



Ár Scéala

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FÁILTE! (FAWL-cha/WELCOME!)

By Sherida Dougherty

As will be our usual format, we begin the second edition of our *Ár Scéala* with some O'Dochartaigh Clann business. Please take a moment to read "A MESSAGE FROM CAMERON" and give thought to becoming involved, or more involved, as the Association reorganizes in an effort to better serve its members while continuing to grow. Remember - the more the merrier!

A few weeks ago, I had the privilege of reading an excellent book, *Daughtry and Some Connected Families of the South*, written by William E. Daughtrey, father of O'Dochartaigh Clann member, Bill Daughtrey. As I looked at the photos and read the tales, I was reminded of the fact that we are all connected by our shared life experiences, compounded through the years. The faces in the photos were comfortable and familiar because they reminded me of photos of my own ancestors. Change the names in some of the stories, and they could have been the stories of my own family.

With Bill's permission and input, three of our favorite stories have been selected for sharing with you. (Unless otherwise noted, direct quotes come from Mr. Daughtrey's book and the page numbers are reflected.) We hope you will enjoy them as much as we did. [If you are interested in purchasing a copy of Mr. Daughtrey's book, contact Bill

Daughtery at wdaugh2@msn.com or 214 Ponderosa Lane, Unit 2049, Waleska, GA 30183-4324 for ordering information.]

One of Mr. Daughtrey's tales concerns the "Lazy Benches" of Adel, Georgia. As he wrote, "There were regulars who were on the 'Benches' a great deal - mostly older men, retired, disabled, unemployed, and then there were 'drop-ins', farmers, merchants, or workmen killing a few minutes or an hour. There were checker games continuously; arguments, fights, drunks, political speeches, medicine shows, salesmen of everything, cigar smokers, pipe smokers, whittlers; what have you. But the most impressive part of it to me - the part that seems to stick with me now in my older years - was the common sense, down to earth, discussions of the facts of life (economic and others): how to treat your fellowman, how to treat your wife, etc. which I heard from the wise men on the 'Lazy Benches.'" [page 5] "It was said that you could stand on the corner at the lazy benches for a week, and see everybody --- and never move." [page 130]

Bill and I now invite you to join us on the Clann's Lazy Bench. Won't you sit a spell and listen to our tales? You can always get up and stretch your legs, return at your convenience; we'll be here. It's also a wonderful spot to contemplate the talents and time you'd be willing to share with the Association and your fellow members.

A MESSAGE FROM CAMERON - LET'S GET ORGANIZED

By Cameron Dougherty

As our method of communicating with our members continues to evolve, our commitment to produce quality publications, which will inspire you to research your own ancestry, remains our primary goal. Although these technologies may be new to some of you, we are confident you will find them wonderfully interactive as you find yourself better informed, your ideas and questions better heard, and all of us having much more fun working together. We hope to continue to be a valued resource in your journey to discover your family history.

In this e-newsletter, I'd like to talk directly about volunteering and collaborating. These have been our strengths as an association; ones that have set us above all other family organizations. I'm confident these will continue.

There are three essential steps in creating a better organized and more efficient Association: 1) the identification and development of necessary committees; 2) the submission of our new, proposed by-laws to the membership for discussion, modification, and adoption; and 3) the nomination and election of a Board of Directors. Step 1 is addressed in this message. The proposed by-laws will be published in the July issue of *Ár Scéala* and, following their adoption by the membership, we will proceed with the nominations and election of our Board of Directors.

Before any of these vital steps are completed, we need our members, who share common goals and interests, to join together into Teams, in order to provide a more

efficient sharing of work, ideas, and suggestions. In the past, you have asked, at one time or another, "Where can I fit in and best help the Association?" The answer lies within each of you. Since it is our goal to make your efforts rewarding, edifying, and fun, please be bold in letting us know your talents and interests. If I have previously answered your question with "wait until we get our organization built", now is the time to speak up again! If you have been helping with various temporary assignments, now is your time to speak up once more! If you have wanted to help, but didn't know who to contact for information, now is your time to speak up, too!

Below is a list of committees needed to fulfill our mission and aid in your individual work and research. Please look over the list and let me know which area-of-interest team you'd like to join or what talent you'd be willing to share with a particular team. You can do this by completing the questionnaire found on our new website at www.odochartaighclann.org. Please don't be concerned if you have a lack of understanding about the operation of the Association. We are all in the same boat! While training and guidelines will be offered, personal initiative and teamwork will rule the day!

Among the volunteers who come forward will be a host of leaders; all of whom will be in communication with each other, sharing ideas and talents to help each team take shape and be successful. You will be on the ground floor and have an opportunity to witness great improvements and growth, gain enormous personal satisfaction, and meet new friends.

Please don't hesitate to contact Sherida, Kathi, or myself. We will be happy to answer any questions and offer suggestions. Remember, our O'Dochartaigh Clann needs you!

O'DOCHARTAIGH CLANN COMMITTEE LIST

Board of Directors will form and oversee all committees and teams listed below. It may also need to form other teams (task forces) from time-to-time (temporary or permanent) for special projects as to carry on the administration and goals of the Association. The Board will be comprised of all committee directors and each will be voted into a three-year term by members. The following four Officers of the Corporation will be selected from the Board of Directors by the Board themselves: **Corporate Officers: President (Chairman of the Board), Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer (Finance Director).**

COMMITTEES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES

Public Relations Committee will organize, facilitate and oversee the Advertising Team and the Public Relations Team and work closely with other teams, such as the New Membership Drive Team, Website Team and Distribution Team. The committee is to develop various messages to be used by other committees for the purpose of attracting new members and informing others about the work of this Association. It will have the following positions: **Public Relations Director, Project/Campaign Coordinators, Writers, and Editor.**

Membership Committee will organize, facilitate and oversee the Membership Drive Team, Membership Services Team and the Member Relations Team for the purpose of growth and improving the quality and value of membership in our Association. The committee shall consist of: **Membership Director, Database Manager, Membership Services Manager, and Member Relations Manager & Coordinators.**

New Member Orientation Committee will welcome new members to the Association and help the members become acquainted with the goals, mission and legal documents of the Association, as well as helping the members become involved. The committee shall consist of the following: **Member Orientation Director, Caseworkers, Writers, and Editors.**

Finance Committee will organize, facilitate and oversee the Budget Team, Accounting Team and Fund Raising Team for the purpose of accounting for all financial transactions of the Association, budget for the efficient use of funds and raise funds for use by the Association. This committee shall consist of the following positions: **Finance Director (Treasurer,) Accounting Manager, Budget Coordinators, Fund Raising Team Manager & Member Accountants.**

Legal Committee will offer legal support, guidance and warning to committees within the Association. It will comprise of the following positions: **Legal Committee Director and Legal Counselors.**

Nominating Committee of the Board will prepare and present a list of qualified candidates for director and officers of the corporation. The members of this committee will be appointed by the board of directors from current or past directors.

Election Committee will search for, analyze and test various methods of carrying out the voting process of the Association and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on all matters with regards to elections. It shall be comprised of the following positions: **Election Committee Director and Election Technicians.**

COMMITTEES TO FULFILL THE GOALS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Reunion Committee will organize, facilitate and oversee the Local Reunion Support Team, Ireland Reunion Support Team and Irish Festival Team. The positions on this committee shall be: **Reunion Committee Director, Local Reunion Team Manager & Members, Writers, Editor, Irish Festival Team Manager & Members, and Ireland Reunion Team Manager & Members.**

Newsletter Committee will organize, facilitate and oversee the Newsletter Team E-newsletter Team and Distribution Team for the purpose of communicating activities, discoveries, histories and educational information of the Association and its members. The committee will be made up of the following positions: **Newsletter Director, Editors, Writers, Printing Manager, and Distribution Manager.**

Genealogy Committee will be comprised of Genealogy Research Teams, Genealogy Educational Team, Genealogy Collection Teams and Genealogy Storage Team for the purpose of discovering our Clan's complete genealogy, storing the genealogy and making it available to all members. This Committee will have the following positions: **Genealogy Director, Computer Technician, General Facilitator, Australian Facilitator, Canada Facilitator, Ireland Facilitator, USA Facilitator, Genealogy Educator, Website Technician, Genealogy Technician, Genealogy Database Manager, and DNA Project Coordinators.**

Website Committee will develop, maintain and monitor websites as needed by the Association and work closely with all other committees to further their agendas. It shall have the following positions: **Website Committee Director, Website Developers, Editors, and Monitors.**

Family History Committee will form a Family History Documentation Team, Relic & Archives Team, Family History Research Team and a History Education Team in order to discover and preserve our Clan's history and the histories of our various family branches. This Committee will have the following positions: **Family History Director, Educator, Writers, and Historical Researcher.**

Irish Culture & Relations Committee will form an Irish Fine Arts Team, Irish Literature Team and Irish Current Events Team for the purpose of making our members knowledgeable about the Irish people and culture. It will also form an Irish Relations Team with the purpose of improving relations between our Association and the people living in Inishowen. The committee will consist of the following positions: **Irish Culture Committee Director, Irish Current Events Team Manager, Irish Arts Team Manager, Irish Literature Team Manager, and Irish Relations Team Manager.**

Awards, Scholarships & Grants Committee will be formed at a later date.

TALES FROM THE LAZY BENCH

THE ULTIMATE SENIOR CITIZEN

"Michael Dougherty, from what we are able to learn about him, was a dynamic individual and evidently an unusually long lived one. He is believed to have been born in County Cork, Ireland, and emigrated [sic] to America, probably to South Carolina, before the Revolution. To whom and when he married is presently unknown and so is the year of his birth---" [p. 228] After settling first in South Carolina, Michael migrated into Georgia where his first child, Joseph, was born in 1762. While the name(s) of his wife, or wives, remain a mystery, we know from his will that he did father at least five children: Joseph, Patience, Mary, Elizabeth, Abigail, and Priscilla.

Poor Michael had a run of bad luck during the Revolutionary War. He was mustered into a Delaware Regiment; captured at Brandywine; compelled to serve with the British; captured by his old regiment at Stony Point; forgiven his "sins" and marched south with his comrades; captured at Camden; forced into Tarleton's Legion; and wounded and

retaken by the Americans at Cowpens. It is no wonder Michael was credited with saying, "--- I love my comrades and they love Doherty. ---but surely you will not be surprised, after all that I have said, that I feel some qualms at the thought of battle, since, take whatever side I will, I am always sure to find it the wrong one." [page 234]

Except for his strange, yet somewhat thrilling, adventures during the War, Michael, full of Irish wit and courage, led an otherwise routine frontier life. Perhaps, "routine" may be an understatement as there is one other possible exception that should be noted. Supposedly, Michael was born in Ireland sometime between 1662 and 1673. He would have been between 89 and 100 years old when his son was born! Not to mention, between 103 and 114 years old when the American Revolution began! What was his age at the time of his death? The will of a Michael Dougherty was probated in 1799, which would provide for an age range of 126 to 137 years. However, the following item appeared in the Augusta "Chronicle" in 1808: "Michael Dougherty, 135 years, died May 29, 1808 at his plantation on Horse Creek, Screven County. One of the first settlers of the state. [sic]" [page 235]

Were there really two Michaels from the same family, a Michael Sr. and a Michael Jr.? Possibly. Were there two different Michaels unrelated to each other whose stories blended into one? Perhaps. Was Michael's age a bit o' blarney conceived and perpetuated by ol' Michael himself? Perchance. Although it may stretch the bounds of credulity to imagine someone becoming middle aged on his 70th birthday, it may be that Michael Dougherty (Daughtry) was the ultimate senior citizen. Regardless, the story of Michael Dougherty has all the makings of a good Irish tale.

THE JACK DEMPSEY OF HIS TIME?

Dempsey "Demps" Daugharty, born circa 1777 in South Carolina, was the grandson of this family's known progenitor, John, and son of John, Jr. He migrated to Georgia from South Carolina about 1794 and, "---was known throughout this section [Homerville, Georgia] as much of a man, physically, and was the 'bully', as they called them, and short of build and rather 'stocky' and somewhat bow-legged, he had a pugilistic nature. He was a man of strong build and 'whipped' everyone coming up against him." [page 17]

Wrestling and boxing matches were known to be common forms of entertainment among pioneer men; each swaggering towards his opponent as he boasted of his past victories. The fights amused all and, when completed, the victor and vanquished would shake hands, share a drink, part as friends, and, undoubtedly, retold the event with an accumulation of exaggerations in each telling.

One day, however, our Demps Daugharty met his own Gene Tunney in the guise of a stranger who suddenly appeared at a neighborhood get-together. The story is best told in the words of Reverend George W. Newbern, a witness to the event: "Thus it was that at a community gathering of some kind - probably a log-rolling at a neighbor's house on or near Suwannee Creek some few miles south of where Dupont now is, that Demps Daugharty told a stranger that he was the 'bully' and he offered a bout. The

stranger, unknown to any of them, had been treated hospitably during the day, and had engaged in fights with several others who were present and had whipped them. Rather reticent and apparently timid about fighting Demps Daugharty the latter, in contrast, was outwardly bold and inwardly sure, but after a few minutes of fair fighting Demps Daugharty called out he was whipped, and up they got, shook hands, took a drink, and the stranger remarked, 'I've walked a hundred miles to see Demps Daugharty and get a chance to try him - and now I'm satisfied. Goodday! [sic]' Away he walked with his shoes slung over his shoulders---" [page 17] So ended the fateful day when Demps Daugharty, hornswoggled by a stranger, "hung up his gloves", at least as far as strangers were concerned.

But, our tale does not end there for we would find ourselves remiss if we did not impart one other detail about our friend, Demps. You see, Dempsey Daugharty was the Justice of the Peace in two different counties, at two different times! Which begs the question, who better to keep the peace than the local bully?

THE MAGNETIC HEALER

Magnetic healing, the precursor of today's chiropractic treatments and other alternative therapies, was particularly popular in the American heartland during the late 19th century. In his book, *The Practical Magnetic Healer*, George M. Brown described the process: "---the basis at all times is the assumption that the MIND controls the body under all circumstances. The mind is always first in all things pertaining to the body, and can do nothing without the mind first directing it in every way, shape, form and manner." Simply put, mind over matter as it were.

One of the best-known magnetic healers in the State of Texas was none other than John Quincy Adams Daughtry, the grandson of Jacob Daughtry, the progenitor of yet another Daughtry line. John, born in Georgia on May 5, 1826 to Bryant and Nancy Neel Daughtry, married Nellie Narcissus Hancock, fathered 12 children, and, like his father and grandfather before him, took up the occupation of farming. In December of 1862, he mustered into Company B, 11th Regiment Georgia Volunteer Infantry, assigned to the Army of Northern Virginia and often referred to as "Lee Volunteers." However, due to poor health, John was assigned hospital duty where he bore witness to the sufferings of his comrades. After being paroled on June 1, 1865, John returned to his family and farm but felt the beckoning of higher calling. One of his great-grandsons, Willo Boyle, reported, "After the war he [John] 'engaged upon the duties that providence [sic] had ordained him to do, the healing art'. He later held the title of Dr. Daughtry, Magnetic Healer, even though he never attended school and could neither read nor write. Family tradition holds that he was a doctor on the wagon train from Georgia to Tennessee and then to Texas." [page 83]

As was said previously, this healing art was based upon the assumption of the mind's control over the body; and, Mr. Brown's book contains remedies for a variety of afflictions ranging from a headache to cancer. Although our Dr. Daughtry was practicing his craft long before publication of *The Practical Healer*, he may have used this, or a similar, technique in treating a bad case of rheumatism: "If you should at any time have

a patient with semi- acute rheumatism---necessitating the use of crutches, treat the seat of pain with your hot hands, made so by rubbing them briskly together, holding them on the diseased part until perspiration starts, thus you have forced into activity the lymphatic circulation, the pain is thereby subdued, and your patient has changed his course and is now convalescing. Now, is the time to act, look your patient squarely in the eyes and tell him to get down off the table and walk, that he can surely do so, without a doubt, that you know just what you are talking about, tell him to try it, that he can surely do it, and you will witness the seemingly impossible performance of "taking a man off of his crutches in twenty minutes."

Seems a bit unorthodox for those of us who have just embarked into the 21st century, but, who are we to argue with Providence and success? As Mr. W.E. Daughtry quoted from the History of Texas on page 83 of his book, "---In early manhood he [John Q.A. Daughtry] became convinced that there was certain work Providence had ordained that he should to - curing diseases, and immediately after the war he engaged in it. He soon built up an excellent practice, and met with the best results. ---Since then his practice has extended over a large portion of the eastern and southern part of the State, [Texas] and he is considered a first class practitioner of the 'healing art'---" People suffering with a variety of complaints traveled far distances, over rough and desolate terrain, to be treated by the renowned Dr. Daughtry. They recounted tales of appearing at the doctor's farm early in the day, receiving treatment, and going home that evening in a better state of health, many walking under their own power after having arrived bedridden or on crutches. Now, remember, these weren't people who spent their time and money foolishly; they were the heart and soul of the American West; men and women who toiled endlessly on farms and ranches to eke out a living and raise their families. Therefore, I, for one, will accept Dr. Daughtry's accomplishments as truth. You can believe me when I say, the next time sciatica attacks, I'll be wishing I could hitch up my wagon and pay the good doctor a visit!

MEET BILL DAUGHTREY

IN HIS OWN WORDS

I was born in 1939 on a cold February morning in a log cabin (really!) in Adel, Georgia. The family tree shows a long line of Southern farmers, beginning with Jacob Daughtry (abt. 1758-1840) in Emanuel County, GA. His lands, settled in 1799, still remain in the family and continue to be actively farmed today by his descendants. I spent some pleasant days as a small child on the "lazy benches" in Adel, listening to family stories and tall tales spun by my tobacco- chewing elders.

After my father accepted an invitation to see Europe in 1944, courtesy of "Uncle Sam," my mother and I moved to Savannah, where she helped build Liberty ships as "Rosie, the Riveter." When Dad was discharged from the U.S. Army, we re-grouped under the G.I. Bill and built a small house in Covington, GA, where I graduated from high school. I then attended college and graduate school, obtaining a B.A. in Psychology and Pre-Med from Georgia State and a Master's in Counseling from the University of Georgia (Go Dawgs!).

Most of my career has been spent with the State of Georgia, initially as a Rehabilitation Counselor to hearing-impaired and blind adults, then as a State Probation Officer supervising adult felony offenders. I retired in 2003 as a Deputy Chief Probation Officer after 35 years of government service. As a "part-time soldier," I served almost 17 years in the GA Army National Guard, mostly as a Combat Medical Specialist in a M.A.S.H. type unit; then, I left the Guard as an Asst. Platoon Sergeant.

My three remarkable children are: Tres, an Air Traffic Controller in Jacksonville, married to Jo-Ellen, with 16 year-old Logan and almost 15 year-old Erin, both terrific soccer players; Tracey, my CPA tax expert in Gwinnett County, married to Michael; and Patrick, the insurance tycoon from Sharpsburg, with wonderful 10 year-old Patrick, Jr. (P.J.). My lovely wife Wanda, an R.N. for almost 50 years, and I live in a Japanese-style house overlooking a beautiful North Georgia mountain lake (where our pontoon fishing boat is parked).

When my father published a Daughtry family history book in 1983, my interest in genealogy was sparked by the fascinating stories and pictures of our ancestors. Due to demands of family and career, this interest was "put on the back burner" until 2005, when Wanda and I attended the O'Dochartaigh Reunion in Ireland, and I "walked in the footsteps of my ancestors." Upon returning to Georgia, I began watching Irish films and reading books about Irish history and culture; I decided to join the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association.

Then came the hours and days of Internet "surfing" to pick up bits and pieces of family information from hundreds of genealogical websites and message boards. Cameron Dougherty began working closely with me, and I caught fire from his vision of "focus teams," organized research methods, and data sharing between team members. I have been very fortunate in developing a Daughtry Team for family research with the tremendous help of Georgians Judy Womack, Hu Daughtry, Vendora Cobb, and Betty Young, along with Dorothy Stevens from North Carolina and a number of other researchers. While conducting our research with new "contacts," we always strive to guide them toward the Clann websites and membership.

My direct line is designated Family Group 1100 on the O'Dochartaigh Clann database, and we are working with the Clann Herald and Cameron Dougherty on possible connections to the FG 529 "Michael Mor" family, as well as some links to FG 639 and FG 10, among others. My goals at this time are to continue the "focus team" strategy and to try to inspire others to make their family history quest a true passion, as is mine! I firmly believe that Cameron's vision is absolutely on target - all of the Association members will eventually create a "mega-database" of O'Dochartaigh genealogy, and we will all share the vision, work together, and enjoy our incredible family history.

The Association has a lot of positions to fill - **PLEASE VOLUNTEER!** For my part, I am going to try to help Sherida and Kathi produce this e- newsletter in the coming months, and I am going to try to start a bibliography and/or O'Dochartaigh Library page on the

new website, so that researchers can find a "one-stop" resource for books, articles, and web links. I will begin with items directly relevant to my Family Group, and I would like to see other volunteers add to the page with their best sources. If I can help anyone looking for connections to my family line, or in any other way, post me on the Forum or send a Private Message, and I will do what I can to assist. Slán go fóill!

PARTING WORDS

By Sherida Dougherty

We can tell by the steeple clock that the time has come for us to leave the Lazy Bench and return to the business of everyday life. We hope you have enjoyed your visit and will join us again next month. Certainly, you have some tales to share as well; and we'd love to hear them! Now, don't worry if you don't feel you can spin a good yarn; we're here to help with that. Blarney is our specialty! Also, don't be concerned if you feel your story is of a serious nature. Those are most welcome, too; we need to remember, with grateful hearts, the sacrifices of our ancestors. The Lazy Bench welcomes anyone with a tale to tell!

Please send your tales and comments or suggestions about *Ár Scéala* to Sherida Dougherty at jadoughe@fuse.net or regular mail at 74 Pleasant Ridge, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017.

Remember to contact Kathi Gannon (Gannonks@aol.com, 71 S. Dickenson Avenue, Sterling, Virginia 20164), Cameron Dougherty (odochartaigh@comcast.net, 4078 Bruce Court SW, Grandville, MI 49418), or Sherida Dougherty (see above) to volunteer your services to a committee of your choice. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

May the raindrops fall lightly on your brow. May the soft winds freshen your spirit. May the sunshine brighten your heart. May the burdens of the day rest lightly upon you. And may God enfold you in the mantle of His love.

Slán go fóill! (SLAHN-go-FOLL - Goodbye for now!)
Sherida

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