghani (or Tir Boghainne, a former name of this barony) following the Norman invasion.
- **Boylagh** - The O'Boyles were early chiefs here. O'Mulligan is cited as chief of Tir Mac Caerthain which also included Raphoe barony. O'Duffy and O'Farren septs are also noted here. The McFaddens, McGonigles and McWards were located in east Boylagh. Tir Ainmirech is an early name for the barony.
- **Inishowen (East)** - The most ancient name of the district in which this barony was situated was Moy Ith (Magh Ithe), the Plain of Ith, a district which comprehended the tract between Loughs Foyle and Swilly and extended as far south as the river Finn. Moy Ith was once divided into Inis-Owen and Tir Enda, named after two sons of Niall of the Nine Hostages. Previous to the 12th century Moy Ith was occupied by a branch of the Cenél Éoghain, called ClanConor, of which the most distinguished families were those of O'Cathan, O'Cairellan, O'Murry, O'Kennedy, O'Corran, O'Quin, and O'Dugan. ClanConor was driven across the river Foyle into Derry, their place taken by the Cenél Moen, another branch of the Cenél Éoghain, of whom the O'Gormleys and O'Loonys were chiefs. Cenél Moen was in turn driven across the Foyle by the Cenél Conaill in the 15th century, of which the O'Donnells and O'Dohertys were a part. Extending from Raphoe, the O'Dohertys were lords of Inishowen peninsula. The McDevitts are offshoots of this family. Mac Duvaney were cited as chiefs of Cinel Enda (Nenna) within Inishowen. O'Harkans were cited as erenaghs of Clonca (Clonska). The O'Duibhdiorma (Dermond, Dermott,...) sept were chiefs of Breadach in Inishowen cited between the 11th and 15th centuries.
- **Inishowen (West)** - Between the 9th and the 13th century the whole of Inishowen was divided into three sectors, Aileach, Bredach and Carraic Brachaidhe (Carraickabraghy) which is situated in the west of Inishowen. Extending from Raphoe, the O'Dohertys were lords of Inishowen peninsula. O'Dooyiorma (O'Dermond) is cited as a chief of Brenach in the parish of Moville. O'Donnely is cited anciently as a chief in Inishowen. O'Mulhall (Mulfaal) and O'Hogain are cited as chiefs of Carrichbrack (Carrickbraghy) in this barony, in the territory of Tir Eogain. O'Shiel and McDever septs are noted here.
- **Kilmacrenan** - The inauguration site of the O'Donnell kings of Tyrconnell was at Carriag Dun. O'Breislein (O'Breslin) were chiefs of Fanad on the banks of Lough Swilly up to the 14th century before being diminished by the Mac Sweeneys (of Fanaid). The O'Begley family was in the parish of Tulloghbegley, as was MacSweeney of Na d-Tuath. The O'Friel family were hereditary co-arbs of Kilmacrenan and inaugurated 'The O'Donnell' as the Lord of Tyrconnell. Other medieval septs include O'Kernaghan of Clondavaddog, McCoyle of Mevagh, O'Toner of Tullyfern, and O'Lahtery (Laverty) who were lords of Aileach (Elagh). Clann Chinnfhaelaidh is noted in the far eastern portion of this barony.
- **Raphoe (North)** - The MacLochlainns (MacLoughlin), a senior branch of the northern Ui Neill, are noted here with much influence up to the 13th century. The O'Gormleys were chiefs of Cinel Moen (Raphoe barony) and were driven out by the O'Donnells in the 14th century. O'Cannon, ancient kings of Tir Connail, are noted near here in medieval times. O'Quinn along with O'Kenny (and others) are listed as chiefs of Moy Ith which comprised parts of Raphoe and Tirkeeran (see Derry). Septs of O'Brollaghan, O'Deeney, O'Toner O'Gallagher and O'Derry are mentioned in this area. The territory of Tir Enda (named for the Cinel Enna) is noted in this barony.
- **Raphoe (South)** - The O'Gormleys were chiefs of Cinel Moen driven out by the O'Donnells in the 14th century. O'Mulligan is cited as lords of Tir MacCarthain which also included Boylagh barony. O'Pattan, McGlinchy and Mc Crossan septs are noted here by MacLysaght.
- **Tirhugh** - The territory of O'Gallchobair (O'Gallagher) was centered here and in the barony of Raphoe. The family Mac Raith (MacGrath) were found here at Termon Magrath in the 12th century. O'Haedha (O'Hugh or Hayes) is given as chief of Esruadh (Ballyshannon). Other septs included MacDonlevy, MacNulty, O'Clery, MacWard, O'Lynch, and O'Mullhollan.
- **Misc** - The Siol na Dallagh (O'Daly) were a branch of the O'Donnells who moved early to Connaught. MacLoingseachain (MacLynchy) is given as a chief of Gleann Binne, a clan of Tir Conaill in the 12th century. The DeLapp family were styled Lord of Cinel Enda prior to the 12th century. The O'Dullaghan served as chiefs of the Tuath Bladhadh. O'Maolgaothe (MacGhee) is cited in the 12th century as chief of Muintir Maoilgaoithe. MacTighernain or MacTernon is given as a chief of Clan Fearghiole in Co. Donegal.



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## From the Pen of a Talented New Member: Nancy Monaghan

"What a thrill to be featured in Ar nDutchas! I'm proud to say that I have a blood connection to the McDevitts and Ó'Dochartaighs ~ Bridget McDevitt was my 5th great-grandmother and I created a webpage to honor the McDevitt (Ó Dochartaigh) clan. I also created and administer The Monaghan Clan online. This is a labor of love as are all my endeavors to promote the Irish and Celtic cultures. I've spent more than 20 years researching my own ancestry and I wanted to provide a place where all Monaghans could contribute to and access an online ancestral database. As an Irish-American educator, presenting information about my Celtic heritage is very important to me. My mom's family arrived in this country in 1849 when my g-g-grandpa, Hugh Monaghan, emigrated with his sister, Jane, and brother Patrick to this country (United States).

On my dad's side, my grandparents both came from Galway: Martin Joyce and Delia Bridget Connolly. I have a great pride in my Irish heritage. I also believe that I owe a great debt to my emigrant Irish ancestors who endured incredible hardships to create a better life for their descendants. My g-g-grandpa, Hugh Monaghan, was forced to leave his beloved Donegal during An Gorta Mór (the Great Starvation in Ireland). Until his dying day, he yearned for the emerald green fields of home. In my own way, I have tried to honor the memory of Hugh and all the other courageous emigrants who sacrificed to

provide us with a better life than they had.

My interest in Celtic mythology, folklore, legend and history also goes back to my early years. I was always spellbound listening to the old legends and wanted to attempt to create that same fascination in the young adults of today with my own books. Many visits to Ireland sparked my imagination and inspired me to write a series of Celtic fiction for young adults: The Druid Stone is available at Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble online and Borders online. Every book I write contains historically and geographically accurate information woven within a suspenseful storyline that reflects the individual cultures of the Celtic nations. I have traveled extensively in Western Europe and drew from my experiences there for the settings of my books.

My other passion is my Irish Country Graphics site where I offer websets and graphics that reflect the rich legends, mythology and history of Ireland. Websets and graphics are available in many different categories including An Gaelige, websets in the Irish language. I wanted to create a site that offered beautiful Irish graphics that went beyond the green beer, leprechauns and other stereotypical graphics so prevalent on the web. I am also available for customized graphics such as personalized Clan websets (you can see a sample of this on my McDevitt site). I also offer personalized awards, banners and logos for members of Irish Country Graphics. Membership is very inexpensive and I hope that many of you will join and use the graphics and websets.

I live in Florida with my husband, Bruce, and our youngest son, Sean. The rest of my family lives in Maine including my older son, Michael, my two sisters, Mau-

reen and Kathleen and my brother, John. Maine is also where my father resides. My family has always been very supportive of my endeavors. I teach elementary school in St. Petersburg and love it ~ what other job provides those kinds of emotional rewards? Nothing can compare with the elation you feel when you've enabled a student to grow intellectually ~ you know that you've opened up new worlds for that student. As teachers, we strive to instill a life-long love of reading and a social conscience that appreciates and respects all cultures and people.

I hope you'll have a chance to visit my sites ~ I'm always interested in feedback so please do feel free to contact me.

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Nancy Monaghan  
Neansaí Gráinne Ní Mhanacháin



One of Nancy's Artistic Works. Others are contained in this newsletter, too.

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## Putting the 'Gene' in Genealogy

**Discovering roots through DNA:** The study of Genetics has become a mainstay of modern science. New revelations are made frequently. While some discoveries are greeted with open arms, others cause concern. In Oxford, England, Professor Bryan Sykes, Professor of Human Genetics at the University of Oxford, and his team at the world-renowned Institute of Molecular Medicine in Oxford, England, started a new company that offers exciting new ways to trace our genetic roots. One such discovery is that everyone's mitochondrial DNA (the mitochondria is the 'power house' in a cell) is inherited entirely through our maternal line. The research on the female line goes back 150,000 years and shows that almost

every person in Europe, and those that can trace their maternal line back to Europe, is descended from one of only seven women. These seven, christened "The Seven Daughters of Eve", have been named Ursula, Xenia, Tara, Helena, Katrine, Velda and Jasmine. They lived between 10,000 and 45,000 years ago in lands bordering the Mediterranean and Black Sea, from Syria to Spain. Some of their descendents endured much hardship during the last Ice Age, but pulled through to populate the whole continent.

Of special interest to those of Irish descent is Tara, who is the female progenitor of the Irish, and many others. Tara did not live in Ireland; she lived in Tuscany, Italy, about 17,000 years ago. Europe was still in the grip of the Ice Age, and Northern Italy was

covered in huge forests of pitch and pine. Towards the end of the Ice Age, Tara's descendants moved into France and followed the animal herds across the tundra of Northern Europe. In due course, they made their way across the land bridge that was to become the English Channel, before making their way to Ireland.

Another exciting discovery is the way that the male 'Y-chromosome' is passed from father to son, meaning that male relatives who have an uninterrupted male-male link between them will share the same or very similar 'Y-chromosome'. This can be used to prove that there is a connection between branches of a family when written records are unavailable.

More information is available on the Oxford Ancestors Site at [www.oxfordancestors.com](http://www.oxfordancestors.com).

## Jim Dougherty's Trip to Ireland

Setting out from Dublin in the early hours, I planned for plenty of time to explore the area around Moville, Inishowen, Co. Donegal before we had to be in Letterkenny that night. Little did I realize that we were heading straight into a political lesson.

I had researched my family history for about fifteen years and knew that my great-great-grandfather, Felix O. Dougherty had come to New York from Ireland in 1851. What had stumped me for years was a notation in Felix's family Bible that said he was from Mount Ely. Family hearsay was that Felix had come from Inishowen. I had asked Irish people young and old if they had ever heard of a Mount Ely. None had. I scoured old maps looking for Mount Ely without success. I almost had given up hope and was wondering if Mount Ely ever existed when in June of 2001 I got the breakthrough I had longed for. I saw an ad for Eneclann, a genealogical research company headquartered in Dublin. I sent them the information I had and waited, not expecting much as I was

sure I was up against a brick wall. Eneclann searched all of its records and maps and found nothing of Mount Ely. They then did an Internet search and stumbled on a bulletin board message I had left in the 1990's asking for help in locating Mount Ely. After a year or more, I had given up on the bulletin board and stopped checking. However, a Michael O'Nuadhain (of the O'Dochartaigh Clann Genealogy Center) had left a message saying that Mount Ely was between Moville and Greencastle in Inishowen. After much looking, Eneclann finally was able to find Mount Ely on a 1901 map; and from that located it on the mid-1800's Ordnance survey. We finally had a Mount Ely shown as existing in the right time period! From the survey it appeared that Mount Ely was little more than a few buildings on a farm on a hill overlooking Lough Foyle. Now that I knew where Felix came from, I eagerly awaited my next trip to Ireland, which came in August of 2002.

It was a beautiful day and the trip from Dublin was going smoothly. Due to other commitments we only had part of a day to spend in Inishowen. Believing that things were relatively calm in Northern Ireland, or "occupied Ireland" as I prefer to call it, I decided to take the most direct route, cutting through the North straight to Derry. We almost made it without incident when upon entering Strabane I saw soldiers in camouflage and couldn't help but notice that they were heavily armed. I saw armored vehicles and more soldiers on the street ahead and on the roofs of buildings. They had their rifles at the ready and were sweeping the streets with them. Having a high power rifle pointed at you and your family by a trigger-happy teenager is not a comfortable feeling!! I told my children to be quiet and sit still, and drove on as carefully as possible. The most striking thing to me was seeing mothers pushing strollers and baby carriages down the streets past the heavily armed soldiers as if nothing was happening. I then realized that this must be an everyday event for them and thought how sad that the children of the North had to grow up this way.

Clearing Strabane we thought we would soon be back in good old free Ireland. Little did we know that the North had one more treat in store for us. Coming into Derry, we were diverted off the main road by a local police officer. I thought it was a detour for roadwork or an accident. We were still heading in the right direction as I could see the River Foyle off to my left. Finally, I saw a bridge over the Foyle and determined to use it to get out of the North as quickly as possible. As I turned down the hill toward the bridge I was stopped by a very nice local police officer which informed me that we had entered the route of a local Orangemen's parade. He directed me up to a point where he said we should wait until there was a break. There we sat in our car with the parade literally passing around us. I explained the parade to my children who could not understand the need to celebrate military victories of hundreds of years in the past by marching through the very neighborhoods of those they had defeated. Seeing a break in the parade we headed North toward the next bridge over

the Foyle as quickly as we could. I felt uneasy about having put my wife and children at risk, but in a way it provided us all a taste of life in Northern Ireland. Until you experience direct contact with an armed enemy, or until you experience the helplessness of having your religion and nationality taunted by a bunch of aged men in bowler hats, you can not really understand what the problems in the North are all about and what it is like to live under such circumstances.

Finally, we were free again to pursue Mount Ely. Prior to our trip, I had purchased a current Ordnance survey for Inishowen. By enlarging the appropriate portion, I could overlay the 1800's Ordnance survey with a current map to establish the exact location of Mount Ely. With this I drove right to the present day location of Mount Ely. It appeared that luck was now on our side. As we pulled into the farm where the map showed Mount Ely to have been, we met a man who now lives on the farm. His family has owned the farm since the late 1800's. He confirmed that his father or grandfather had once told him that the place was once called Mount Ely. The emotions I felt cannot be described. After so much frustration, I was finally standing on the same ground where my great-great-grandfather had stood over 150 years ago. Many thoughts raced through my head. Looking out over the fields and across Lough Foyle, I tried to imagine how bad conditions must have been for Felix to leave the peace and beauty of this land. I truly felt like I had come home.

The man who owned the farm directed us to what would have been the local Catholic Church in Felix's day. A more modern church was built in the later 1800s, but out in the graveyard they had preserved one wall of the old church. Everywhere I turned in the graveyard, I saw stones with the name "Dougherty" or, on the newer ones, "Doherty". Surely, under my feet were the remains of many of my ancestors. I wished I could talk to them for even an hour and find out how they lived and retrieved the family history that went to the grave with them.

As the sun was getting lower, I knew I must soon leave this place that I now thought of as home, but I knew now that I always could return. This trip back to the "home" of my ancestors had given me a feeling for where they lived, what they saw in their daily lives and what they had to give up to try to find a better life in America. It also gave me a strong feeling for, and understanding of, what our fellow Irishmen in the North experience on a daily basis. Has nothing changed in over 150 years? Felix was starved out of his beloved homeland by a foreign oppressor. That same oppressor affects the daily lives of those living in the land I could see across Lough Foyle.

*Jim and Susan Dougherty are the proud parents of Jimmy (16) and Caileigh (13). Jim is an attorney and part of our Legal Committee engaged in forming our association into a Non-profit Corporation.*

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**WARNING!! YOU ARE ABOUT TO ENTER THE HISTORICAL SECTION****HIGH KINGS OF IRELAND**

(This is a compiling of email correspondences I had with one of our clan's historians, John McLaughlin.)

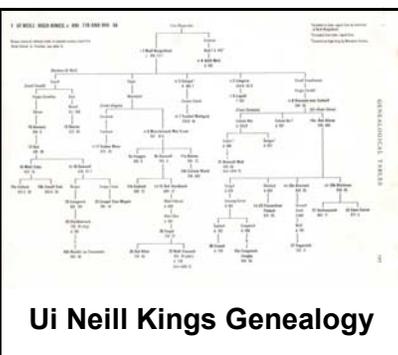
Hi Cameron - it is great fun, isn't it? I derive a tremendous amount of pure pleasure from doing this kind of research.

Here's a list of High Kings (Ard Righ) of Ireland taken from Byrnes (Irish Kings and High Kings). In general there was only one Ard Righ over Ireland at one time - although there were Ard Righs "with opposition" and occasionally even dual Ard Righs. From the stock of Conal gulban, there were a lot of High Kings in the line of the O'Canannains and the O'Muldoraidhs - but the only one in the line of the O'Donnells was Nial noigiallaigh ('of the Nine Hostages').

The High Kings bounced around between the various tribes in descent from Nial. The first one I see in the list for the line of Conal gulban is Ainmire mc Setna (d. 569).

Under the Ard Righs were the provincial Kings - the Kings of Connacht, Munster, Leinster and Ulster. Beneath them were the more regional kings.

The MacLochlainns and Ua Neills were kings of Ulster, which included Donegal. Beneath them were quite a few regional Kings. Beneath these were a lot of smaller kingdoms.

**The High Kings of Ireland 405-1198 A.D.:**

1. Niall Naigiollach mac Echach Mugme-doin (meaning "of the Nine Hostages") (+405)
2. Nath I mac Fiachrach
3. Loeguire mac Neill (+463)
4. Ailill Molt mac Nath I (+482)
5. Lugaid mac Loeguir (+507)
6. Muirchertach MacErcae mac Eogain (+ c. 536)
7. Tuathal Maelgarb mac Cormaic Caich maic Coirpri (+ c. 544)
8. Diarmait mac Cerbaill (+ c. 565)
- 9a. Forgus mac Muirchertaig (+ c. 566)
- 9b. Domnall mac Muirchertaig (+ c. 566)
10. Ainmuire mac Setnai (+ c. 569)
- 11a. Baetan mac Muirchertaig (+c. 572)
- 11b. Eochaid mac Domnaill (+ c. 572)
12. Baetan mac Ninnedo (+ c. 586)
13. Aed mac Ainmuirech (+ c. 598)
- 14a. Aed Slaine mac Diarmato (+604)
- 14b. Colman Rimid mac Baetain (+604)
15. Aed Allan (Aedh Uairdnach mac Domnaill) (+612)
16. Mael Cobo mac Aedo (+ 614)
17. Suibne Menn mac Fiachnai (+628)
18. Domnall mac Aedo (+642)
- 19a. Cellach mac Mael Cobo (+658)
- 19b. Conall Cael mac Maele Cobo (+654)
- 20a. Diarmait mac Aedo Slaine (+665)
- 20b. Blathmac mac Aedo Slaine (+665)
21. Sechnussach mac Blathmaic (+671)
22. Cenn Faelad mac Blathmaic (+674)
23. Finsnechta Fledach mac Dunchado (+695)
24. Loingsech mac Oengusso (+704)
25. Congal Cennmagair (+710)
26. Fergal mac Maele Duin (+772)
27. Fogartach mac Neill (+724)
28. Cinaed mac Irgalaig (+728)
29. Flaithbertach mac Loingsig (+734)
30. Aed Allan mac Fergaile (+743)
31. Domnall Midi mac Murchado (+763)
32. Niall Frossach mac Fertaile (+770)
33. Donnchad Midi mac Domnaill (\_797)
34. Aed Oirdnide mac Neill (+819)
35. Conchobar mac Donnchada (+833)
36. Niall Caille mac Aeda (+846)
37. Maelsechnaill mac Maele Ruanaid (+862)
38. Aed Findliath mac Neill (+879)
39. Flann Sinna mac Maelsechnaill (+916)
40. Niall Glundubh mac Aeda (+919)
41. Donnchad Donn mac Flainn (+944)
42. Congalach Cnogba mac Maelmithig (+956)
43. Domnall Ua Neill (+980)
44. Maelsechnaill mac Domnaill (+1022)
45. Brian Boruma mac Cennetig (+1014)
46. Tairrdelbach Ua Briain (+1086)
- 47a. Muirchertach Ua Briain (+1119)
- 47b. Domnall Ua Lochlainn (+1121)
48. Tairrdelbach Ua Conchobair (+1156)
49. Muirchertach MacLochlainn (+1166)
50. Ruaidri Ua Conchobair (+1198)

(Note: "mac" originally meant "son of" and later became "Mc". The "Ua" originally meant "grandson or descendent of" and later was changed to "O".)

Here's a scan (*not shown here, but it can be downloaded from our website [www.odochartaighforever.com](http://www.odochartaighforever.com)*) of a genealogical chart showing all the High Kings in the line of the Ui Neill. It came from a book called "A New History of Ireland," which you can find in a lot of libraries.

There was a High King from the Kings of Connacht in the line of Nathi (or Dathi) Niall's nephew, but at some point, the High kingship was thereafter confined to the line of the Ui Neill, northern and southern, until Brian Boru became High King. Byrnes' "Irish Kings and High Kings" is a great source for this topic.

The kingship of Cenel (*Race of*) Conaill was held in an almost unbroken string for centuries by the O'Canannains and the O'Muldoraidhs, with only an occasional O'Donnell becoming Lord of Tir Connell until the time of Eichneacan O'Donnell (1201-1207) when the O'Donnells finally wrested the kingship from the O'Canannains and O'Muldoraidhs.

It's also interesting that an O'Dochartaigh, Eachmarcaigh sronmhail 'the noseless', was for a time named King of Tirconnell.

**Annals of the Four Masters: 1197**  
*"Eachmarcach O'Doherty (i.e. Gilla Sron-mael) immediately after assumed the chieftainship of Kinel-Connell...."*

Hereafter though the O'Dochartaighs appear only as Kings of Ard Miodhar or Lords of Innishowan, so this ascension to the height of power in the Cenel Conaill was fairly short lived. He may have been a compromise candidate to calm the feuds of the O'Donnells and the O'Canannains and O'Maildoraidhs.

***No man has the right to set a boundary to the onward march of a nation. No man has the right to say: 'Thus far shalt thou go, and no further!'***  
 - Charles Stewart Parnell, 1885

## The Septs of Inishowen

### Pre-1200 A.D.

The Inishowen Peninsula of Co. Donegal was originally part of the Kingdom of Tirowen (Tyrone) and ruled by Cinel Eoghain septs (descendants of Eoghain, or Owen, a son of Nial 'of the Nine Hostages'). It was divided into three smaller kingdoms, **Aileach**, **Carraig Brachaidhe** and **An Bhreadach**. The O'Duibhiorma sept, whose name was commonly misanglicised to "MacDermott," were Kings of An Bhreadach. The O'Maolfabhails (MacFall) were Kings of Carraig Brachaidhe (related septs were the O'Bruadairs, the O'Coinnes and the O'Hogains of Telach oge). Towering in importance over these two smaller kingdoms was the Kingdom of Aileach, held by the descendants of Nial Glundubh, the MacLochlainns and the Ua Neills, who ruled the North of Ireland. To the South of the Inishowen Peninsula lay the Kingdoms of Tir Eanna and Magh Ith, also held by septs of the Cinel Eoghain. The rest of present-day Donegal was held by various septs of the Cineal Chonaill, including the O'Donnells, Lords of Tirconnell, the O'Boyles, O'Gallaghers, O'Doughertys and the branches of the MacSweeneys.

### Kings of Carraig Brachaidhe

O'Maolfabhail (O'Mullfall, MacFall)  
Clann Fhearghusa (& Cenel Coelbad)  
Seated at Carrickabraghey (on the Isle of Doagh,

parish of Clonmany)

### Kings of An Breadhach

O'Duibhiorma (O'Dwyorma, MacDermott)

### Kings of Aileach

MacLochlainn (McLaughlin)

Ua Neill (O'Neill)

Clann Neill (descendants of Neill Glundubh, s. of Aedh Finnlaith), Clann Domnall (descendants of Domnall, s. of Aedh Finnlaith)

### Post-1200 A.D.

By 1241 A.D., the O'Neills had achieved the leadership of the Cinel Eoghain, having defeated the MacLochlainns in the Battle of Caim Eirge of that year. In the late 13th century, the Normans occupied the Inishowen Peninsula and had completed their fortress at Greencastle by 1305. In 1333, they suddenly withdrew from Inishowen, leaving a political vacuum in the area, which was soon filled by the O'Dochartaighs (formerly Lords of Ard Miodhair) as sublords to the O'Donnell kings of Tirconnell, who are first named "Lords of Inishowen" in the Annals of Ulster in 1342. The Peninsula was thereafter divided into two regions, Sliocht Brian and Sliocht Donnell, named after different branches of the O'Dougherty sept.



### Lords of Inishowen

O'Dochartaigh (O'Dougherty)

After the O'Doughertys, four lesser septs are named in the State Papers as holding positions of importance in the peninsula. These septs are:

The Mac Daibheid and MacAilins (according to the O'Clery genealogies, both the MacDavids and the MacAilins were descendants of Eachmarcaigh oig son of Eacmharaigh sronmhaoil O'Dochartaigh; but their pedigrees are not traced in the manuscript.

Clan Laughlin (MacLochlainn)  
O'Brollaghan (O'Brillaghan - O'Brolchain)

## The Major Septs of Donegal

### From O'Hart's "Irish Pedigrees," quoting O'Dugan's Topographical Poems

1. O'Maoldoraigh or Muldory, O Canannain, and Clann Dalaigh (O'Donnell). The head chiefs of Cenel Conaill
2. O'Boyle, chiefs of Clan Chindfaoladh of Tir Ainmireach, and of Tir Boghaine - the presentday baronies of Boylagh and Banagh; Crioich Baoghilleach (the country of the Boyles) gave name to the barony of Boylagh; Tir Boghaine became Banagh.
3. O'Mulvany, chief of magh Siereadh or Massarey.
4. O'Hugh, chief of Easruadh (Esroe) or Ballyshannon, in the barony of Tirhugh.
5. O'Tairceirt or Tarkert, chief of Clan Neachtain and of Clan Snedgaile or Snell.
6. Mac Dubhaine or Mac Duane, chiefs of Cinel Enda, a district in Inishowen.
7. MacLoingseachain, (MacLynchy) chiefs of Glean Binne and O'Breslein, chief of Fanad on the western shores of Lough Swilly.
8. O'Dogherty, chief of Ard Miodhair. Later Lords of Inishowen
9. MacGilleseamhais (MacGilljames, James, Fitzjames,

- chief of Ros-Guill, in the barony of Kilmacrenan.
10. O'Kernaghan and O'Dallan, chiefs of the Tuath Bladhaidh.
11. O'Mulligan, chief of Tir Mac Caerthain.
12. O'Donegan, MacGaiblin or MacGiblin, chiefs of Tir Breasail; and O'Maolgaoithe, chief of Muintir Maolgaoithe (O'Mulgee, Magee).
13. MacTernan, chief of Clan Fearghoile or Fargal. Not mentioned by O'Dugan.
14. MacSweeney - Scottish gallowglasses - three branches in Donegal, MacSweeney of Fanad (castle at Rathmullan); MacSweeney Boghainach or of Tir Boghaine (Barony of Banagh - castle at Rathain; MacSweeney Na d-Tuath - standard bearers and marshalls to the O'Donnells.
15. O'Gallagher - the baronies of Raphoe and Tir Hugh; had a castle at Ballyshannon; also possessed the castle of Lifford; commanders of O'Donnell's cavalry.
16. O'Furanain (or Foran) chief of Fion Ruis, probably the Rosses, in Boylagh barony. Now Fury.
17. O'Donnelly, chief of Fear Droma, a district in Inishowen.
18. O'Laney or Lane, chief of Cinel Maoin, a district in the barony of Raphoe.
19. O'Clery, hereditary historians to the O'Donnells. They held large possessions in the barony of Tirhugh, and had a castle at Kilbarron.
20. MacWard, bards to the O'Donnells.

**THANKS FOR VISITING THE HISTORICAL SECTION**

**O'DOCHARTAIGH CLANN ENROLLMENT or RENEWAL FORM**

**Member Profile**

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Home Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**From the Membership Committee**

**Dues Payable To:**  
 O'Dochartaigh Clann Association

**Send To:**  
 Cathy Doherty  
 (Chairperson)  
 830 Leland St.  
 Flint, MI 48507 USA

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

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
_____	_____	___ / ___ / ___	<u>Yourself</u>
_____	_____	___ / ___ / ___	<u>Spouse</u>
_____	_____	___ / ___ / ___	_____
_____	_____	___ / ___ / ___	_____
_____	_____	___ / ___ / ___	_____

**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 one-time payment

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 2002**

We had a total of 47 paid members. We need many more. If you have not paid your dues recently, please contribute to your family clan association, and encourage your family members, too.  
 We had two Lifetime Memberships paid last year:  
*Steve Dougherty (El Paso, TX) & Cameron Dougherty (Grandville, MI)*

Membership is expected to rise to between 200-300 with your help and with our new membership drive underway. We are also now selling clan merchandise which will help us to be in much better financial shape at the end of 2003.

Our goal is to have over 1,000 annually paid memberships at the time of our next reunion. Please do everything you can to help.

*Thank You! From the Financial Committee of Cameron Dougherty & Cathy Doherty and the Executive Committee of Eva Gremmert, Steve Daugherty and Cameron Dougherty.*

**O'Dochartaigh Clann Association  
 Balance Sheet  
 As of December 31, 2002**

**ASSETS**

Cash \$ 4,129  
 Supplies 10  
 Total Assets \$ 4,259

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Current Liabilities \$ 0  
 Loan from Pat Dougherty 2,668  
 Retained Earnings 1,591  
 Total Liabilities & Equity \$ 4,259

**O'Dochartaigh Clann Association  
 Profit & Loss Statement  
 As of December 31, 2002**

**Revenues and Sales:**

Membership Dues- 18 Regulars \$ 607  
 Membership Dues- 27 Seniors 675  
 Membership Dues- 2 Lifetimes 700  
 Sales of Merchandise 0  
 Restricted Contributions 933  
 Unrestricted Contributions 150  
 Total Revenues \$ 3,065

**Operating Expenses:**

Newsletter Expenses:  
 Printing Supplies \$ 131  
 Paper 26  
 Equipment 370  
 Software 265  
 Postage 126  
 Other Supplies 15  
 Total \$ 933

New Membership Drive:  
 Postage \$ 0  
 Software 170  
 Total \$ 170

Administration Expenses:  
 Postage \$ 22  
 Office Supplies 135  
 Equipment 100  
 Software 115  
 Total \$ 372  
 Total Operating Expenses \$ 1,474  
 Net Income \$ 1,591

**The O'Dochartaigh Clann  
Association's Official Publication**



Membership Records Committee  
Cathy Doherty (Chairperson)  
830 Leland St.  
Flint, MI 48507 USA

**We're on the web:  
[www.odochartaighforever.com](http://www.odochartaighforever.com)**

**Clan Webmaster Brian tells us..**

It was because of my uncle and a cousin that I first became interested in the Dougherty line of my family. It started about 1994 when my cousin gave me the address to the Heritage Center on Inch Island.

Shortly afterward I wrote a letter to Patrick (founder of the modern day O'Dochartaigh Clan Association). He sent me a package of back issues of the Association newsletter, a screen-print of the clan crest and a photograph of Inch House, where the Heritage Center was housed at that time. I promptly paid my dues and became a full-fledged "O'Dochartaigh".

During the search for my ancestors, I procured some old photos. One was of my great-grandmothers standing at the headstone of my great-great grandfather, Thomas O. Dougherty. As it turns out, the photo was taken very near Harrisburg, Missouri, where I live now. Several from my Dougherty line are buried in the small churchyard of Mount Pleasant Christian

Church in Howard County, Missouri. (My Dougherty family settled in Howard County many generations ago.)

In December, 1996, two years after I started researching my genealogy, I started my "O'Dochartaigh website" ([www.dohertyclann.homestead.com](http://www.dohertyclann.homestead.com) (editor's update- Brian's new website address is [www.odochartaighforever.com](http://www.odochartaighforever.com)). It has been going strong ever since.

I later learned that Dan Doherty of B.C. Canada had created his O'Dochartaigh site ([www.odochartaigh.org](http://www.odochartaigh.org)), as well, two months earlier. At that time, being "on the web" was THE thing.

To update everyone, here are the current happenings on my site.

1. Using the Newsletter group as a general discussion group as well as a place to subscribe to the web version of the Clan Newsletter.
2. Addition of a page titled "Clan Links", where links to other Irish clans will be

listed.

3. A new "Web-Ring" which several other O'Dochartaigh sites have joined.
4. A union of several O'Dochartaigh Webmasters who will be working together to create a larger network of O'Dochartaigh websites. (There are four of us so far and it seems that new sites are being found almost daily.)
5. A new O'Dochartaigh classified advertising section will be added to my site, where we can all buy, sell or trade with each other.

6. The O'Dochartaigh "Ar nDutchas Wear Store" featuring personalized O'Dochartaigh clothing and merchandise - our first online store, is now officially open: ([www.odochartaighforever.com/webstore.html](http://www.odochartaighforever.com/webstore.html))

The website is updated at least twice a month, more often as news and happenings warrant. Also, I currently am working with the Executive Committee on procuring a proper "dot-com" address for the site. (**Update-** Brian has now completed this with his new address as [www.odochartaighforever.com](http://www.odochartaighforever.com)).



**From the scrapbook of Brian Baker**