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Admiral angry over neglect of St. Patrick's Well

Rear-Admiral Pascual O'Dogherty in Madrid, Spain, has written to our editor, and several other persons whom he feels can influence the relevant authorities in respect to St. Patrick's Well. It is located near the ancient fort on the Hill of Grianan, some five miles from Derry, situated in Co. Donegal, and near the border that divides the country, as well as the two neighbouring counties. He is disgusted at the state of this historic well and is calling for positive action at the earliest possible opportunity. We invite others to take up this issue as well.

In his letter to the editor he writes that he put a proposal to the Standing Council of Irish Chiefs and Chieftains, at their first meeting of 1996, held in Dublin on January 13th. He continues: "The idea came to me, on the occasion of a visit to the Grianan of Aileach, accompanied by Paddy Joe Doherty and my son, Ignacio. Paddy showed me the sacred well, where St. Patrick had baptised Eoghan (King of Tyrone) and Conall Gulban (around 430 A.D.). The condition of the place was dreadful, empty cans of beer and coke around, litter etc.

"The well itself was absolutely abandoned, a hole in the ground, full of muddy rain water. I am sure that, when Irish people realise the potential of that place, as a point of encounter of all Irish people, Catholics and Protestants alike, there will be a strong movement for action, involving the Donegal authorities, the Churches and

the common Irish people. Your idea of pressing for the inaugurating of a sort of monument or memorial on St. Patrick's Day, 1997, is a very good one and I am sure that, counting on God's will, I should attend such an inauguration.

"I enclose also a copy of a document, drafted by the Standing Council, that refers to the O'Dochartaigh Clan and its Chief. This document is intended to be included in a booklet on the Clans that are represented in the Council, to be published soon".

The Rear-Admiral enclosed a note on the well noting that Conall Gulban, as well as Eoghan, were sons of Niall of the Nine Hostages, High King of Ireland, who died around 405.

His proposals document notes: "It is thought that the place deserves a very different treatment, as a place that had witnessed the inception of the Christian faith in Ireland, by St.

Patrick, Patron Saint of Erin". It further recalls that "It must be borne in mind that Eoghan and Conall Gulban have great importance in Irish History, as the forefathers of a great number of historical clans, such as the O'Neills, O'Connors, McDermotts, O'Connells, O'Donnells, O'Doherys, O'Boyles, O'Dalys, O'Gallaghers et al."

He contends, "Furthermore, St. Patrick's heritage is assumed by the Catholic and Protestant communities of Ireland, so that the well may become a place of interdenominational worship and Irish reconciliation".

Finally, in his last of 7 proposals, he points out, "It is suggested that the Standing Council of Irish Chiefs and Chieftains proposes to the Minister of Culture the erection of a dignified memorial, comprising perhaps a stone plaque with an adequate inscription, and a

small monument or Gaelic cross to commemorate these very important and momentous facts of Irish history".

Campaign Needed Now!

Our editor has promised to publicise the R-Admiral's Proposals Document, not only in this newsletter, but in his regular column, FAMOUS GAELS, which is now a popular feature these days in The Derry Journal. Readers abroad are invited to write to the Mr. Dick Spring, T.D., Minister of Foreign Affairs, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 1, whereas people resident in Ireland should write to the Minister for Arts and the Gaelacht, Mr. Michael D. Higgins, c/o the same address, which is the parliament of the 26-Counties..

Local readers in Derry and Donegal should contact the Mayor of Derry, Civic Bldg., Strand Rd., (Fax: 01504 368536)



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or The Chairman, Donegal County Council, Council Offices, Lifford, Co. Donegal. In addition, why not write a letter to Mr. Patrick McArd, Editor-in-Chief, The Derry Journal Group, Bunrana Road, Derry BT48. Inform him that you'd

like your letter to appear in all the papers, at least 4 in all, which make up the group. Its circulation covers Derry, Donegal and Tyrone, as well as being distributed abroad. His fax is never switched off, and its number is Derry (01504)

373298. If you have any other ideas about widening this worthy campaign then please write to our own editor at 15, Crawford Derry BT 48 7 HR, or phone first before you fax him on Derry 01504 263941. We salute

the Rear-Admiral for taking this issue on-board with Ar nDuthchas (Our Heritage) and hope that readers will spare a few minutes and the price of a stamp or call to see this through to a successful conclusion.

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DONEGAL

Presentation Evening Derry and Donegal Saluted Brian Bonner

After being interviewed by our editor for a profile in *The Derry Journal* a presentation evening was organised to honour the Donegal writer, Brian Bonner, who died some weeks afterwards. The late Mr. Bonner was the author of many works including one which traced our clan's history back to its origins in the Finn River Valley, in Co. Donegal.

At the private presentation ceremony held on the last Thursday of August 1995, in the Nazareth House, Fahan, prominent representatives from Derry and Donegal and invited guests assembled to pay tribute to the life and works of the Culdaff-born author.

Among those in attendance were the Mayor and Mayoress of Derry, Colr. John Kerr and his wife Carita; Colr. Hugh Conaghan, representing Donegal County Council; Rev. Kevin McElhennon, Derry Diocesan Secretary, who represented the Bishop of Derry, Most. Rev. Dr. Seamus Hegarty; Derry City Councillor Mary Nelis (City Marketing chairperson); Mr. Seamus Gildea, former President of the Donegal Historical Society; Inishowen historian Mr. Sean Beattie; Mr. Jim Sammon and Ms. Liz Erskine of the Foyle Civic Trust, and Mr. Benny Doherty, who represented the International O'Dochartaigh Association.

Father McElhennon read a personal letter from the Bishop of Derry before presenting same to Mr. Bonner. Messages were also received from Spain, one from the Royal Academy of San Romualdo of Sciences, Letters and the Arts, and another from the Royal Institute of the Knights Hospitaller of St. John the Baptist, of which the King of Spain, Juan Carlos, holds the Presidency of Honour.

In the 1960's Brian Bonner was appointed an honorary member of the former and a Corresponding Fellow of the latter

prestigious organisation. Our own editor was appointed a corresponding fellow of the latter royal institute in 1991, and subsequently, on Mr. Bonner's death is the sole holder of this honour in Ireland.

Greetings were also sent by Admiral Pascual O'Dogherty of the Royal Spanish Navy, and his older brother, Dr. Ramon Salvador, the hereditary Chief of Inishowen. The Spanish input to the ceremony reflected the high esteem in which Mr. Bonner was held in Spain, mainly because of his painstaking research of primary sources into the fate of many ship-wrecked participants of the Armada of 1588, who were aided in their escape back home by the O'Dohertys of Donegal, O'Kanes of Derry and the O'Donnells of Dunluce Castle, in Co. Antrim.

Brian Bonner's research, published for more than twenty years by the Donegal Historical Society, also uncovered prior and more recent links between Ireland and Spain, which have encouraged academic exchanges and heritage-related tourism between both countries.

Many of Mr. Bonner's works were published by the Salesian Press Trust Ltd., and the Trust was represented at the presentations ceremony by Fr. Noel Burke, originally from Inver, Co. Donegal, who was a former colleague of the writer.

Inis Eoghain musician, Miss Róisín Harrigan opened the proceedings with a selection of violin pieces that linked the people and cultures of Derry and Donegal, and Mr. Jim Can-

ning from Derry played what some described as "the squeeze box", and both were joined by a large group of Gaelic singers from Choir Aras an Grainan, which all made for a very moving and memorable evening. An excellent complimentary buffet-supper was provided by the reverent sisters who run the home for the sick and elderly, which would have done justice to any fine hotel, which was much appreciated and enjoyed by the all. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was the Derry historian, author and journalist, Mr. Fionnbarra O'Dochartaigh. He wore his recently presented medallion, presented by the Academy of San Romualdo, throughout the proceedings. Members of that academy, of which Brian Bonner was the only other Irish citizen to hold membership, had initially made representations to our editor, expressing their desire that the Donegal writer should be fittingly honoured, during his terminal illness, if such was at all possible.

At the beginning of the proceedings he M.C. called on his mother, Mrs. Mary Ellen O'Doherty, from Derry, to present flowers and a gift of chocolates to Sister Mary Fatima, the Mother Superior at the Nazareth House, Fahan, and her assistant, Sister Mary Camillus, in appreciation of their invaluable help in organising the event. Other gifts, including books and the civic plaques of Derry and Donegal, were presented at intervals, after each representative delivered a short address.

Included in the writings of Brian Bonner are such works as -Our Inis Eoghain Heritage; The Homeland of O'Dochartaigh; A Society in Transition - Cameos of Irish Life; Where Aileach Guards; That Audacious Traitor (which relates to our clan's history) and Derry: An Outline History of the Diocese.



Pictured at the function held in the Nazareth House, Fahan, in recognition of the work of local historian Brian Bonner (seated centre), are, on left, the Mayor of Derry, Colr. John Kerr, and, on right, Colr. Hugh Conaghan, who represented Donegal County Council. Standing, from left, Colr. Mary Nelis, chairman, City Marketing, Derry City Council, Jim Sammon, Foyle Civic Trust, Liz Erskine, Civic Trust, the Mayoress of Derry, Mrs. Carita Kerr, Seamus Gildea, Donegal Historical Society, Fr. Kevin McElhennon, representing the Bishop of Derry, Colr. Benny Doherty, representing the International O'Dochartaigh Association, and Fionnbarra O'Dochartaigh. (1/9/B22)

Doherty's "long-lost" relatives reunited

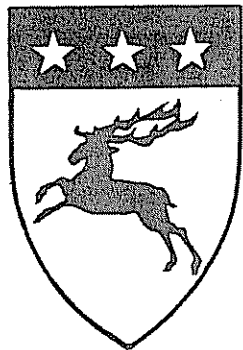
A ONE hundred and forty four year gap was recently bridged in Carndonagh, Co. Donegal, when a young American woman, whose ancestors left Ireland in 1852, was re-united with her long-lost Donegal relatives. The link-up was made possible by our Clann Herald, Patrick "Inch", and the years of research and inputting of data at our World H.Q. on Inch Island, where over 750,000 records are on computer, covering a wealth of Irish names.

It was in the closing year of the Great Hunger of 1845-52 that Ellen B. Doherty's Irish forefathers emigrated to the "Land of the Free, and the Home of the Brave". There is little doubt that they also had decided to escape from British repression as well as a dim economic future in the aftermath of mass starvation and deliberate official neglect. The recent visit to Carndonagh was the culmination of a long-held dream.

"I have always been interested in my Irish background although I was never much into the Irish-America way of life that many people are in the States. My brother had previously tried to find out a bit more about our family background and I decided to get involved around 18 months ago.

"So I then got in contact with the O'Doherty Clann to find out if they could help in the search for any Irish relatives I may have," said Ellen, who was born in Michigan but now lives in New York.

Ellen told a Derry Journal reporter, "It feels strange to suddenly meet people who I am related to on the other side of the world but it is very nice and I know my parents will be very happy that we still have family in Ireland. John and his wife, Moira, have 41 grandchildren so it looks like the line will continue and am definitely planning to keep in touch."



CLANN NOTES 1

REQUEST

Mr. Frainc Mac Fhionnaile of 12 Thornbridge Road, Falkirk, Scotland writes asking for further information on his clan name, i.e. McGinley/McGinnelly/McGinlay. He is aware that it is a small clan but wishes to know to what major clan it was allied to. We have supplied some brief information but if any one has greater details, please write direct to this reader. P.S. ('Ed') - I would refer our Gaelic friend in Alba to consult the end of Clann Notes (2) as new information has just been faxed in by the Clann Herald.

TOWARDS 2000

Many new readers may wish to be enrolled in the clan and come with us into the year 2000 which should be a significant one for all of us. If you wish to have a membership form then look no further than the current copy of Ar nDutchas, and post it off without delay to our World H.Q. on Inch Island.

During our highly memorable 1995 Clan Re-Union some visitors expressed the wish that something special should be prepared for the Millennium Year. Many agreed and so it was felt that this newspaper should float the idea of a major CLANS OF DERRY & INISHOWEN HOME-COMING, timed for that first summer of a new year, which begins both a new century and the next millennium.

This would require work to begin almost immediately and the input of many individuals, those engaged in heritage-tourism endeavours, civic and community groups etc. would be essential. Above all we'd welcome some feedback from our thousands of readers at home and abroad, as your ideas and comments are always very helpful in steering us along with any project.

It would be necessary for new Clann Associations to be established and we know that there are many people who are interested in their roots and might wish to set-up such bodies. These would draw in others who bear the same, or similar surnames. Our own clann staff will assist this process by supplying information, speakers, videos etc. So what about it ?? Your feedback, at this crucial stage would be a great encouragement to all associated with this newspaper. You can reach us by phone, letter or fax - details elsewhere in this newsletter.

EXPAND "OUR HERITAGE" ?

Our editorial staff is convinced that there is room within the market-place for a newspaper, which could maintain our present title, and build upon existing contacts. Such would require a publication of at least 12 pages and we have the facilities and know-how to produce such as part of the build-up towards the Millennium. One idea being floated is that we initially ask our readers to

consider this proposal and send us their opinions on its feasibility, possible contents vis-a-vis regular features etc., We know that newsprint distributors would handle this new publication which would therefore have to be operated as strictly commercial enterprise.

Some readers may feel that they would like to become initial share-holders, and this is being considered at the time of writing. One way to establish the degree of support for such a project is to invite readers to make a pledge of financial assistance, but it is important to realise that we are not asking for cash at this stage. If say twenty readers were to pledge a sum of say £100, then we are confident that such a quarterly newspaper could be rolling off the presses this summer. Each would become a shareholder and entitled to regular updates on progress. It may require a legal document to be signed as a limited company made have to be established to protect all investors. All this is feasible in a short space of time, and there is a definite gap in the market.

On the cultural front such a project would fill a very obvious gap and open the door on a wider audience that is interested in genealogy, history, folklore, and Gaelic affairs in general. Our editor feels that such a newspaper could cater for Clann O'Dochartaigh and the scores of other Family Associations throughout the length and breadth of Ireland, and abroad. Other clans will be canvassed on this project and are invited to make their comments known to our editorial staff. Above all we'd like to hear from the Council of Irish Chieftains, both as a collective body and on the basis of individual chiefs at their respective clann associations.

In this way we would be creating a vehicle to advance not only our own collective history and cultural identity, but the process, also be able to more effectively engage in promoting heritage-tourism. Few of our readers could disagree with such lofty ideals, and the practical spin-offs in terms of strengthening the network of the Gaelic clans is only too obvious. We all need a voice, and this could be it at long last. Our editor is convinced that this idea could be turned into reality, in a very short space of time if we attract advertisers at home and abroad, appeal for potential subscribers, and seek the views of our current readership. There may even be funding for such a cultural project which would have as its main aim the greater promotion of heritage-tourism locally. All these points are being presented with a view to enlisting your comments before proceeding any further. If you feel you might be able to help by way of contributing to its column general advice, or experience, then please contact our editor or Clann Herald at your earliest convenience new strategy. It would be necessary for new Clann Associations to be established and we know that there are many people who are interested in their roots and might wish to set-up such associations. These would draw in others who bear the same, or similar surnames. Our own clan staff will assist this process by supplying information, speakers, videos etc. So what about it ??? Your feedback, at this crucial stage would be a great encouragement to all associated with this newspaper. You can reach us by phone, letter or fax - details elsewhere in this newsletter. With feedback, the idea may die.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS



In a personal message from the Bishop's House, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, His Lordship, Rev. Dr. Seamus Hegarty, wrote:

Dear Brian,
May I, as Bishop of Derry, take this opportunity to acknowledge the vast contribution you have made during your lifetime to the wealth of our religion and cultural heritage, particularly in this diocese and in the area of Inishowen in particular. Your love for the faith, the living faith of our fore fathers, to which you so tirelessly witnessed, has been your inspiration and strength. You truly have been dedicated, as you yourself so eloquently stated, "to the spirited company of Gaels who kept alive from generation to generation the flame of devotion to the wisdom of our forebears" (Where Aileach Guards). Your writings have borne testimony to your single-minded commitment and to the noble aim you set for yourself. Your love and enthusiasm for monastic and ecclesiastical settlements have borne much fruit in your writings. I thank you in the name of the Diocese of Derry for your efforts in writing an account of the history of the diocese which will for ever be an indispensable work for those who seek to know something of our history. Future generations will be much in your debt.

Your love for local history is matched by your love for the church. Your close association with the Salesian Order, has, I am sure, enriched your life as I am certain it has enriched the Salesian community itself.

Your writings cast light on the many aspects of ordinary life with a wealth of details gathered from history, folklore and tradition. You evoke a pride in being a native of this land, particularly of the Inishowen region. During this time of illness may the Lord bless and protect you. Please be assured of my prayers.

ESPANA

Dr. Juan Garcia Cubillana of the Academia de San Romualdo de Ciencias, Letras y Artes, of San Fernando, Cadiz, wrote of the Acad-

emy being "very happy and has the deepest interest in the tribute to be paid, in Ireland, to our illustrious Foreign Member and outstanding historian, Prof. Brian Bonner Esq."

The V.P. expressed the wish that "this celebration should be a recognition of the complete life of our colleague, Brian, devoted as he is, to very fruitful historical research."

The President of the Supreme Council of Caballeros Hospitalarios de San Juan Bautista, Manuel Vallojo Grandes, wrote:

"It is in the name of our Supreme Council at Cadiz, under the Presidency of Honour of His Majesty Juan Carlos Jr., the King of Spain, that I have the pleasure to express here our adhesion to the tribute to be paid to his distinguished brother Prof. Brian Bonner, Esq."

"We are joining in our thoughts with dear Brian on this happy occasion, and look forward to the success of this worthy celebration.

The hereditary chieftain of Inis Eoghain, Dr. Ramon Salvador O'Dogherty, also forwarded greetings to our newspaper office in Derry. Our chieftain wrote to our editor: Dear Fionnbarra,

"With this occasion of the most deserved tribute to Brian Bonner, I enclose a message, to be included in the various expressions of appreciation that will pile in to honour him".

Dr. O'Dogherty's message continued:

"On behalf of Clan Fianhain, of O'Dochartaigh of Inis Eoghain, I must join wholeheartedly in this most deserved homage to Brian Bonner. He is most prestigious historian of the beloved land of Inis Eoghain, so intimately linked to the O'Dochartaighs. Indeed, anyone that may need to know about the history of Donegal and this relationship to the O'Dochartaighs must consult the famous trilogy of books, published by Brian, which covered research over several centuries. From his native pen flowed an almost unique, and truly objective appreciation of the many aspects of this region.

"My best wishes to my very good friend Brian, with come with the greetings of good will sent to him, in the name of the Royal Academy of San Romualdo, and the Royal Order of Knights Hospitallers of St. John the Baptist, which are honoured to count Brian Bonner as one of their foreign members.

In addition to the above other messages included one from Rear-Admiral Pascual O'Dogherty of Madrid, who wrote: "As an amateur historian of Clan Fianhain, I had the privilege to obtain heaps of data from the many books written by Brian Bonner on Inishowen, and its place in Irish history, as the last Gaelic stronghold

"I must show my strong appreciation to Brian Bonner, on the occasion of this most deserved tribute to his outstanding contribution to a fuller appreciation of Irish history.

THE CLANS OF IRELAND ANNUAL MEETING

19, November, 1995

110 Clanns within Ireland were represented at their A.G.M. which was held in Monasterevan, County Kildare. The programme was chaired by James Cavanagh Esq., the newly selected Clanns of Ireland representative.

The delegate from the local Clann O'Dochartaigh was our Clann Herald, Prof. Patrick Inch' O'Dougherty who has managed our World Headquarters on Inch Island, Co. Donegal, since its foundation in 1984. Topics on the agenda were: The relationship of other governmental bodies with this group; How the Irish Tourist Board, the genealogy Office

and other heritage bodies will cooperate with this representative body and its various ventures at home and abroad.

The main speakers included: Inishowen's own Fergus Gillespie, representing the Chief Herald's Office, Donagh Morgan from the Irish Genealogical Project and the Taoiseach's Office. Patrick O'Mahony represented Bord

Faillte (Irish Tourist Board) and the chairperson made many valuable contributions throughout the proceedings.

Many topics were placed on the agenda as a result of contributions from the floor. Much assistance was offered by the allied agencies in attendance. Clann O'Dochartaigh set up a table of displays representing the many activities of this Derry and Donegal Clann Association. This display included: newsletters; Clann History publications; how our genealogical records are collected and inputted, details of our headquarters and much more about our 1995 International Reunion.

All in attendance enjoyed a fine meal provided by Bord

Faillte at the lovely Hazel Hotel, Monasterevan, Kildare.

While in this region our Clann Herald made calls to Dohertys and organised sessions with dozens of them. He was able to gather much genealogy from our clann in Co. Kildare. He brought back many pedigrees and over 350 names. While returning, he also met families in Co. Longford, thus gaining more genealogical data. This material will be inputted and researched further for our Clann Data Bank. Many Dohertys became members of this Research Association by paying annual fees. These fees collected will enhance further research projects and the compilation of our illustrious history.

CLANN NOTES 2

RE-UNION '95

HEADQUARTERS has many left-over folders telling of the '95 Reunion and its different activities. This material is in a very attractive folder and can be purchased by those of you who missed out on this event. Send a fiver (\$5) to us and we will ship it to you. Not being sure how many were coming we had a great many made up. This would help us recover from the expenses incurred in developing this expensive program. The cost is high in shipping to other parts of the world. The Dollar is not very valuable either, thus causing the fiver charge.

DORIS & AL !!!!

Doris Daugherty Lee has been coming over for extended work sessions for many years. She returned this time for a 6-month period and brought a new husband with her. There were several advantages of this; he was one grand worker on any and all jobs "and" Al was of a branch of the O'Dochartaigh. So Doris is now a "McNeely". They came in March and stayed until mid-September so as to prepare for the Gathering and assist with the aftermath. They worked on the landscape, improving all aspects of it. Al took over all the mowing of our 3 acres of lawn. He also assisted with roof repair, covering a skylight and painting many sides of our headquarters' building. It was a remarkable summer made more so by the presence of these two.

AMERICAN STUDENTS

Again we were host to University Students from Mass., New Jersey and New York. For the fourth year running, we have had a house full for a special course set up by Tony Johnson of Magee University, Derry. We served 40 meals at a time and sometimes for three meals a day.

Doris did the lunch and supper with Al McNeely on the dishes for all meals (for a ten day session). Having these students annually has allowed us to make repairs and do needed maintenance on headquarters. We had John Doherty and Brendan O'Donnell assisting with this project also.

At the end of the course we put on a large banquet for the students and their professors on July 4th, American Independence Day. We do this at Inch Hall where we have good facilities for dancing, music and serving. All our help was volunteer, making the proceeds go farther for the maintenance of our headquarters.

The future looks good for this University program as it is growing every year. It may even expand into a two session course. Its main purpose is give these American students a factual view of the North of Ireland. Up until the cease-fires of 1994 and beyond, they have gone back with a clearer understanding of the "Troubles".

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Newsletter 27, this issue, should be with you, we hope by March 17, so we extend St. Patrick's Day and Easter Greetings to our many faithful members and friends in Ireland and overseas. Some may get the paper later than others, so our 'Ed' mentions Easter, just in case his one-man busy schedule, inputting the entire text, mock-up and arranging publication, goes astray. The Clann Herald looks after payment and distribution, which has its own demands, e.g. wrapping, checking addresses, labelling etc.

We hope to co-operate with "Texas Jack" Dougherty in the U.S. who has plans to re-produce Arnduthchas, or produce something similar, so that high air-mail costs can be reduced.

H.Q. is speedily being recognised by such affiliated off-shots septas as the Mc Cafferty, McNeely, McCallion, McKeivitt, and McBride. We are also becoming the Genealogical Headquarters for such Ulster clanns as O'Kelly, O'Connor, O'Friel, Cannings, Bradleys, McLaughlin, Hegarty, Houten, Glackin, Duffy and the equally famous and proud Devlins.

We are assisting other families/Clanns to start their own centres, even if these are based initially in domestic surroundings. Currently we are assisting the O'Gallaghers,

McBrides, O'Donnell, McSweenys and McGinleys, to organise themselves, as part of the network of clanns, more effectively. The O'Dochartaighs have led the way, extend a helping hand and are only too willing to point out the pit-falls, as well as the advantages of creating such cultural fraternities.

After years of intense research we give recognition to the thousands of kin who are cloaked in another surname. This research is confirmed by the Chief Herald of Ireland's Office (Dublin) and by the Linen Hall Library (Belfast). We confirm that the following local names are branches of O'Dochartaigh, therefore members of Clann Fiamhain: McDevitt - McNeely - McDaid/McDade - McCaffrey/McCafferty - McBride - Meneely - McConnalogue & McKeivitt.

U.S. DEVELOPMENTS

JACKSON DAUGHERTY (Texas Jack) has produced newsletter Vol. 1, 3A, which is available from his business address, Star Quest Publishing Co., 3200 Primrose Trail, Georgetown, TX., 78628-2811. His contact details are: Phone - (512) 869-6989; Fax - 512/869-2438.

In this edition he contains details for the next volume of WHO'S WHO in the Clann O'Dochartaigh, by way of a biographical form and the invitation to send a Black and White photo, 2" X 3", which can accompany your profile at no extra cost. The last volume of WHO'S WHO was published in Ireland for the 1990 Re-Union and was viewed as a very innovative project which proved quite popular. Contact Jackson A.S.A.P.

A GRAND DESIGN

SHERRY DAUGHERTY was a visitor to H.Q. in 1994, with her father Myron Daugherty, who is mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. They came for a working holiday and were kept very busy.

Sherry works for the City of Denver in CO. While here she was seen analysing our grounds and out-buildings and asking questions. When leaving, she took many measurements, drawings and codes. In '95 she questioned us on sizes etc., AND then announced her plans: which were to gather funds from Irish-American associations around COLO. This is the type of work she does for Denver. So it's now full steam-ahead and too late to turn back !!!

Our main out-building has great potential for Clann activities. It is rock faced and 130 feet long, and is L-shaped. She volunteers her address: Sherry Daugherty Liberato, 3605 West 23rd. Avenue, Denver, CO., 80211. The staff at H.Q. would welcome a few notes of encouragement to her from our readers for this innovative project. We note that Sherry comes under Family Group No. 3362. They are one "Grand Family" and her idea is indeed a Grand Design. Her brother is Dr. Steve who participated in our 1995 International Gathering. We wish them well in all they do !!

THANKS

INFORMATION IRELAND, an RTO - Recognised Training Agency - is situated at 6 London Street, within the ancient walls of Derry, on the city's West Bank. Its director is Rosemary Doherty to whom we owe a special thanks for advising us on the purchase of a second-hand, quite new computer, which our editor obtained from her company. They installed it within 24 hours at our Derry office, and Rosemary came to link it to a printer loaned by our H.Q. and gave very valuable advice, free of charge, to our editor. With an expanding number of American, and other computer firms in Derry her company sells off their machines quite frequently so as to keep abreast of this ever-changing technology. Local Dohertys will get a good deal and printers are also often available.

As a result we now have a two disk-drive, full colour machine, with Wordperfect and Pagemaker being only some of the installed programmes, whereas before we could only use 5.5" floppy disks. Information Ireland will soon put our Derry office on the INTERNET. Rosemary's company invites contact with international companies who do business in the North-West, or Ireland generally. Her contact details are: Phone: 01504 265817 & Fax: 01504 370298. We include this information for our readers by way of saying THANK YOU !!!

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT THE O'DOHERTYS

1. We possessed a battle flag before 1000 AD. It was very different from that illustrated on the crests that later became accepted symbols of our Clann.
 2. We kept a roadway open well into central Ireland as early as the 1200's.
 3. Our cavalry were notorious and were early users of the formation form of battle.
 4. The O'Doherty's first defeat, in central Ireland, was in the mid-1500's and was due to our over-extended supply line.
 5. Many of our chieftain's family escaped to Co. Cavan and Fermanagh after Cahir Rua's ill-fated rebellion against the English Crown Forces in 1608.
 6. Evidence shows that this failed rebellion caused O'Dohertys to settle in Mayo, Antrim, Tyrone, Derry and Scotland.
 7. Some McDevitt/McDaid's flew to Tyrone, changed their spelling to McKeivitt and ended up in Co. Down, another Ulster county.
 8. Several thousand O'Dohertys, McDevitts, McDaid's, McCallions, and McCaffertys were deported, after being sold to the King of Sweden by the English war-lord Chichester, for use in his army, after their capture in 1608.
 9. Very few ever returned. However, two did make it back who managed to write a book about this tragedy. We are trying to locate this work for our H.Q. library.
 10. Many times, prior to the Battle of Kinsale, our forces were in Co. Cork, usually under the leadership of the famous O'Donnell chiefs who scored many major victories, with the O'Neills, again the ancient foe. Defeat at Kinsale effectively marked the end of Gaelic power in Ireland.
 11. An O'Doherty from Inishowen was Patrick Sarsfield's secretary. He survived and became a teacher in that area.
 12. We are part of the Caldwell Settlement from the Lagan Valley. Our ancestors landed in Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1727. Some stayed in this area but most moved into Virginia where many prospered.
 13. Charles Doherty was the first of this group killed by native Americans. His wife however is recorded as a heroine because she took on a leadership role and saved many pioneers.
 14. This Caldwell Settlement provided many Dohertys who were among the first to go over the Eastern Mountains into Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, and western Ohio.
 15. Other names in the Caldwell Settlement were Porter, Rodgers, Patton and Clark.
 16. Captain Patton was the first to settle in Louisville, Kentucky. His wife, Mary Dougherty, made her first home in an enormous Sycamore tree.
 17. Mary had a brother, John Doherty, and a cousin, John Doherty. They served as cook and scout for General George Rodgers Clark who opened up western Ohio and Indiana and also captured "the straits" from the French and their Indian allies. This area later became known as Detroit and is located in Michigan. They were all descendants of people who were in the Caldwell group from Lagan Valley.
 18. One of those John Dohertys was with the Lewis and Clark expedition that opened up the northwest quarter of the United States as part of the Louisiana Territory in 1803. He was a cook and a skilled interpreter of the native American language.
 19. This same John lived among the Indians trapping furs. He was said to have "gone seven years between loaves of white man's bread".
 20. A male Doherty was the first white child born in the Inebraska area of Kansas.
 21. Our clan numbered 267 in George Washington's personal army during the American Revolution. The Irish who made up 50% of Washington's forces were the steadfast ones that stayed on through the terrible winters at Valley Forge and caused the British Empire to lose the richest country in the world because of its treatment of the people of one of the smallest - Ireland.
 22. A Patricio Doherty who is about to reach the age of 100 lives in South America with his wife and children. His family was from central Ireland.
 23. Dunloe, West Donegal, provided two Doherty brothers to the First Dail (Irish parliament). They were of opposing parties.
 24. An island called Critch off the west coast of Donegal was completely owned by O'Dohertys in the 1800's. They hailed from Inishowen.
 25. According to measurements found at O'Doherty Keep in Bunrana, Cahir Rua's height was 6' 8" to 6' 10".
 26. The O'Dohertys of Killybegs originated from the Isle of Doagh. They were fishermen who found wives and land in the area to their liking.
 27. The Co. Cork, Clare, Kerry, Tipperary Dohertys are there mostly due to the Battle of Kinsale in 1601, in which the Irish were betrayed by an informer and ultimately defeated.
 28. In Leitrim and Sligo we find many Dohertys who hail from Carndonagh, Co. Donegal. They went south after aiding the French who landed in Donegal Bay in a bid to assist the United Irishmen's rising of 1798. Its leader, Wolfe Tone, was seized on the Swilly, taken to Derry jail, but by his own hand cheated the English of a public hanging, after being denied the right to be die as a revolutionary officer, in front of a firing squad.
 29. Eva Peron, 'Evita' of South America has Doherty kinship. Marilyn Munroe's first husband was also a Doherty.
- Within the Historical Library at Headquarters we have thousands of such stories about our Dohertys. Our newsletters and Clann Historians will expand on these. We must gather and record these stories, especially the ones of the native Irish. As the years passed we gathered these from many sources and contacts, and will continue to do so with the aid of our thousands of readers worldwide. We have found that almost every family has its own unique story to tell and we feel duty bound to record them all for our own, and future generations.



The Mayor of Derry, Councillor John Kerr, welcoming members of the O'Doherty Clan who have travelled from all over the world to celebrate the clan's third re-union. Included is Mr. Ramon O'Dogherty, chief of Inis Eoghain, who has come from Spain to join in the celebrations.

RE-UNION FLASH-BACKS:

One of the highlights of the '95 International Clann Reunion was a tour to the land of our origin - the Finn River Valley of Central Donegal. On two Saturdays, within the time-span of the reunion, we took a tour back to our ancient roots. A bus-load of Clann, from all parts of the world, greatly enjoyed the excursions. We travelled south out of the Inishowen, collecting people at several pick-up points, and passed through the Lagan Valley, a land which we once possessed, then through Raphoe and on to Lifford. There many of our warriors were publicly executed, by hanging, after Sir Cahir's abortive rebellion of 1608. From the courthouse and jail there great numbers were deported and died fighting on foreign fields after being press-ganged into the armies of England's European allies. At the old courthouse we stopped for a well-organised lecture on the O'Donnells and the history of the area.

H.Q. CREW: The crew at our World H.Q. on Inch Island includes KATHLEEN DAUGHERTY BARR. Kitty, as she is known, has been with us for about a year and a half. She moved from Michigan, married a well-known boat-builder in Merville and comes in two to three times weekly. She is a former General Motors secretary and has picked up the Clann computer programmes and office procedures very quickly. She is paid only expenses, involving a drive of about 60 miles on each round trip. She is considering our invitation to spend more time with us at the Inch H.Q., which would be greatly welcomed.

JOHN DOHERTY, a Derry City man, with roots in Buncrana, is a skilled carpenter and seems to be able to handle any other building-trade job. This winter he has re-done the New York Room, plastering the ceiling, enlarging the area, building luggage-racks, putting in new windows, painting the walls and ceiling and hanging curtains. Right now he is tiling the new bathrooms on the main floor. We are reaping the benefits of his trade as the greenhouses are full of emerging plants for the summer. It is a never-ending list of chores that John is tackling. He even fills in as a tour guide for visitors. How high is his salary? We feed him and cover his living expenses. He is often house-sitting while Pat, our Herald, is elsewhere researching or otherwise. John lives in a trailer house behind our out-buildings.

BRENDAN O'DONNELL, a retired nurse, has converted a corner of the basement into a lovely apartment. He is here part-time and is in charge of the vegetable gardening. He is also a house-sitter when the Clann Herald is absent. Lucky for us he is a jack of all trades and is assisting with many aspects of house and ground improvements.

SEAN McCAY, a neighbour, comes in and assists with many repair and maintenance duties. He is a grand worker and has a charming attitude. We usually have him up on the roof, down in the grounds or out on a limb.

PADRAIG O'DOCHARTAIGH - He's called by many names; Paddy Inch, Paddy O', Patrick Dougherty - but regardless of what he is called he is usually available and willing. He is your Clann Herald, a native of Michigan, USA, where he once lectured at its university. If things go wrong then he's usually the one to blame, but there's always our volunteers to remind him of do what has to be done, or step in if he's not available.

MYRON DAUGHERTY (of Salem, MO.) may well be considered a crew member at Ar nDuthchas. He is here, when the need is there and with the knowledge to accomplish the job, and most certainly, with the desire to do his best. He arrived

a month before the 1995 Gathering, jumping right in to assist all over the place. Come back Myron, we even believe we have located your Great Ancestors and their townland !!! To show you how we grab and utilize Clann when they show up, Myron's son, Dr. Steve and his family, from Ringold, Georgia, showed up for a short stay. We needed help with one of the evening programs during the Reunion, so Dr. Dougherty filled in very nicely !! He aided with part of the tribute to Cahir Rua O'Dogherty. Perhaps this need we have is answered because of the undoubted abilities and diversity within our Clann ranks.

FOUR OPEN-SUNDAYS: The Sundays, before, during and after the '95 Gathering, were declared to be "Open" as the gates were unlocked and a public invitation to visit was made to Clann visitors and local people to share the day with those residing at H.Q. We asked local Clann to assist with the refreshments.

Thanks to KATHLEEN DOHERTY of Castlequarter, Inch Island, and to BETTY DOHERTY, who lives just above H.Q., for the excellent assistance during these "Open Sundays". The Hostess and Host for these grand days were Doris Lee and her husband Al McNeely.

SHARES; We are pleased to announce the selling of shares on our Clann Headquarters to O'Dochartaighs from New York City and from Michigan. The funds raised are being used to refurbish several rooms to make them more presentable for guests. If you know of people who may require B & B in Inishowen during the coming months, why not give them a copy of our newspaper and ask them to book with us as early as possible.

Also, if you want more information on our plans to move shares on this lovely Georgian manor house, then contact us at your earliest convenience. Our purposes and needs will be outlined. You or your friends can become a partner in this "Grand Endeavour".

TWO BROTHERS, arrived at H.Q. like a storm, looking for something positive to do. CAMERON (Chicago - the Windy City) and BRIAN (from Michigan), arrived in time for the '95 Gathering. Both were a welcome and youthful addition to the activities throughout the Reunion. Cameron even gave a blessing which tied in the family to Christianity, as if to shake off our Pagan past, once and for all. Brian recited a dirge to Cahir Rua O'Dogherty, written by Bishop O'Doherty of Derry at the turn of this century. Behind the scenes we had both 'boys' setting up the meeting halls under the active supervision of John Doherty and Brendan O'Donnell. Brian and Cameron were used as Chauffeur and were honoured to escort our Chieftain and his family to and from several events. Cameron, in addition, spent most of his time here behind the computer. He brought thousands of dollars' worth of programs, imputed them and attempted to pass on the instructions for their use to our Herald. We are now reaping the benefits of his skill and generosity. Cameron is also assisting us with Internet costs.

ISLE OF MANN - This island, situated between Britain and Ireland, also has strong Celtic roots. Many Clann reside there, and the name Daugherty is quite common. We had a lovely twosome, mother and daughter, who hailed from Holland. AMY's line originated from "MANN". We will be heading to that island as soon as we can, and hope to have someone to help us on that project. Amy's daughter, MARIE-ANNE, is a skilled musician and is about to begin advanced work in that field. Come back Amy and Marie-Anne, anytime!

Tale of Historic Maguire Chalice

TERENCE MAGUIRE, The Prince of Fermanagh, and chieftain of his clan, wrote recently to our editor and enclosed an interesting 30-page booklet entitled, "Historic Maguire Chalice". Signed copies are available from his home address, "Fermanagh", 12 Ardilea Downs, Mount Anville Road, Dublin 14 (price unknown).

The work is beautifully illustrated showing seven of the ancient chalices. It will intrigue all those obtain such.

For three centuries the Gaelic Maguire nobility gifted chalices to churches within their domain. In turbulent years these chalices became scattered in places as far afield as the Isle of Skye in Scotland and Quebec in Canada.

In 1900 The Maguire of Fermanagh set himself the task of discovering the whereabouts of these chalices, in the hope that such still existed. Having discovered a number of them in their various scattered locations, he became imbued with a determination to gather these chalices together and to have them once again in the heartland of the ancient Maguire territory.

If you want to read the full story of his quest and learn of its happy outcome, then write to the Prince of Fermanagh, who will also update you on his own efforts to date, which are indeed a major contribution to our Gaelic culture and heritage.

O'CAHAN/O'KANE

A NEW, fully illustrated booklet on the Clann O'Cahan/O'Kane is available from Clann Shop at H.Q., price £2.00. It is entitled: "Picturesque, Planted Place" - A Drive Through O'Cahan Country.

Also, from the same source are two maps. One is a large piece of fine art-work illustrating some 20 sites of historical interest, within the North-West. The second 'rare map', in full colour shows all of the nine counties of the historic province of Ulster. This is rare in so far as, quite deliberately and only too often, "Ulster" is projected as having only six counties. These are under Direct Rule from Britain. These locally produced maps have been framed, and look well at our Derry office. These are often referred to when Clann visitors arrive to meet our editor, and the historic map is an excellent quick reference tourist guide.

IRISH WRITERS' GUIDE

THE LATEST edition of the Irish Writers' Guide 1996-1997 has landed at our editorial office, which, to our embarrassment, up until now, we were not aware that such a publication existed. Therefore it has been received with some excitement as we only had two similar works before, both covering the British and US markets.

Special Offer: The Irish Writers' Guide is a comprehensive handbook and reference for freelance and professional writers and media people in Ireland, North and South, and for groups, companies or people who want to publish their own books or magazines. It costs £6.99 and is produced by the editorial team of Books Ireland magazine, which comes out each month. The latest issue covers some 200 new books, reviews 150 works, and covers all the headings: Art, Fiction, Humour, Biography, Cookbooks et al. Its sells at £1.50 monthly, but a special £20 (\$35 U.S.) offer for both the

Irish Writers' Guide and an annual sub to the monthly, is now available from Books Ireland, 11 Newgrove Avenue, Dublin 4; Tel & Fax: 00-353-1-269-2185. This offer is being only to readers of Ar nDuthchas, and any other publication which carries a review of both titles. Our Clann may yet produce another Joyce, O'Casey, Behan or Heaney. By the way, the latter, a Deeryman, Seamus Heaney, has won the 1995 Nobel Prize for Literature and was awarded the sum of around one million US dollars in recognition of a life time in writing poetry. The poet, from just down the road, is up there with names such as W.B. Yeats, and other remarkable Irish writers who also scooped this prestigious accolade in times gone by.

IRISH CHRONICLES

WITHIN A YEAR of the publication of ULSTER'S WHITE NEGROES - From Civil rights to Insurrection, our editor completed his second full-length book which has the working title, IRISH CHRONICLES - Folklore, History and Genealogy. The publishing house is as yet unknown as the manuscript is being handled by literary agents. They feel confident that this intensely-researched work will have a broad appeal within the Irish Diaspora, particularly in the United States of America.

The first book, as its title suggests, traced the dramatic struggle for civil rights by the northern minority in the 1960's. It was semi-autobiographical, as Mr. O'Dochartaigh was a founder-member, and leading figure of the civil rights association, since its inception in 1967. He worked closely with Ms. Bernadette Devlin, a former Independent M.P. for Mid-Ul-

ster, who wrote the foreword, and Mr. John Hume, MP, MEP, during the early and momentous days that brought the North onto the global headlines and air-waves. Limited copies are still available from Clann H.Q., but can be had post free from:

AK PRESS, 22, Luton Place, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH8 9PE
Phone: 0131 555 5165 1507
Fax: 0131 555 5125, or, AK PRESS, P.O. Box 40682, San Francisco, CA, U.S.A. 94140-0682. (Cost: \$5.95 or \$8.95)

The foreword of IRISH CHRONICLES has been written by our Clann Herald, Prof. Pat Dougherty. This could be viewed as three separate research projects under one cover. Its subject matter stretches back to both our misty and recorded Gaelic past; tackles several important historical subjects including the Irish 'Famine' of 1845-52 and its dire consequences, and concludes with an important contribution to those tackling their individual, or family research, into their Irish roots. By way of a bonus to those intending to travel to Ireland there is a section dealing with Irish tourist information, which is international in its

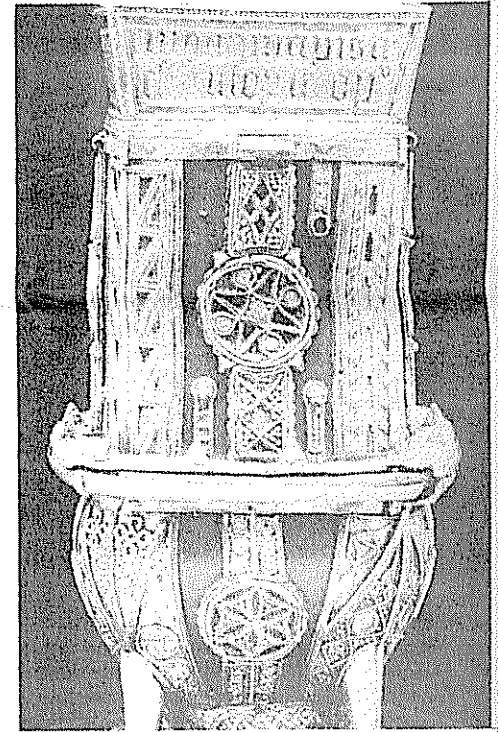
scope. Many other clans receive a mention and such will be of interest to Gaels everywhere.

The date of publication will be known later this year, and will certainly figure again in the columns of Ar nDuthchas (Our Heritage). We wish this second scholarly work the success that accompanied the first, which was nominated for no fewer than six literary awards, in both Ireland and Britain.

IRISH GOLD

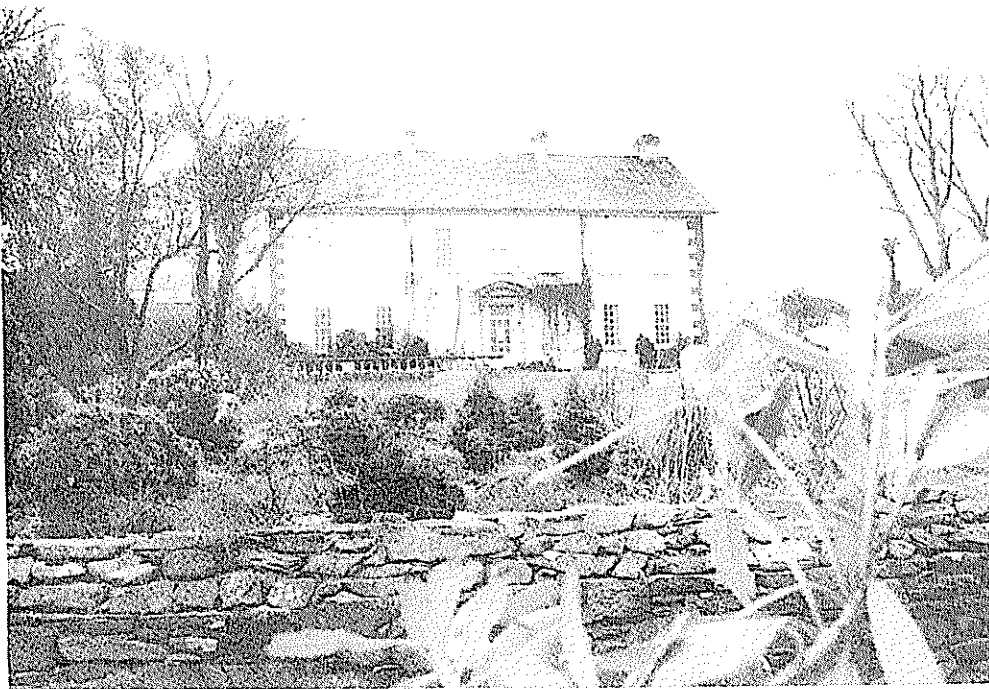
A BEAUTIFULLY produced booklet, in full colour, bearing on its cover an ornate O'Docherty Coat-of-Arms, and bound by a green ribbon, which would be excellent for framing, has been produced by the Irish Gold Company. It is contained in Re-Union folders, which are still at H.Q. (\$5).

The booklet gives a brief history of our clan name and our headquarters on Inch Island, and bears a message from the company's president. Its illustrations and a colour photograph show a few samples of its rings and pendants, all of which, of course, bear the clan Coat-of-Arms.



H. Q. REPORTS

Breakthrough announcement



Our World H.Q. on Inch Island is located in one of the most historic and beautiful areas of Donegal, just ten miles from Derry City, on the 'Southern' side of the Border. Over the years, many people have become partners in its ownership and readers are invited to buy shares during Re-Union time, or if they wish to come to Ireland for future holidays, they can become Time Sharers. Fuller details from the Clann Herald.

We are delighted to inform you all that we are not on the INTERNET: COMPUSERVE: 100677.1606 E-MAIL INTERNET 100677.1606@COMPUSERVE.COM, also FAX: 0035377 60457

Welcome on Board

WE ARE pleased to welcome this magazine as a new advertiser. The first "D.D." magazine was published in June 1994 as a 32-page publication designed to promote the entire county to tourists. Essentially, it is a guide to the festivals, attractions and amenities of Donegal. It is free and contains adverts, editorial and excellent photographs of Donegal's breath-takingly unique scenery. Within their advert in Ar nDuthchas No. 27 is Ballymestock Bay, which was voted the second most beautiful beach in the world. The photo was taken by Fergal Megannety.

Since its inception the company responsible for the publication, Destinations Tourism Company, has become a real force in the marketing of the county. In addition to the 1995 and 1996 editions of the "D.D." magazine the company has been actively involved in the production and distribution of various clients' brochures and is now focusing on the cooperation of all businesses and visitor attractions in the county with a view to the international marketing of the same.

In fact numerous golf courses in Germany have already been

targeted as part of a larger process of promoting tours to the north-west of Ireland. Destinations is a tourist information service company and would welcome all enquiries. Their phone, fax and E-Mail details appear on our front-page advert.

New advertisers should contact our Clann Herald, on Inch Island: Phone: Intl. Code - 00 353 77 60488; Editorial Office, Ph. & Fax: for news items etc., Derry 01504 263941. History Ireland

THIS QUARTERLY, well-illustrated, glossy magazine covers Irish history, down

through various periods and from differing perspectives. It always reflects a high academic, yet highly readable, standard. There is little jargon and the well placed photo or diagram makes for enhancing our knowledge as well as bringing the subject-matter to life. Our editor regularly reviews 'H.I.' and finds that its popularity is growing both at home and abroad because of such favourable media attention. He recommends this mag for its straight-forward non-propagandist style, and because it occasionally takes on the latter-day revisionists of Irish history.

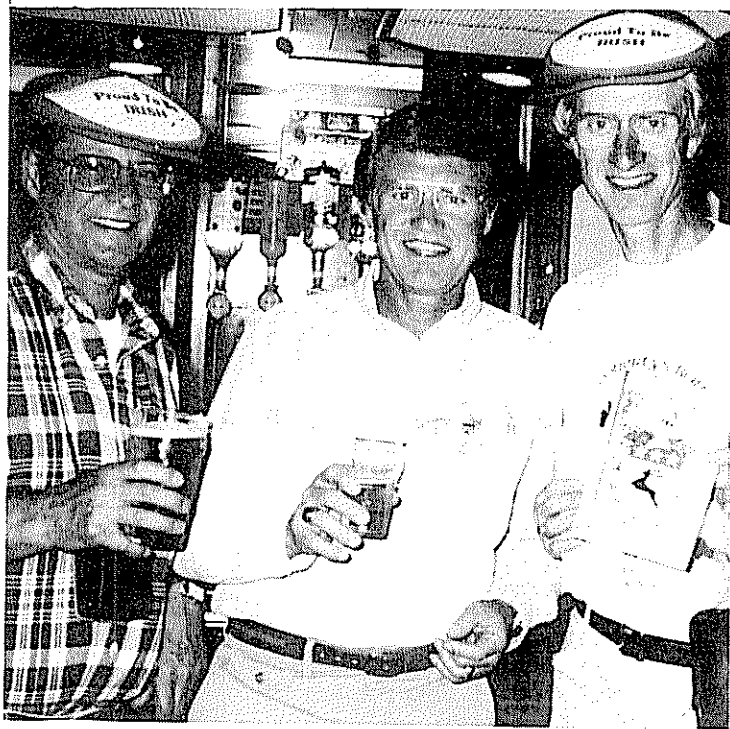
Its runs to over sixty pages each quarter, and is well worth the annual sub of £14 /Europe £18 /USA & Rest of World \$35. Their new fax number is 00-353-1-4533234

E-Mail: history.ireland@infonet.ie
Their phone remains Int. 353-1-4535730. For details by post write: Tommy Graham, Dept. of Modern History, Trinity College, Dublin - OR - Hiram Morgan, Institute of Irish Studies, Queen's University, Belfast, N.E. Ireland.

O'DOCHARTAIGH CLANN REUNION



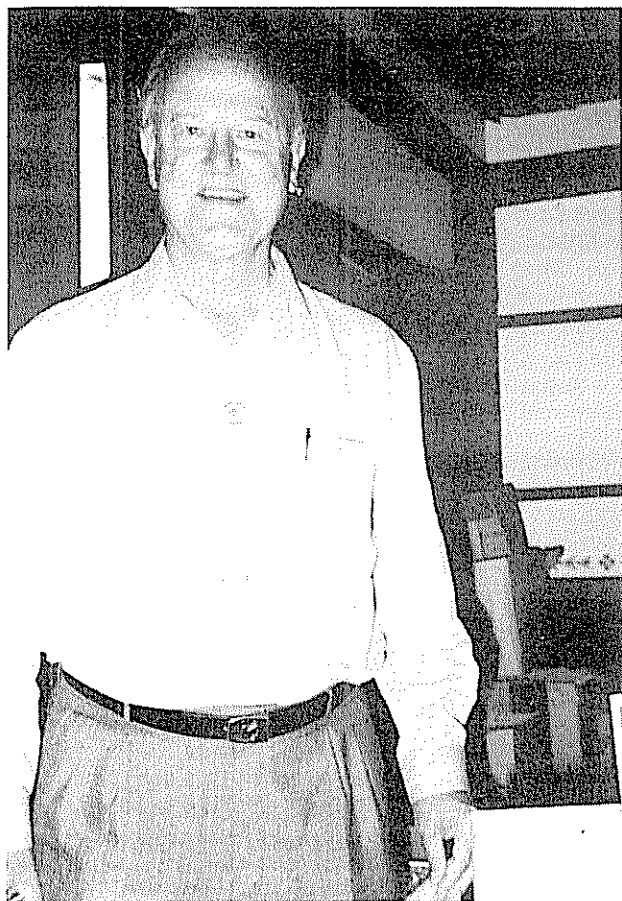
Irish-American directors of the O'Dochartaigh Clann H.Q. on Inch Island, pictured at a private gathering at the Crawford Square home of Mrs. Mary Ellen O'Doherty (extreme right). (18/8/Q10)



PROUD DOHERTYS — Brothers, Bruce and Wayne (centre and right), pictured at a reunion event at Ballyliffin, after flying in from New Jersey, with their cousin, Garry. (18/8/Q12)



Kathleen Doherty Barr, originally from Michigan U.S.A., who married a Moville man, following the last clan reunion, pictured at a recent O'Doherty Clann reunion event. (18/8/Q11)



Brian Matthews, from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, selling raffle tickets at the Strand Hotel, Ballyliffin, during the O'Doherty Clann reunion. His family emigrated to Australia in 1856. (18/8/Q15)



Thomas Francis O'Doherty, who originally came from Bunrana, returned from Winnipeg, Canada, to play his high-headed harp at the O'Doherty Clann reunion events. He has been 40 years in Canada. (18/8/Q13)

THE O'DOHERTY FAMILY CENTRE

This is located at "Ar nDuthchas", O'Doherty World H.Q., Inch Island, Co. Donegal. We have a regular staff in attendance, but prior notice of your visit, if possible, is always advisable.

Inch Island is ten miles from Derry, south of the border, which is at Bridgend, and on a sharp turn off to the left after the small village of Burnfoot, which is on the main road to Bunrana. Our headquarters telephone number is: 00 353 77 60488

Our editorial office is in Derry and its phone and fax numbers are: 01504 263941. Copy for our newsletters is always welcome.

The objectives of our World H.Q. are:

1. To gather the history of this Clann.
2. To gather the genealogy of this Family.
3. To acquaint members with the area of their family's origin.
4. To promote a Family Reunion every 5 years.
5. To encourage Heritage-Tourism near our ancient sites.
6. To encourage members to visit or settle on our Homeland.
7. To interest local members to assist our programmes.
8. To publish a Clann Newsletter on a periodic basis.
9. To combine our publication with an edition in the U.S.
10. To manage a deciduous tree production nursery and maintain a forestry plantation.
11. To originate and maintain botanical gardens at our H.Q.
12. To publish a Clann History (No. 4, 1996).
13. To attract volunteers for all our activities.
14. To remain solvent through it all.

Clann Promotion

IRISH GOLD & DONEGAL DIAMONDS

The President of Irish Gold and Donegal Diamonds, a newly-formed Donegal-based company, has no hesitation in saying that in fashioning jewels for kings and queens, the O'Dochartaighs, by their princely Irish Heritage, can rightly wear such items as the commemorative pendant and ring, on offer on our back page. These were commissioned by Clann O'Dochartaigh, to mark our last International Reunion, before a next Millennium dawns.

The company's President, Michael J. Crossan, explained that this commissioned jewellery was designed by top Irish goldsmith, Peter Dalton, and is intricately worked in 14 carat gold, some of which has been recovered by the traditional panning method in historical gold bearing rivers and streams of Ireland. To further enhance the uniqueness and Irishness of our crest a small nugget of pure Irish Gold (24 carat) is embedded in each item of jewellery.

Where diamonds are used these are sourced in Africa by a Donegal miner. Wherever you are in the world be proud of your heritage and impress your family and friends with your unique and princely roots. These exquisite items of jewellery are more than a link with a noble past, they are a family heirloom which when passed down through the generations will be a potent reminder of those who came before.

The company President explained, during a visit to our editorial office in the Maiden City of Derry, "Our range of jewellery is not exclusive to clann crests. We hope that our range illustrates the fact that Donegal, which has been long reputed as a region of mythology, enchantment and bewitching beauty, can now become an international centre of love and romance. More and more people are travelling to the county to marry, and many remain there, or return later to settle and bring up their families. The warmth of its people, as well as an ancient native language, which survives and thrives in the remoter Gaeltacht areas, its traditional music, rugged landscapes, fine beaches, and the overall culture of the place, combine to become its finest ambassadors.

"A ring with Irish Gold and Donegal Diamonds is surely the ultimate symbol of love. Our range includes engagement, wedding and eternity rings. With the support of Clann members this image and message can be carried to the rest of the world. In anticipation of continuing support we are making a contribution from each sale to your remarkable Clann O'Dochartaigh archives". Readers should note that crests without diamonds or precious stones are also available, in silver, as well as gold. Refer to advert on back page.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

THE IRISH patriot John Mitchell has left us pen-pictures of the famine that encompassed Ireland, which, even after a lapse of one hundred and fifty years, make the heart burn with anger and tears of shame and pity fill the eyes. 'A calm, still horror was over the land' he writes, and you know that the words fell from an aching heart.

by **Fionnbarra O'Dochartaigh**

'Go where you would, in the heart of the town or in the suburb, on the mountain side or on the level plain, there was a stillness and heavy pall-like feel of the chamber of death. You stood in the presence of dread, silent vast dissolution. An unseen ruin was creeping round. You saw no war of classes, no open Janissary war of foreigners, no human agency of destruction. You could weep, but the rising curse died unspoken within your heart, like a profanity. Human passion there was none, but inhuman and unearthly quiet. Children met you, toiling heavily on stone-heaps, but their burning eyes were senseless and their faces cramped and weasened like stunted old men.

'Gangs worked but without a murmur or a whistle or a laugh, ghostly, like voiceless shadows to the eye. Even womanhood had ceased to be womanly. The birds of the air carolled no more, and the crow and the raven dropped dead upon the wing. The very dogs, hairless, with the head down and the vertebrae of the back protruding like a saw of bone, glared on you from the ditch-side with a wolfish avid eye, and then slunk away scowling and cowardly. Nay, the sky of heaven, the blue mountains and still lake, stretching far westward looking not at their wont. Between them and you rose a steaming agony, a film of suffering, impervious and dim. It seemed as if the anima mundi, the soul of the land was faint and dying and that the faintness and the death had crept into all things of earth and heaven. You stood there too, silenced in the presence of all the unseen and terrible'.

Other educated men would take up their pens in both horror and defence of the starving Irish masses. Writing from Clifton, Co. Galway to the Freeman's Journal under the date February 11, 1848, Rev. Peter Fitzmaurice PP said, "I am sure my readers, though shocked, will not deem it exaggerated, when I certify to the fact of some persons in these parishes living on horse flesh for days, nay on that of dogs, until death put an end to their sufferings".

In February, 1848, the 'Limerick Chronicle' had this item of news: 'At Tulla, Co. Clare, an inquest has been held on the bodies of one man and two women named Boland, who had died of starvation. Five or six weeks before their death everything they possessed had been seized for rates, since which time they had never laid on a bed. They held over twenty acres of ground from Col. Windhams'.

In more recent years it has been a revisionist practice of some historians to dwell upon those who expressed their humanity in terms of practical aid, while ignoring those who did the exact opposite at a time of great national tragedy. In a bid to present a more balanced account the following researched extracts from the newspapers of the day seem appropriate.

Death From Starvation

In February 1848, the 'Waterford Mail' reported five inquests held on poor people who had fallen down suddenly and died. The verdict in each case was 'Death from Starvation'.

'The Galway Vindicator', February 12, 1848, had this paragraph: 'It is our painful duty to announce the murder of one hundred in our poorhouses, goals and hospitals. In

Connemara, in the neighbourhood of Roundstone, six bodies have been for days above the ground, no persons being able to perform the sad rites of burial.

'We have today in our country prison', wrote the same paper a few weeks later, '997



John Mitchell (1815-75)

IRISH PATRIOT, born a Presbyterian minister's son, near Dungiven, Co. Derry. He studied at Trinity College, Dublin, practised as an attorney, and became assistant editor of 'The Nation'. Starting with the 'United Irishman' (1848), he was tried for his articles on a charge of 'treason-felony' and sentenced to 14 years' transportation, but in 1853 he escaped from Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) to the USA, and published his 'Jail Journal' (1854).

Returning in 1874 to Ireland, he was next year elected to the British parliament for Tipperary, declared ineligible and re-elected, but died the same month. He published a 'Life of Hugh O'Neill' (1845) and a 'History of Ireland from the Treaty of Limerick' (1868).

prisoners, in a house originally built for the reception of only 110 inmates. The number of deaths in the gaol are 25 since Sunday last, and 116 since the first of the month. Our poorhouse, originally intended for 800, now contains 1,105 with 242 in hospital and 30 deaths during the week. The fever hospital is filled to overflowing and there were 73 deaths during the week or an average of 11 per day. Our town gaol contains 136 prisoners, although intended for 64'.

Non-revisionist researchers recall the fact that the crime committed by most of the prisoners mentioned was the taking of turnips, mangolds and parsnips from farmers' fields, to relieve the pangs of hunger.

'The Cork Examiner' of February 25, 1848, carried a report from a correspondent in Donoughmore giving sickening details of how little children, distracted mothers and men worn to skin and bone by hunger were dying day by day. The correspondent added: 'I am of opinion that I will have to report the death of twice as many before another week, and the principal cause is that the small pittance allowed by the law, of one pound of meal for each adult per day and half a pound for each under nine years of age, has been curtailed by the Boards of Guardians about one third. This is for economy I suppose. This, sir, is a melancholy state of things, when food is so very

cheap; but we do not know where to apply for redress. If report be true, one of our Guardians has been heard to say that Ireland will not prosper until another million of the wretched die.'

'The Tuam Herald' told of a starving family who died after eating portions of the putrid flesh of a dead donkey they had found by the roadside.

A local paper reported: 'A Longford Gaol is filled to excess with famine victims who have been committed to take their trial for the stealing of cabbage and turnips. Fever and dysentery prevail in the gaol to an alarming extent. It at present contains more than three times the number of persons it was originally intended to accommodate'.

Inquests denied

'The Sligo Champion' published a letter from Rev. Fr. Henry, Bunenaden, Ballymote, in March 1848, in which he gave a list of 24 deaths that had occurred in his parish within ten days. He wrote: every person living in the townlands where these deaths have occurred can testify that in every case starvation was the cause of death. In none of the cases was there any means of procuring a coffin. I reported the details to the police, in order that they would call for a coroner's inquest. They told me that they were not allowed to call on a coroner in cases where there was no doubt that starvation was the cause of death.

That order was probably given to the police after several juries had brought in a verdict of wilful murder against Lord Clarendon, the Lord Lieutenant, the Lord John Russell, Queen Victoria's Prime Minister - the Whigs were then in power. They hadn't progressed so far towards justice and freedom in those days as to stop coroners' inquests altogether in such awkward cases.

Early in March, 1848, the 'Mayo Constitution' said in its editorial columns: "We have learned, from various quarters during the past week, the most shocking accounts of the misery and sufferings of hundreds of wretches who are sinking into untimely graves, the victims of disease and hunger. The streets of every town in the county are overrun by stinking skeletons. The several poorhouses are crammed to suffocation. Our county prison is thrice filled with perpetrators of petty thefts. While this state of things exists, thousands of pounds are being weekly expended in outdoor relief".

The editor did not say that most of the money so expended went into the pockets of overbearing officials, on reports, in printing and on every possible form of red tape. When 'economies' had to be effected, they were always made at the expense of the starving people.

A Crucified People

In the weeks ending March 18, 1848, deaths from hunger were reported from Limerick, Westmeath, Galway, Tipperary, Cork, Kerry, Mayo and other counties. Some were buried in turf banks or the nearest convenient place, because there was no one strong enough to carry the coffinless bodies to a graveyard. One paper told of a poor woman who carried her dead boy on a rope to a place of burial and the 'Mayo Telegraph' had this news item:

Died at Kilmeena, of want, this week, Austin Heraghty. This poor man had been deprived of scanty allowance of meal during seven days, for having absented himself one day from the stone-breaking depot! He was that day engaged in seeking out some asylum for the ensuing week; and when he found one,

the poor, heart-broken man had to carry his sick children on his back to their new quarters. Needless to add, he had to assist in throwing down his own cabin before he would get morsel of food.

From the various sources at hand, one claim, without contradiction, that though hunger stalked the land there was no 'famine' in the strictest sense of the word. John Mitchell

The Irish Famine

Intensive potato cultivation had accommodated the 70% population increase in 1791-1841; by mid-1840's the potato was the primary food of one third of the population and essentially of many more. Crop blight first occurred in Autumn 1845; 1846 and 1848 crop failed entirely, 1847 crop poor. Population fell by 2 - 2.25 million in 1845-51, of whom around a million died through starvation or malnutrition-induced diseases; the remainder emigrated mostly to USA on coffin-ships. A just one landing point on an island, near Montgomery, Quebec, Canada, stands a Celtic Cross, erected by the A.O.H., which commemorates more than 20,000 Irish famine victims buried in mass graves there.

then a young man, who had his network of contacts throughout Ireland, stated the following facts which have never been refuted:

'Drogheda, Waterford and Newry are but three of eleven seaports from each of which at least two large steamers (from some of them five steamers) went twice in each week to England, laden with corn and cattle. And this without counting the minor ports, and the hundreds of sailing vessels all laden with corn and cattle. In short, during the four famine years, Ireland exported four quarters of grain for every quarter she imported, besides cattle; and of the grain imported, the greatest part had been exported before, and came back laden with two freights and speculators' profit to the helpless consumers'



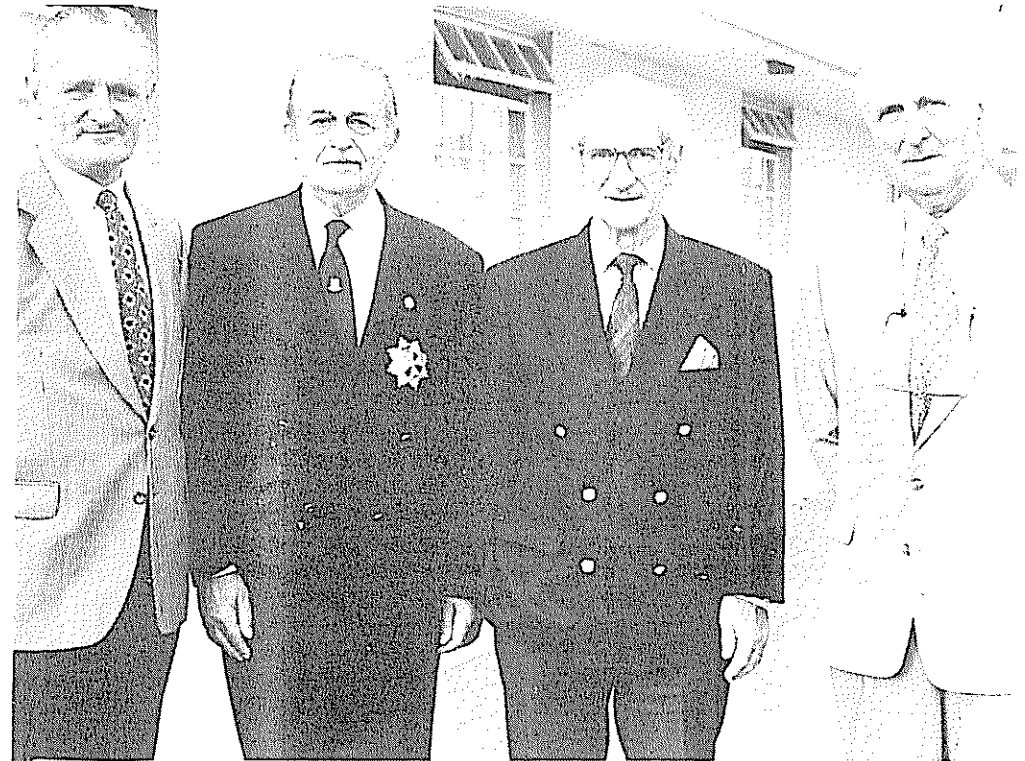
• A contemporary engraving of an impoverished Irish girl during the Great Starvation.

Escapist Gloss

Revisionist historians quite frequently endeavour to put a particular escapist gloss on events, in the hope that their supposedly empirical thesis will be accepted at face value. Many of them seem to have overlooked one simple factor. Facts are facts. They can be ignored or selected but they remain to the seeker after truth. While historians and academics may argue, it has long been a popular belief, among our poor and dispossessed that while the potato blight was an act of God, the English establishment created the famine.



Mrs Mary O'Doherty admiring the gold medallion which was presented to her son Fionnbarra at a recent ceremony in the Lake of Shadows Hotel.



Pictured at a unique gathering of Celtic Chieftains during an O'Doherty Clan Re-Union function at the Lake of Shadows Hotel, Buncrana, are (left to right), The O'Donoghue of the Glens; Dr. Ramon Salvadon O'Dogherty, Chieftain of Inis Eoghain and Doire; The O'Morchoe and The Maguire, Prince of Fermanagh

Editor Honoured as Buncrana Welcomes Gaelic Clan Chieftains

THE LAKE of shadows Hotel in Buncrana, Co. Donegal, was the venue for a unique gathering of recognised Gaelic Chiefs, when the Chieftain of Inishowen, Dr. Ramon S. O'Dogherty played host to three other Irish princes. These were: The O'Morchoe, of Wexford (chairman of the Irish Council of

Chieftains on which are entitled to sit 15 other chiefs) Terence Maguire, Prince of Fermanagh and O'Donohue, Prince of Coolavin.

Among the "non-royals" and special guests at this memorable function was our editor, Fionnbarra O'Dochartaigh. He was presented with a golden medal-

lion by R-Admiral O'Dogherty to mark his appointment in 1991 as a Corresponding Fellow of the Royal Academy of San Romualdo of Sciences, Letters and the Arts.

The honour was awarded in recognition of many years of dedicated service to this newspaper, and also in rec-

ognition of many other voluntary roles, not least of these was to create a network for cultural exchanges between Irish, Spanish, American and Caribbean universities. The only other Irish citizen to receive such a prestigious award was the late Brian Bonner of Culdaff, Co. Donegal.

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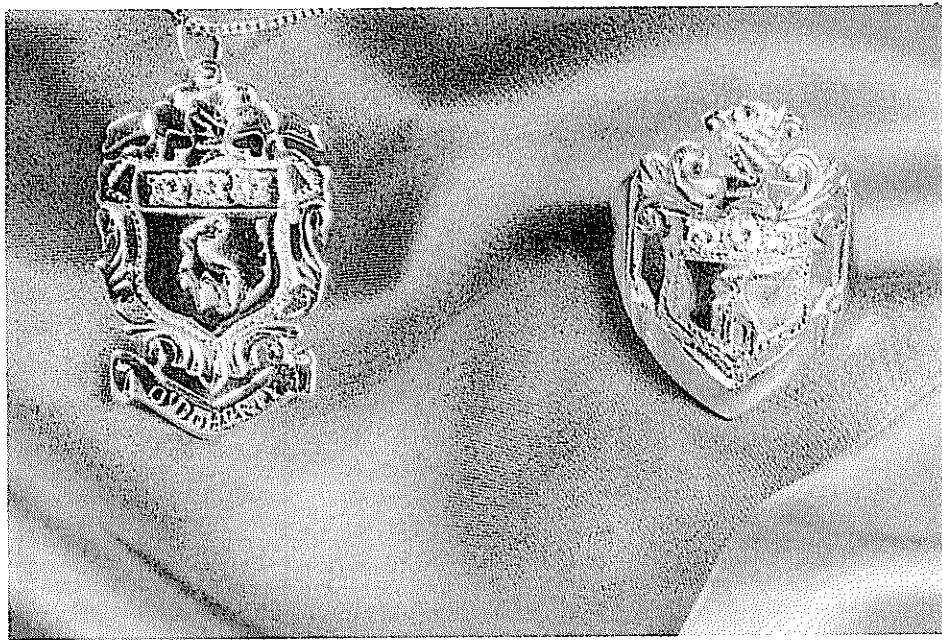
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